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Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society Topping Off Gift

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(Summerland, BC) The Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society has topped up The Nature Trust of BC's Twin Lakes property with a gift of \$10,000.

"Community support is vital to the successful work of The Nature Trust," said Doug Walker, CEO of The Nature Trust. "We are very grateful for this generous gift from the Society members who share our passion for the Okanagan."

Walking through this expansive 2,000-acre property south of Penticton, you can't help but be awed by the beauty and variety of the natural surroundings. Identified as a top priority by the South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program, there is a significant variety of habitat on the Twin Lakes property. Adjacent to The Nature Trust's White Lake Biodiversity Ranch, Twin Lakes will be managed as a contiguous complex.

The Okanagan Similkameen Park Society was founded in 1966 and believes in the paramount importance of involving private citizens in the preservation of wild lands. However, their support extends beyond land. Some of their most recent projects include providing advice on a new bike path along Highway 97 and trail signs on Fur Brigade Trail. They have also contributed to a wildlife and plant inventory on Oliver Mountain.

"This is a valuable and timely purchase. The grasslands require protection and much other nature will benefit by your foresight," said Sheila White, long-time member and director of the Okanagan Similkameen Park Society.

The Nature Trust of British Columbia is a leading non-profit land conservation organization dedicated to protecting BC's natural diversity of plants and animals through the acquisition and management of critical habitats. The Nature Trust has invested more than \$70 million to secure over 61,000 hectares (150,000 acres) across British Columbia.

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