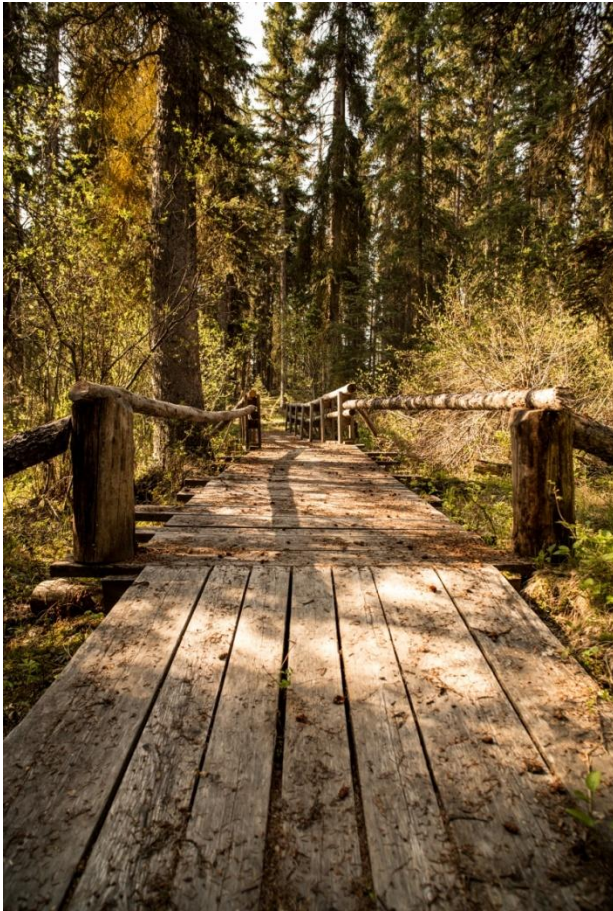




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**2019 FALL**

**NEWSLETTER**



Who would have thought we could have campfires and unrestricted forest access the whole summer.

The August long weekend was awesome, featuring Sulphurous and Deka fishing derbies, pancake breakfasts, car show, great entertainment and above all, the *SUNDAY SUNSHINE*.

**Womack Egress Route Update:** The emergency road at the end of Womack will be available as a third exit for Deka residents. Work

should start within a month - signs and notice will be given as the dates of when the road work will be done once determined. To date the road access has been looked at by engineering staff and a plan is being prepared for upgrades (gravelling, grading, culvert installations, etc.) that will also be contracted out to local contractors. A Registered Professional Biologist looked at the failing infrastructure site (old box culvert) and determined the tributary stream was not fish bearing so no need for a bridge or bridge site plan, a large culvert is good.

**Deka and Higgins Lake Wildfire Interface Fuel Breaks Update:** The fuel management prescriptions are completed and laid out in the field. First nations referrals are completed and reports are being worked on. Road upgrades to the Tower Rd and the access to Windy FSR are being contracted out so works should start within the next month. Hand treatments with the Canim Lake Band should be starting in the next couple of weeks - knockdown and clean up of the dead and downed trees, piling and burning of surface fuels. Mechanical harvesting of the areas with merchantable timber will be contracted out to local contractors for completion over the winter and the timber will be auctioned off once completed. Remaining wildfire fuel will be cleaned up once snow free.

\*Maps will be available on our website over the next few weeks.

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MLA Donna Barnett

First, I want to congratulate the executive of your association for their leadership. When you look at all the improvements to Higgins, Sulphurous, Deka and work on Hathaway Lake without strong leadership these great projects, I believe many not have happened.

Filling out grant applications takes time, I am so proud to have assisted with funding through the programs such as the Rural Dividend, giving you some of your hard-earned tax payer dollars back. To all the volunteers, you are amazing: collecting bottles, raising funds, keeping your communities clean and safe. I am so proud to be your MLA.

I often use your association as an example when speaking in other communities. How you all work together and get the job done.

As summer is near the end with fall and winter on the horizon it is time to start winterizing our homes, vehicles and get those winter toys ready to go.

Hope to see you all in the near future enjoying the beautiful Cariboo Chilcotin. My door is always open!

