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			1 Wreath Making 5:30-7:00	2 Chief & Council Meeting Angel Tree deadline	3	4
5	6	7	8 Buckskin Glove Making 5:30-7:00	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 ʔaʔam Christmas Parade	18
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Community Information and Upcoming Events

Community Engagement Session - Dispute Resolution

Monday, January 10th 10 AM-1 PM

A Collaborative Session with the Knowledge Holders and Language Speakers, to discuss land governance, relationships to land, and the management of disputes regarding land use, occupation, and possession.

Please contact Sonya Morigeau for the Zoom link.

ʔaʔam’s Ecosystem Enhancement work was recently profiled in the Columbia Basin Trust’s Our Trust Magazine. The full story with photos can be read online here: <https://stories.ourtrust.org/reviving-an-ecosystem-with-ancestral-techniques/>. Hu sukiʔqukni to the Trust for providing 5-years of financial support for this important project!

Happy Birthday to everyone in the month of December!

Large-scale water totes (~275 gallons) have been made available to communities by the Ktunaxa Nation Council. These totes are not to be used for drinking water for human consumption, but can be useful for watering livestock or irrigation. If you are interested in securing a tote for these purposes, please contact Sonja Seher, Lands & Resources Project Coordinator, by calling the band office.

Band Meeting January 17th 2022



Memo

Subject: Ecosystem Restoration Logging & Brushing
Date: December 2021 – March 2022
To: ʔaqam Community
From: Sonja Seher, Lands & Resources Project Coordinator

Kiʔsuʔk kyukyit,

ʔaqam is conducting a 5-year project to enhance the ecosystem resiliency and function of 1,300 ha of forested lands on Reserve. Through forest thinning, prescribed and controlled fire and other restoration activities, the project aims to enhance habitat value for deer, elk and wildlife species at risk, revitalize grass and shrub communities and reduce the risk of wildfire.

As of December 6th, Contract Crews will be starting machine harvest, hand falling/ brushing work, and pile burning as part of this Ecosystem Enhancement Project. This work will be taking place on ʔaqam Lands forming Kootenay IR 1, in an area known as the Airport Pasture, through March 15, 2022. A map of the project area is appended to this memo.

Please be advised that trucks and equipment will be seen along gravel service roads in this area, as well as LD Ranch and Mission Roads. Community members accessing the project area are asked to look for signs indicating active logging/hauling and adhere to any safety precautions requested. Questions on the work can be directed to John Brace, Lands Forester at jbrace@aqam.net.

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Sonja Seher
Lands & Resources Project Coordinator
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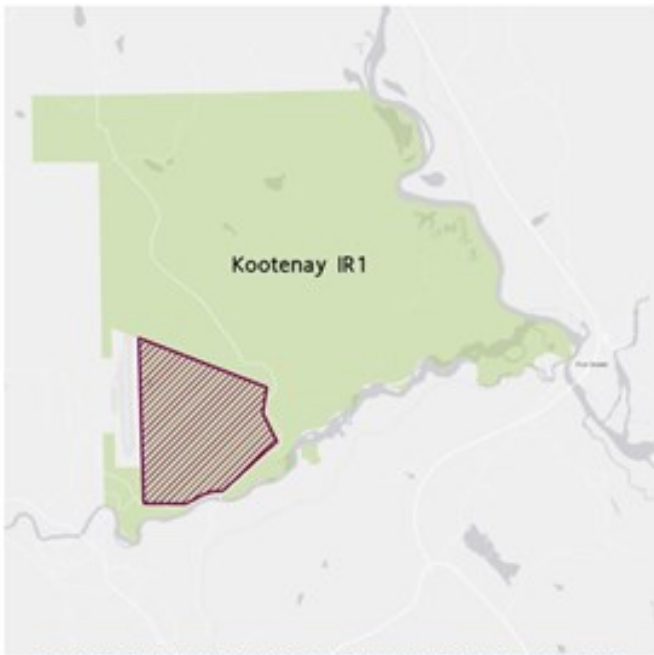


Figure 1 - Project Area Map for ʔaqam's Ecosystem Enhancement Project. The area known as the Airport Pasture is outlined in purple.

