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Work on forestry road to continue near Haines Junction this summer

WHITEHORSE—Work on the Mackintosh East forest resources road will continue this summer, ensuring a continued supply of timber resources for Yukoners.

Work on the road began last fall with 7.4 km of road right-of-way cleared northwest of Haines Junction at a cost of approximately \$50,000.

This year the forest road will be surfaced, providing access to two forest operating units that will meet the harvesting needs of Yukoners. This work, which has yet to be tendered, is estimated to cost \$50,000.

"The Government of Yukon is committed to working with stakeholders to provide forest resources to meet the needs of personal use firewood and commercial operators, and to ensure harvesting is done in a sustainable manner," Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent said.

The development of the Mackintosh East road is consistent with the Mackintosh East Timber Harvest Plan, which was approved in 2014 after consultation with the Alsek Renewable Resource Council, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, the public and other community stakeholders.

"Sustainable timber harvests provide jobs and fuelwood to Haines Junction residents and other Yukoners," Kluane MLA Wade Istchenko said. "The Mackintosh East forest resources road is an example of the work this government is doing to build the economy and provide job opportunities for rural Yukoners."

An application to the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board will be submitted this year that will seek to extend the Mackintosh East forest resources road to additional planned forest operating units in the area.

Learn more: [Mackintosh East Timber Harvest Plan](#)

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