Support for Gold Rush Trail
The Cariboo Regional District will be providing a letter of support to the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association for their funding applications to Northern Development Initiative Trust and Western Economic Diversification for the Gold Rush Trail Corridor Management Project. The Gold Rush Trail Corridor Management Project is a collaborative development and marketing plan for the gold rush route between New Westminster and Barkerville.

CRD Requests Invasive Plant Funding
The Cariboo Regional District will be submitting a funding request to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Environment to treat invasive plants on Crown Lands and road rights of way. The cost associated with treating these infestations is estimated at $451,505. Ministry staff had requested the CRD determine the amount of funding required for 2014 and advise region MLA’s of these anticipated costs. The CRD maintains an inventory of the various invasive plant infestations on Crown Lands. At this time, 2,323 sites of priority #1 and #2 species have been identified.

Subsidized Composter Program
The Cariboo Regional District will once again be offering a subsidized composter program this year. Sales will be advanced rather than first come first serve as feedback from last year’s program indicated that there was not enough supply to meet the demand. Last year all 250 composters were sold within several hours. This year’s program will include Green Cone food waste digesters, in addition to the Earth Machine composter that was sold last year. Green Cones accept all cooked and uncooked food waste including meat, fish, bones, dairy products, vegetables and fruit.

Invasive Plant Management Report
The CRD Board of Directors received the annual review of the Invasive Plant Management program. Treatment crews completed an inventory on 2,765 sites over the 2013 operational season that began in May. The CRD follows the concepts of an integrated pest management program; employing a whole suite of tools to control invasive plant species dependent on the species and/or site conditions. Treatment activities included mechanical, chemical, and biological. The presentation also included an overview of the 2014 plan which includes continuation of the five-year 50/50 cost share pilot program within the Landowner Assistance program which was introduced last year. Further information about the Invasive Plant Management program is available online at cariboord.bc.ca or by calling the CRD’s at 250-392-3351 or 1-800-665-1636.

Next Meeting
CRD Board Meeting – March 28, 2014

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