

Cross Country Riding Advocate,
Dylan Cartwright
receives

“Life Time Achievement Award”

**Rocky Mountain Dirt Riders
Association**



“I have been clearing trail since I started riding in the 70’s at McLean Creek and Ghost. I started getting a lot more involved when logging started in the mid 90’s at McLean and was wiping out our single-track trails. We had established a good working relationship with Spray Lakes Logging Company and as a result they would give me cut block maps a few months before cutting. I would determine if we had any single-track trails in the cut block and if we did we would flag the trail with white ribbon. The logging personnel would be on the lookout for white ribbon and leave our trail running through the cut block. This worked very well.

In November 2006 we lost 90% of the single-track in McLean when 200 km/hr winds hit and combed over the forest in large pockets of McLean. Knowing McLean Creek very well I made a map of all the single-track trails in McLean – which totaled up to 100 trails, of those we only had approximately 10 trails that were rideable. I organized two clean up days to start the process, calling on the RMDRA and Second Gear Club. The first day we had 65 volunteers, the second day we had 40 volunteers. It was a great turn out. Many thought (myself included) that it would take 5 years to clear all 100 trails, but with the hard work of many volunteers we had everything cleared in less than 2 years.

In 2008 SRD was unsure of the future of OHV in McLean Creek - too many trails with no man power or funds. I was asked to make a designated single-track trail map for SRD with an objective of using only sustainable trails and/or trails that could be made sustainable with a reasonable amount of work/funds. I selected 59 trails from my personal map of 100 trails. SRD went to print on the first edition map with all 59 trails on the map.

In 2009 I took a two day training course from Nohvcc (National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council) to learn how to make a OHV areas sustainable.

SRD required all 59 single-track trails to be GPSed for the new map. This took two years to make sure every trail was GPSed perfectly as SRD will be releasing these GPS tracks on their website to the public. Dave Sheridan was a huge help on this project.

Sign the designated single-track trail system with the Government orange motorcycle signs. This took almost two years as I installed just under 400 signs. In 2010 we got a few new trails added to the map and this required trail building/clearing to get these open. An on going project has been to re-route sections of trail to make them more sustainable, and help with the installation of bridges and muskeg mats to make trails more sustainable.

(Currently) Ongoing meetings with SRD to make sure are single track riding opportunities stay open in McLean Creek.”

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