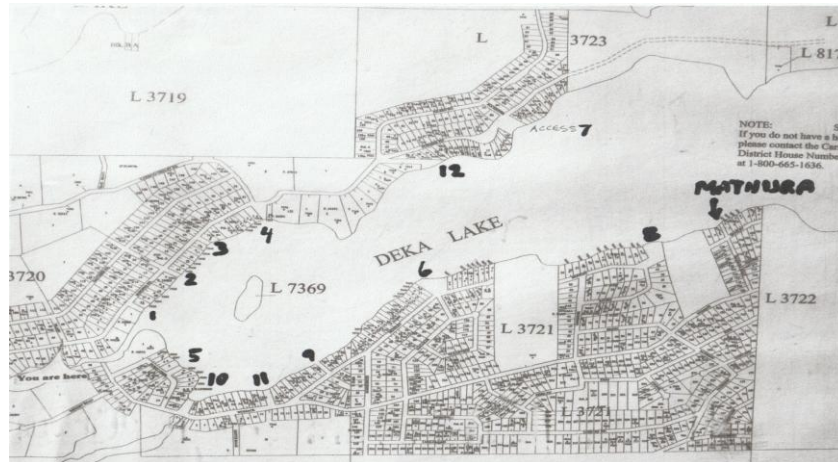


## STATE OF THE OUR LAKE ACCESSES

A gentle reminder that all of our access's, access trails, picnic tables, spill kits and port a potties have been upgraded, cared for and maintained by volunteers in your community. Please take a moment to leave the access in better shape than when you arrived. If interested in keeping an eye on an access close to you, please let us know as we are always looking for help.

There are only small finishing touches needed to finish the last of our lake access projects other than general maintenance that will continue from year to year.

## **DEKA LAKE**



- ACCESS 1 - picnic tables with a path to the lake, not suitable for swimming.
- ACCESS 2 - no picnic tables, boat launch, suitable for swimming.
- ACCESS 3 - picnic tables, grass area, suitable for swimming
- ACCESS 4 - parking, picnic tables, grass area, boat launch, suitable for swimming.
- ACCESS 5 - picnic tables, boat launch, suitable for swimming
- ACCESS 6 - picnic tables, boat launch, port a potties, trail, parking, swimming area, spill kit.
- ACCESS 7 - picnic table, boat launch, port a potty, suitable for swimming
- ACCESS 8 - picnic table, grass area, boat launch, port a potty, swimming area
- ACCESS 9 - picnic table, path to lake, suitable for swimming
- ACCESS 10 - picnic table, boat launch, suitable for swimming.
- ACCESS 11 - picnic table, path to lake, not suitable for swimming.
- ACCESS 12 - picnic tables, grass area, boat launch, port a potty, boat launch, spill kit, suitable for swimming.
- ACCESS 13 - (MATHURA) boat launch , suitable for swimming.

## **SULPHUROUS LAKE**

Enjoy the boat launch at sulphurous. approximately 1.5 km on Pettyjohn off Mahood. It has a grassy picnic area outhouse, walking trail, and spill kit.

ACCESS 3, also located on Pettyjohn, just off Mahood Rd has been refurbished to accommodate canoe and kayak launching.

## **HIGGINS LAKE**

ACCESS1 has been refurbished and has a port a potty and picnic table.

ACCESS 2 has been refurbished.

ACCESS 3 has been refurbished with a port a potty and picnic table. Fisheries has installed a fishing dock here for all to enjoy.

# HATHAWAY LAKE

The parking area has been completed with 2 walkways down to the lake from each side. A outhouse has been installed located just to the left of the parking lot. Approximately 150 yards down the road you will find a picnic area (table to be brought in next spring) and a launch that can accommodate small boats. We are still working on a picnic area and clean up of the launch hoping to have completed in the spring.



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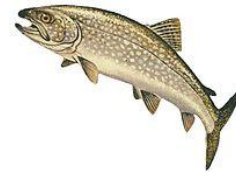
# FISHING DERBY'S UPDATE

Written by GARY SAYENCHUCK

## DEKA LAKE

This year there were 380 adult tickets sold and 38 kids tickets . The overall results were better than last year. Lets hope this upward trend sticks around.

Total kokanee	92
Small Deka	27
Big Deka	65
Small Deka largest	2lb 6oz
Large Deka largest	3lb 10oz
Total rainbow	24
Small Deka	10
Big Deka	10
Sm Deka largest	1lb 6oz
Big Deka largest	3lb
Total lake trout	73
Small Deka	0
Big Deka	73
Big Deka largest	12lb 9oz



## SULPHUROUS/HATHAWAY LAKES

The derby, this year, was much busier than last with 890 tickets sold.

### SULPHUROUS LAKE

Total kokanee	49
Largest kokanee	2lb 2oz
Total rainbow	1
Largest rainbow	1lb 1oz
Total lake trout	8
Largest lake trout	2lb 1oz

### HATHAWAY LAKE

Total kokanee	14
Largest kokanee	2lb 3oz

No lake trout to report as Hathaway is catch and release lake only for lake trout.

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Mountain Spruce Community Events Center will be hosting a Remembrance Day program on Monday, November 11 at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will follow and donations will be collected for the Legion's Poppy Fund.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner is coming up on Saturday, December 7. Further details will be emailed to Mountain Spruce members and posted on bulletin boards shortly.

If you are not a Mountain Spruce member, and would like to become one. It's only \$5.00 per person per year and you will receive regular emails regarding up and coming events.




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