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ROUND TWO PROJECTS ANNOUNCED FOR RURAL ROADS UPGRADING

WHITEHORSE – Projects in Dawson City, Destruction Bay, Haines Junction, Tagish and Whitehorse have been approved for funding under the Rural Road Upgrading Program (RRUP).

The projects total more than \$200,000.

“These projects are the result of requests and input from rural residents,” Infrastructure Minister Scott Kent said. “This program continues to create jobs by putting local people to work on projects that benefit the infrastructure of their communities.”

In Dawson City, \$55,000 will be spent on the Sunnydale Road for clearing, rock removal near the bluff area, improved drainage and culvert work completed beyond the golf course turn off.

“This work will cut down on government maintenance costs and improve driving safety by preventing washouts during spring breakup and increasing the road width,” area resident John Mitchell said.

The Rural Road Upgrading Program commitments total \$862,000 for 2002/03. Under round one approvals in May, \$655,000 was approved for road upgrades in 10 communities.

Members of the public are invited to identify roads in their area that require upgrading. Program guidelines and application forms are available by calling the Department of Infrastructure at 667-3697 or toll free 1-800-661-0408, Ext. 3697.

Department of Infrastructure staff members coordinate the planning and construction components of the projects while local contractors carry out the work.

Attached are the approved round two projects and a summary of funding.

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APPROVED RURAL ROADS PROJECTS (ROUND TWO)

Road	Community	Contribution
Tagish East Community Road	Tagish	\$4,000
Nygren Subdivision	Haines Junction	\$40,000
East Six Mile	Tagish	\$45,000
Sunnydale Road	Dawson	\$55,000
Destruction Bay Breakwater	Destruction Bay	\$35,000
Takhini River Road	Whitehorse	\$28,000
	Total	\$207,000