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Urgent!!! One million dollars in trail funding available for non-motorized trails in B.C., but the application deadline is June 26th! If you are a member of a trails organization that is a member of HCBC and have plans and partial funding for a trails project lined up, please alert your organization's executive to follow up immediately! Funded projects must be completed by March 31, 2010.

Eligible projects for funding would include:

- New trail construction
- Trail upgrade/improvement
- Bridge and water crossing construction, upgrade & rehabilitation
- Signage
- Trail surveying and tracking; and
- Trail rehabilitation

The National Trails Coalition (NTC) received a \$25 million dollar investment from the Government of Canada in *Budget 2009: Canada's Economic Action Plan*. These federal dollars must be matched (50/50) by cash contributions from NTC member organizations or their partners which can include local government. There is \$3 million available to BC in three trail envelopes: non-motorized trails; motorized summer trails; and motorized winter trails. The \$1 million allocated to non-motorized will go to motorized trails if not used by non-motorized trails groups, including equestrian.

The application deadline for a trail grant under this program is **June 26, 2009**. The application form, guidelines for completing grant application, and further background are available at the NTC website www.ntc-canada.ca/. The application needs to be submitted to the BC regional trails coordinator (RTC) at: rtcbc@ntc-canada.ca. The RTC (Terje Vold) can also be contacted at that e-mail or 250-474-7720 for any questions.

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