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Government of Canada Invests in Key Section of the Trans Canada Trail

PENTICTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA – The Hon. Stockwell Day, Member of Parliament for Okanagan-Coquihalla, on behalf of the Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification, today announced federal funding to strengthen economic opportunities. Funding for this investment is being provided under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RIInC) program, a major job creating investment from Canada's Economic Action Plan.

“Our Government, through Canada's Economic Action Plan, is taking steps to reduce the effects of the economic slowdown,” said Stockwell Day. “This section of the Trans Canada Trail is an important part of our community. It brings us together as families, friends and neighbours to learn new skills, exchange ideas, get fit and healthy, and have fun.”

The Government of Canada is providing the Trans Canada Trail Society \$49,726 which will be used to upgrade the trail surface for a 5 km section of the Trans Canada Trail, located in the Trout Creek Canyon between Faulder and Crump, BC. Work activities include removing the current sand base, installing a proper ballast foundation and a final resurfacing with hard crushed rock.

“This five kilometre resurfacing project may be a small part of British Columbia's vast trail system, but it is huge in improving the ridership of Summerland to Princeton section of the Trans Canada Trail,” said Geoff Solly, Director of the Trans Canada Trail Society. “We are indebted to Western Economic Diversification Canada for making this project possible and to our other partners, the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen and the Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society.”

“Trails are an important asset to our region and the rural community of Summerland; it is wonderful to see the 5 km of trail corridor from Faulder to Crump resurfaced,” said Chair Dan Ashton. “The corridor was extensively degraded and I applaud our local volunteers, Summerland Trans Canada Trail Society, who have dedicated years of work and energy to

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ensure the 2010 Trans Canada Trail remains as a world-class legacy for our residents and visitors.”

The Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RIInC) program will invest \$500 million in recreational facilities across Canada over a two-year period. It will provide a temporary economic stimulus that will help reduce the impacts of the global recession while renewing, upgrading and expanding recreational infrastructure in Canadian communities.

RIInC is part of Canada’s Economic Action Plan, the Government of Canada’s multi-faceted stimulus plan that will ensure a quick recovery from the current economic downturn. Western Economic Diversification Canada is delivering the initiative in the four western provinces.

For information on Canada’s Economic Action Plan, please visit www.actionplan.gc.ca.

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