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**Final Project Report for 2018 Cariboo Regional District
Grant in Aid Funding**

Gavin Lake Forest Education Society

***Project: Purchase of Mechanical Wood-Chipper for Gavin
Lake Camp***

Grant in Aid amount: \$6,880

Project Summary:

The purchase of the mechanical wood-chipper in 2018, made possible through CRD Grant-in-Aid funding, allowed the staff at Gavin Lake Camp to safely remove ladder fuels and wood debris from various locations around the camp property. Removal of this excess debris and fine fuels directly reduced the risk and potential impact of wildfires at the site, and by providing large volumes of woodchips, also providing fill material that otherwise would have had to be sourced and delivered from outside camp; thereby saving both staff time and funds. The chips produced from this project were used for the Archery Range (3 loads), Teambuilding course (7 loads), and the new shed for the Voyageur canoes (anticipated 4 loads).

In September 2019, BC provincial wildfire staff conducted a site visit to Gavin Lake Camp to identify remaining areas of elevated wildfire risk and create a detailed fuel management prescription, which staff will again use the wood-chipper to assist in completing. These fuel-management projects, while achieving the goal of reducing the risk of wildfire to the camp, have also provided a valuable educational opportunity for youth visiting the camp, who are introduced to some basic concepts of fuel management for our Cariboo Forests.





