

Red Gakyil Report – October 2023

For the past two years Tsegyalgar has been without a Geko. However, we've been fortunate to have an agreement with David Hayes, our former Geko, to serve as Caretaker. David's Agreement is for 24 hours of work per week for the six months of May through October and 12 hours per week from November through April. David has been vigilant caring for the Gar's multiple properties and readily available to deal with emergencies. David's report of recent activities is below. We had hoped to be able to report that the road from the pond to the stupa would have been paved by now. We've signed an agreement with Kocott & Sons Excavating and Trucking for the paving work. They have promised to do work sometime during the Fall.

DAVID'S CARETAKER UPDATE

Carl's Four Season Yardscape Service, fixed the back road of the schoolhouse which was ultra washed out. He also put in drainage.

Filled sinkhole beginning of summer with multiple truckloads of buckets of rocks. It settled down so I topped it off with a few loads of dirt. Sink hole seems to be level now. Hopefully no broken pipes under schoolhouse.

Continuing to clean out paper making room. Managed to reduce a lot of stuff. Basement flooded heavily many times this summer. Hard to know how many tones exactly because of the clutter. The flooding increased mold on floor and items in the room. So room needs to be fully emptied. Floor scrapped, treated and painted. Basement gets painted somewhat often to fight mold etc.

Put away ac units.

Rinphoce's house:

The barn and shed are being cleaned out more to be able to utilize space and think clearly before the barn falls. A lot of old stuff still but making progress.

The tractor was serviced.

Road ways to and on land

Patched roads with tractor multiple times from unprecedented rain fall this year.

Heavy chainsawing campaign on road ways to push back bent trees that scratch/obstruct larger vehicles that come to drop of dirt work on road etc.

Also cutting away blind corners to try to prevent traffic collisions. Cutting to clear drainage, allow light to hit road to melt snow faster, protect road and give a better energetic/ aesthetics feel.

Cleared tree growth away from Khandroling sign to protect it.

Old rotten logs cleaned up from many past years and creating another Hugkelekulture by parking lot which is German method of using rotten debris/layers for fertilizer.

Basically trying to push back growth from roads before things grow too much.

Cleaned organized pond cabin.

Purchased boracare spray for Rinphoce's cabin to spray wood to protect against carpenter ants, possible powder beetles, possible termites

Fixing driveway up to Rinphoce's cabin and creating turn around spot. Basically people were getting stuck on wood chips. Needs more work on days when area has had chance to dry from rain.

Collecting old metal from around land to dispose of. There's a bit hidden throughout property.

Split wood and restocked cabins and reserve wood shed.

Pending tasks:

Brush hogging fields when they have a chance to dry out.

Chainsawing growth around cabins. Cleaning old debris.

Trying to put in more pull over spots with tractor for traffic.

Fixing a couple boards on Guardian cabin.

Fixing road from bathhouse to Togyal cabin.

Winterizing land/ equipment

Fall clean up leaf blowing roads/ schoolhouse.

Cleanup of remaining items at Vajra hall after proposed practice at end of month. A few chairs, tables pillows.

Reopening views/ clearing spots for tent platforms

Addressing pond platform.

Repointing schoolhouses bricks

Cutting overgrowth/ branches at schoolhouse

Getting tree cutting quotes

Posting no hunting signs