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## **New Manager for South Cariboo Regional Airport**

*108 Mile Ranch* – The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) announced today that it has hired a new Manager for the South Cariboo Regional Airport (SCRA) at 108 Mile Ranch. Mr. Nick Christianson took over the airport management duties on June 1, 2008.

Mr. Christianson brings many years of aviation industry knowledge to the airport. He owns and operates Nick's Rag and Tube, an aviation business that has been active in the south Cariboo for many years. Nick is a qualified Aircraft Maintenance Engineer-M1 with extensive experience working throughout the Cariboo Chilcotin.

"Nick has a great wealth of experience in the aviation industry, which will definitely benefit the airport and its services," says SCRA Commission Chair and CRD Director, Art Dumaresq. "We feel that Nick's knowledge will compliment the efforts that have already been invested, to grow this airport now and into the future."

Christianson has many new ideas for the airport business plan, which he feels "meets the needs of the community and the direction that the Cariboo Regional District wants to see implemented for the airport's development." First on the priority list will be to renovate the lobby and washroom of the main hangar building to offer a comfortable resting place with 24-hour access for airport visitors. Increasing air traffic through marketing and cooperation with local tourism businesses is also a key objective.

Raised in the South Cariboo, he has a long history working in the aviation, tourism and heavy equipment industry. As a businessman navigating through the economic ups and downs of this area, he developed a profound sense of what works, and what will not work in the local business scene.

The Cariboo Regional District oversees the operations of three community airports: South Cariboo Regional Airport at 108 Mile; Anahim Lake Airport; and the Likely Airstrip. The activity level varies between airports as do the services they provide and their operational goals. The SCRA has over 2,000 aircraft movements annually and serves as the medivac terminal for health care emergencies.

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