

DIFFERENT ROADS FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS

While cities in Canada line up for their share of announced road building and bridge projects, it is often overlooked that some communities consider any road to be a luxury.

In British Columbia, for example, there are 25 First Nations communities that are situated at the end of a logging road. These are the only roads parents can use to get their children to schools and hospitals, often competing for road use with large logging

trucks. In these circumstances, any initiatives related to road upgrading are welcome.

Recently, as part of a province-wide program, the government allocated \$400,000 to improve a 38-kilometre stretch of forest road in northern BC that provides access to three First Nations.

The Leo Creek Forest Service Road is part of

a network of Forest Service roads stretching 55,000 kilometres throughout province and larger than the provincial highway system.

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The Ministry of Forests and Range is providing \$20 million over two years to improve travel conditions on these Forest Service roads as part of a series of measures to improve access for small communities.