

## Join Us

“Stand with us — for the land, the water, and the generations yet to come.”

MECCS is more than just protection. It's about restoring balance, sharing knowledge, and moving forward together.



Together, we can help  
Mother Earth heal.



## Help us help Mother Earth

Our conservation efforts  
require all of us working  
together to achieve  
a common goal.

Please consider  
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support our efforts.



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# MECCS

**MOTHER EARTH**  
Cultural Conservation Society



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## Who We Are

The Mother Earth Cultural Conservation Society (MECCS) was founded to protect the McLeans Lake area and to revitalize the land and culture for all people.

We are based in the Bonaparte Indian Band — St'uxwtéws in our Secwepemc language — in what is now British Columbia.

Founded by Elder Arthur Morgan, along with his friend John Skoda, his son Dario, and supported by family and surrounding communities, MECCS blends ancestral teachings with modern tools to reconnect our people and care for the land.



Dario Antoine

John Skoda

Elder Arthur Morgan

## Our Teaching and the Land

*To us, the land is family — for all.*

We never raised a hand to Mother Earth. We honored her through ceremony, dance, song, and spirit. From her, we received everything we needed to live well:

- Food, clothing, and tools from the animals
- Shelter and firewood from the forests
- Life and flow from the water
- Growth and light from the sun
- Healing and rest from the darkness



# Our Mother is Hurting



## Today, the land is under stress:

- Climate change and wildfires are increasing
- Lakes are drying
- Forests are under pressure

*Roads and logging have fragmented the land.  
Streams that once fed McLeans Lake are now choked or dry.*

*Fish populations are declining.*

*Wildlife is under pressure.*

*Erosion and overhunting threaten delicate ecosystems.*

## Our Vision: McLeans Lake

**MECCS is working to heal McLeans Lake by:**

- Replanting native trees and plants
- Restoring creeks and streams
- Deactivating harmful roads
- Protecting fragile habitat
- Educating youth and hunters about traditional values
- Managing cattle impact through stewardship



## A Future for the Next Generation

We see McLeans Lake returned to its natural beauty — clean, wild, and full of life.

**A place where families come to:**

- Camp under the stars
- Hike quiet trails
- Paddle still waters
- Learn from the land

**And when you visit, remember:**

**The only thing we ask you to shoot — is a photo.**



**We can't  
undo the past,  
but we can restore  
what matters most.**