



Brian Balkwill from West Fraser Mills presents grant to Tanya Gruene from CSTC



\$5000 to Cariboo Ski Touring Club towards the purchase of a snow mobile for trail grooming.

Make Tracks!!

Funded in part by the West Fraser Mills Ltd Fund, the Cariboo Ski Touring Club receives \$5000 towards the purchase of a new snowmobile. At the annual Gala on April 11, Brian Balkwill from West Fraser Mills presented the cheque to CSTC volunteer Tanya Gruene.

The Cariboo Ski-Touring Club (CSTC) requires the use of a snowmobile between 4-7 days per week during the active cross country ski season, which is mid-December to the end of March. CSTC uses a snowmobile for: pulling the emergency toboggan, packing the first snowfalls, daily setup for ski school, grooming with the Ginzu and transporting equipment to the biathlon range for practice and events.

CSTC was formed in 1975 to further all aspects of cross country skiing in the Quesnel area and has been in continuous operation since that time. The full winter public recreation facility at Hallis Lake was developed under an agreement with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

The facility includes 75 km of ski trails, 10 km of snowshoe trails, biathlon range, 3.5 km of lighted trails, 2 play areas for children, equipment shop and an excellent day lodge. The current club membership is 520 with many others who prefer the day pass system or are enrolled in club programs.

The long term goal is to operate the community recreation facility at Hallis Lake on a sustainable basis. The CSTC wishes to continue to expand the public use of the facility in all seasons but particularly in winter for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Best efforts have been made to expand the adult lesson program, skill development program and the elementary ski school program. Our success depends on the best possible grooming and conditioning of the snow and trails for the skiing public.

For more information on the Cariboo Ski Touring Club, visit their website at www.caribooski.ca