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Mainroad and MOTI Donate New NorthStar Trail Parking Area

Cranbrook, BC (October 21, 2011) – Mainroad East Kootenay Contracting Limited and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure have partnered to improve public accessibility to the NorthStar Trail between the City of Cranbrook and Kimberley.

Both groups were looking for a project to help enhance the communities that they serve. They determined that providing a parking lot to provide additional safe public access to the NorthStar Trail, next to the entrance to Shadow Mountain on Wycliffe Road, was just that project.

"Safety and community upgrade projects like these are always going to benefit the people of Cranbrook and I know this project means just a little bit more to the community because of the generous volunteer efforts of all those who took part," says East Kootenay MLA Bill Bennett.

"On behalf of the City of Cranbrook, I want to thank Mainroad East Kootenay Contracting and MOTI for their contribution to the NorthStar Trail," says Mayor Scott Manjak. "This is great for our community and for all of the trail users."

"On behalf of the City of Kimberley, I wish to thank Mainroad East Kootenay Contracting and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for adding an additional parking facility which will make our Trail more accessible," says Kimberley Mayor Jim Ogilvie. "This is a great addition for all our Trail users."

"Mainroad East Kootenay Contracting LP is pleased to participate in the building of the parking lot on Wycliffe Park Road," says Mainroad East Kootenay Operations Manager Lorne Isberg. "Community projects such as this enable us to better the community by providing a service to the Rails to Trails users."

Both Mainroad East Kootenay Contracting Limited and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure provided equipment, material and labour to construct and complete the project. The new parking lot is open for public use now.

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