# SEXQÉLTKEMC TE SECWEPEMC

## SEXQELTKEMC SEASONAL ROUND UPDATE SEPT 2016



#### HUCKLEBERRIES

The event kicked off with kick arse coffee, a warm up by the campfire, opening prayer, logistics, and a long journey up the smoothest switchbacks ever. We walked the First Footsteps Trail and admired the stone and iron sculptures the National Parks staff put up in our honour. And though we got rained out, skunked out on berries, and someone coasted all the way down the mountain near empty, there was nothing but laughter, stories, and fun new memories made. 4 generations of women in one family picked together for the first time, new and old traditions came together. Encourage all to support the Secwepemc Hunting Camp and all community events. On Saturday, September 17, 2016, 48 Secwepemc found their way to the Sexqéltkemc Seasonal Round Event at Mt. Revelstoke National Park.

### KUKSTEMC TO:

- Sexqéltkemc Joint Council for their vision for and with the Secwepemc
- Sexqéltkemc Elders and Leaders for their reminder to go out on traditional territory and use and occupy
- Steven Teed, owner of Delicious Business Catering for the amazing meal, as always
- Parks Canada staff for their welcome, and chat with the grizzlies to clear the trails for our use
- The firestarters, glad someone had a hatchet
- The shutterbug for the great photos
- The veteran pickers who stayed bone dry and our lesson to bring rain gear...and galoshes

Kukstemc to Secwepemc of all ages who participated, we can all say we are Veteran Pickers now, after that rainstorm!

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