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April 12 2023

BY EMAIL

Cariboo Regional District  
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Re: Wells-Barkerville Community Forest expansion

The Ministry of Forests has invited the community of Wells to apply to manage some additional areas of Crown land as part of the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest (K3R).

We propose to add two areas of land: “Rucheon” and “Lower Matthew”.

Rucheon is approximately 2225 hectares of land about 20 km west of Wells and is situated between the north side of Rucheon Creek and the south side of Willow River.

Lower Matthew is approximately 1860 hectares approximately 50 kilometers east of Wells and is situated on the south side of the Matthew River and east side of the Cariboo River.

A map of each of the two areas is enclosed. A third map is an overview showing both areas and the existing Wells-Barkerville Community Forest.

If approved, Wells-Barkerville Community Forest would have the exclusive logging rights within the community forest, but the lands would remain open to the public. Trappers, guide-outfitters and miners would retain their tenures and licences.

Wells-Barkerville Community Forest is currently among the smallest of the 60 community forests in the province. Even with the proposed addition of two areas of land it would still be among the smallest.

Significant attributes of Rucheon and Lower Matthew are identified in the table below.

	Rucheon	Lower Matthew
Location	Confluence of Tregillus Creek and Willow River	Confluence of Matthew and Cariboo Rivers
Area (approximately)	2225 hectares	1860 hectares
Elevation	1000 to 1300 meters	850 to 1200 meters
Biogeoclimatic zones	Sub Boreal Spruce (SBS) and Engelmann Spruce Subalpine Fir (ESSF)	Interior Cedar Hemlock (ICH) and Engelmann Spruce Subalpine Fir (ESSF)
Wildlife	No designated Wildlife Habitat Areas. Frequented by moose and black bear	No designated Wildlife Habitat Areas. Frequented by grizzly bear, black bear and moose
Fish	Willow R species include Bull Trout	Species include Bull Trout, Rainbow Trout, Chinook and Coho
Archaeological sites	None	None
Trails, recreations sites, other recreation infrastructure	None	None

Please forward any comments relating to your interest in either area no later than **May 30, 2023**, by email to [Cam@wbcf.ca](mailto:Cam@wbcf.ca) or by mail to Wells-Barkerville Community Forest Ltd, PO Box 69, Wells, BC, V0K 2R0.

Use the same email address or postal address if you wish to arrange a meeting to discuss your interest in either area.

Thank you for your attention to this,

Cam Beck, Coordinator  
Wells-Barkerville Community Forest

Enclosed: Rucheon Creek map  
Lower Matthew map  
K3R (Wells-Barkerville Community Forest) overview map

# Ministry of Forests

## Quesnel Natural Resource District 2022 Wells Community Forest Expansion Lower Matthew - K3R



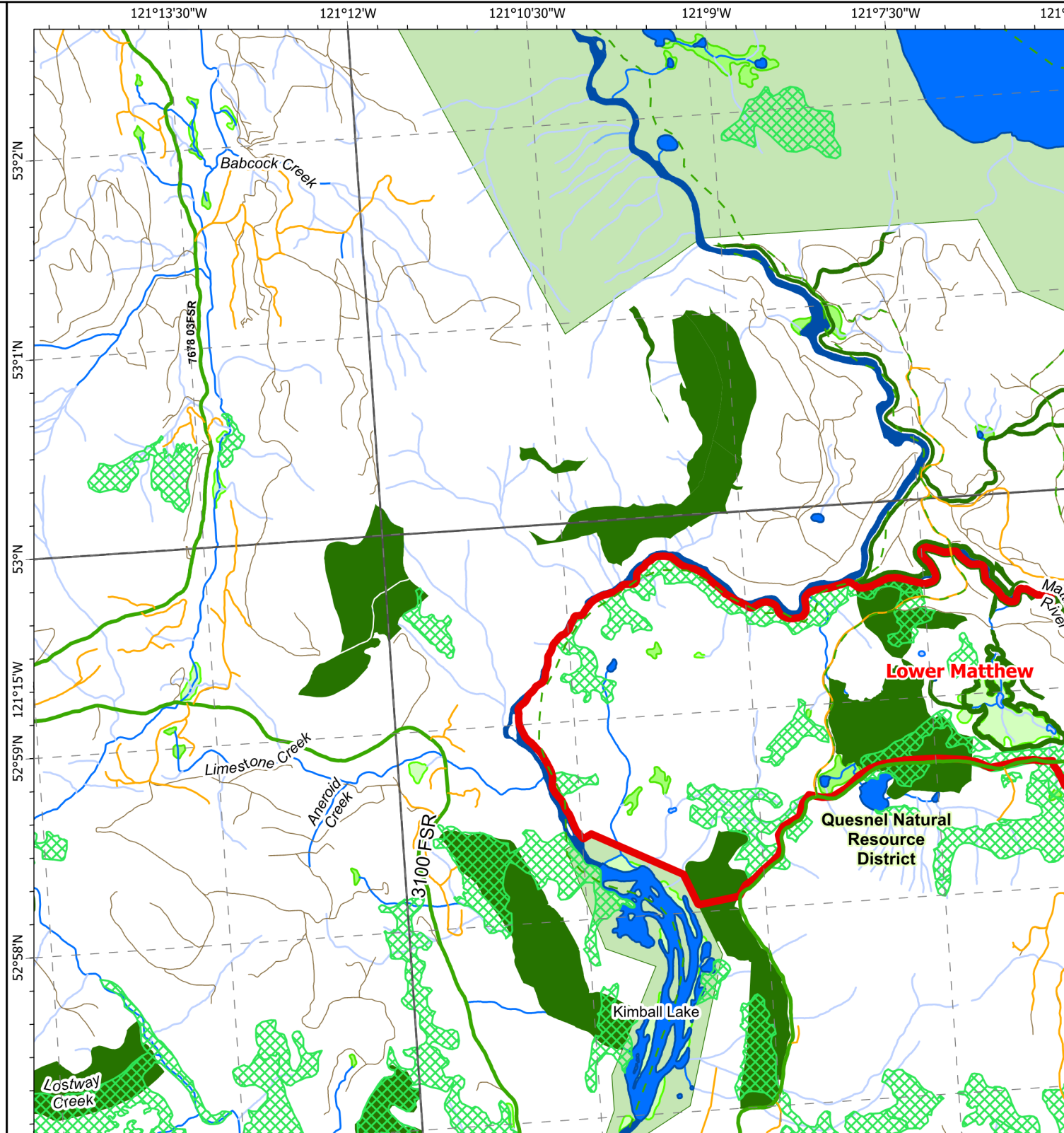
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- Wells Community Forest Expansion
- Resource Road
- Trail
- Road Permit
- FSR
- Untitled Provincial
- Parks and Protected Areas
- Natural Resource Districts - Outlined
- Old Growth Management Areas - Legal

