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The Royal BC Museum returns to Northeastern BC

Victoria, BC—The Royal BC Museum is continuing to increase its reach to communities across the province. Next week, a team of Royal BC Museum experts will be engaging with communities in the Northeast about scientific research, enquiring about local knowledge and discussing opportunities for digital learning.

From Monday, October 3 to Friday, October 7, Dr. Richard Hebda, award-winning Royal BC Museum Curator of Botany and Earth History, Dr. Scott Cooper, VP of Collections, Knowledge and Engagement and Leah Best, Head of Knowledge, will be travelling throughout **BC's Northeast**, delivering a series of free community talks and visiting schools from Watson Lake to Wonowon.

"I am still in awe of the vast, wild and diverse landscapes I have encountered in **BC's Northeast**," said Dr. Cooper. "**This visit** is a wonderful opportunity for us to learn more about the region and share practical ways that people can explore the Royal BC Museum's collections without leaving home."

The visits are all part of the **Royal BC Museum's** PEACE project, through which staff connect with people in Northeastern **BC** to **discuss the region's exceptional "living landscape" and talk about opportunities for stewardship and working together.**

A key part of the outreach project is simply to listen: asking people what they have to say about the ecosystems they inhabit and observe.

In past decades, Royal BC Museum researchers have visited many ecologically rich and diverse sites in the region on expeditions to collect examples of plants and animals.

Dr. Hebda's talks will report back to residents about some of what he and other researchers have discovered in the Peace region, and how these findings can help all British Columbians understand the **Northeast's** landscapes and life.

Dr. Hebda last visited the region to speak with the public and visit schools in May, 2016.

You can learn more about the Royal BC Museum's outreach in the Northeast, including a detailed list of all the October 2016 events, at royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/peace-project.



About the Royal BC Museum

The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Looking to the future, the Royal BC Museum will be a refreshed, modern museum, extending its reach far beyond Victoria as a world-class cultural venue and repository of digital treasures.

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