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Four new Wonderland Trails will be completed this year

The City of Quesnel (City) and the Cariboo Regional District (CRD), in partnership with the Gold Rush Cycling Club, have hired Thomas Schoen of First Journey trails to construct a total of four new trails, adding approximately 6 km to the Wonderland Trails network bringing the total network to approximately 11 km.

The Wonderland Trail network runs above Dragon Lake with a new parking lot constructed off of Quesnel-Hydraulic Rd. The existing network will be open during trail construction; however, users need to follow all trail work or trail closure signs and look out for crews.

The City and CRD recognize the value of trails for both residents and visitors. Following the completion of the North Cariboo Trails Inventory and Master plan, the City and the CRD committed to further developing and marketing trails in the Quesnel area and are moving forward with a phased approach, focusing on future development, and upgrading the existing trail networks to become an outdoor enthusiast destination.

In 2018, the City of Quesnel and CRD consulted with the Gold Rush Cycling Club and Cariboo Mountain Bike Consortium to develop the Trail Master Plan. This plan focuses on a phased approach in upgrading existing trails and adding new trails to the Wonderland Trail network. From this plan, the consultation group, along with Recreation Sites and Trails BC chose the above four trails for development.

The four trails in development are:

- **Mucho Oro:** Intermediate trail. This machine-built flow trail will challenge a rider's skill level while providing riders a sense of flow.
- **Sluice box:** Intermediate trail. A hand-built, gully trail that will provide offer riders large berms and a sense of flow, encouraging riders of all ages to progress naturally and improve their bike skills.
- **Woodbury's Way:** Intermediate trail. This hand-built, all mountain trail contains long downhill sections as well as some sustained climbs.
- **Angry Beaver:** Intermediate trail. This hand-built, downhill trail will challenge riders with technical terrain and will feature long open sections with rolling contour downhills.

All four trails will be designated for non-motorized use by mountain bikers, hikers and trail runners.

The Gold Rush Cycling Club, through the Quesnel Community Foundation Grant, will provide signage for the trails. Funding for this project is made possible by BC Rural Dividend and Northern Development Initiative Trust. This project is weather dependent and is scheduled to be complete in October 2019.

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