

# Shuswap Trail Alliance Stewardship Program Brief: 2013

*Shuswap Trail Alliance Stewards are individuals and groups in the community who build, monitor or maintain trails throughout the region.*

## **Types of Stewards**

- Volunteer Day Stewards
- Stewardship Groups
- Take-a-Walk Stewards
- Environmental Trail Monitors
- Paid Trail Crew
- Crew Stewards
- Free Radicals

## **STA Support for Stewards:**

- Training (workshops, one on one, mentorship)
- Shuswap Protocol Manuals
- On-site and off-site visits from trail crew
- Equipment
- Insurance
- Program structure and paperwork
- Website (Trail Report system)
- Environmental Monitoring tools and support
- Standardized reporting sheets and documents
- Trail crew available for projects to partners
- FOOD☺

## **Benefit to STA Partners:**

- Maintained and enhanced trail system throughout the region.
- Promote appreciation in the community for “what it takes” to have high quality, well-maintained trails.
- “Eyes and ears on the ground” – [trailreport@shuswaptrails.com](mailto:trailreport@shuswaptrails.com)
- Respect for the impact of trails (Monitoring program)
- Inventory of condition of trails (Spring and Fall)
- A vehicle for people to get involved
- Keeps cost of trails down (shared resources)
- Uniform/standardized approach to the trails in the region.

## **Shuswap Trail Report Hotline & Info. . .**

- **Hotline:** [trailreport@shuswaptrails.com](mailto:trailreport@shuswaptrails.com)
- **Phone:** 250-832-0102
- **Online:** [www.shuswaptrails.com](http://www.shuswaptrails.com)

# Annual Trail Stewardship Schedule:



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Jan/Feb	<p><b>Zone Stewards Planning Session</b> – set work plan, voly trail days, annual schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm/revise Annual Operating Plans in consultation with Land Managers</li> </ul>
April/May	<p><b>Spring Inventory Inspections</b> (spring/summer/fall) – return to Zone Steward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• And Adaptive Monitor (spring/summer/fall) – return to Zone Steward</li> <li>• 5 Year Trail Audit (and preliminary inventories) – establishes 5 year priorities</li> </ul>
April/May	<p><b>Zone Work Plan Revisions</b> (based on spring inventories)</p>
April - Nov	<p><b>Monthly Volunteer Trail Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Trail Stewards “Workshop-in-the-Woods” – April</li> <li>• Regular Volunteer Trail Days – scheduled starting in April</li> <li>• And ad hoc volunteer Trail Parties (as need/volunteer time permits)</li> </ul>
Year round	<p><b>Ongoing Trail Monitor</b> – <a href="mailto:trailreport@shuswaptrails.com">trailreport@shuswaptrails.com</a> or <a href="http://www.shuswaptrails.com">www.shuswaptrails.com</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• response/call – issues and work-done</li> <li>• check trail register boxes</li> <li>• record/photograph if you have a GPS or SmartPhone. . .</li> </ul>
spring summer fall	<p><b>Reporting:</b> Field Stewards → Zone Stewards → Lead Steward → STA/Regional Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inventory Reports (spring/summer/fall) – Field Stewards</li> <li>• Annual “State of the Trail” Reports – to Lead Steward (Oct)</li> <li>• Regional “State of the Trails” Report – to Fall Conference (Nov)</li> </ul>
Fall	<p><b>Fall Inventory Inspections</b> – return to Zone Steward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• And Adaptive Monitor – return to Zone Steward</li> </ul>
Nov	<p><b>Annual Fall Trail Stewards Conference</b> – thank, evaluate, plan, learn, grow, celebrate</p>
Nov-Jan	<p><b>Regional Strategic Trail Planning</b> – coordinate priorities and resources for new year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• meet with regional partners (e.g. BC Parks, Rec Sites Trails, CSRD Parks, etc.)</li> <li>• DRAFT Annual Operating Plans for specific trail systems</li> <li>• Submit to respective land managers for review/approval</li> </ul>