

# Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park Access and Trail Conditions

**As of August 18, 2016:**

The Ealue Lake Road and Klappan Rail Grade are largely unmaintained roads. These roadways, particularly the Klappan Rail Grade, are extremely susceptible to erosion, flooding, washouts, slides etc. Please take this into consideration PRIOR to travelling within Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park.

- It must be noted that accessing the Eaglenest and Didene Portage trail heads is not always possible, becoming stranded is a possibility. BC Parks staff may be contacted for recent road conditions.
- Please use caution when travelling in the area as rivers and creeks are very flashy and can rise several feet/hour. The majority of the trails in the Stikine Area do not have bridges over creek crossings, visitors are asked to use caution when/if crossing waterways.

## **McEwan Creek Trail:**

- One of the main access points into the park. Guide outfitters use this trail (on horseback), though it still has boggy sections, creek crossings, downed trees and is an unmaintained route.

## **Eaglenest Creek Route CAUTION:**

- This route is currently in poor condition and difficult to follow. No repairs or maintenance have been done for several years. The trail has been damaged by erosion, mudslides and beaver dams.
- Creek crossings, specifically MacDonald Creek (~30km) and unnamed creek (~9km) can be very high and difficult to cross. There are two beaver dams along the trail that make navigating this trail difficult and there is a significant Beaver created lake in the Ram Creek area that has obliterated the trail.
- Hikers are encouraged to find an alternate route to access Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park.

## **Didene Trail – Spatsizi River Portage:**

- The Didene Portage trail was in good condition in July 2011, however no maintenance or assessment has been done since, current conditions are unknown.

## **Chapea Rapids – Stikine River Portage**

- **CAUTION: There is no longer a sign indicating the pull-out for the Chapea Rapids portage trail.** The Chapea Rapids Portage Trail is located on river left approximately 8km downstream from Fountain Rapids on the upper Stikine River.