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## Quesnel Natural Resource District 2022 Wells Community Forest Expansion Rucheon Creek - K3R



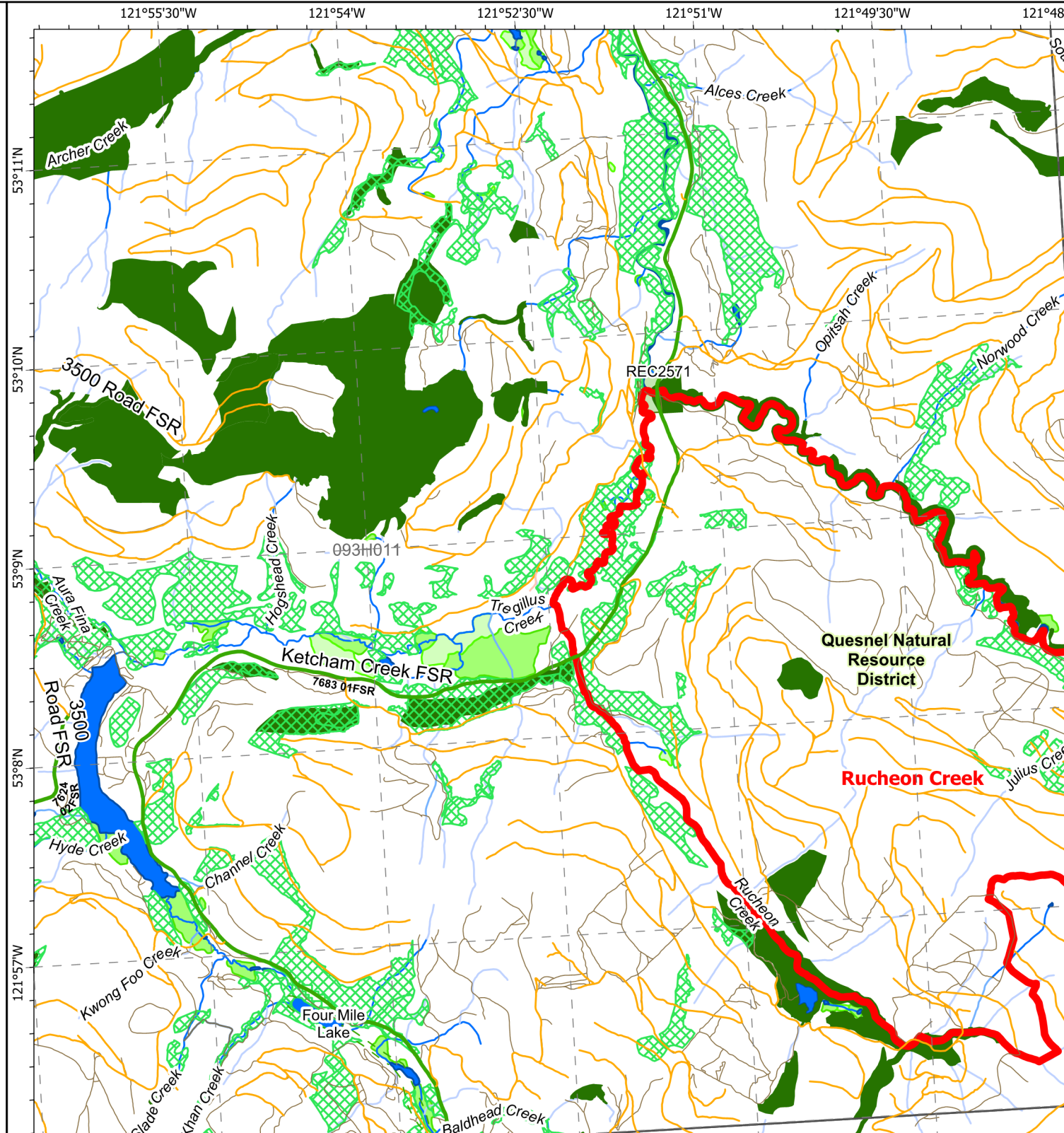
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- Wells Community Forest Expansion
- Resource Road
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## Quesnel Natural Resource District 2023 Wells Community Forest Expansion - K3R

Date: 2023-03-06

- K3R Wells Community Forest
- Wells Community Forest Expansion
- Secondary Consideration
- Highway
- Road Permit
- FSR
- S02
- 3100 Road
- Active Recreation Trail
- Buffered Trail
- Crown Provincial
- Municipal
- Private
- Parks and Protected Areas
- Natural Resource Districts - Outlined
- Active Recreation Area
- BCTS Operating Area
- Tree Farm Licence

