As per the Lakelse Lake/Jackpine Flats Liquid Waste Management Plan (February 2009) the RDKS has begun planning the Lakelse Lake/Jackpine Flats Septic System Management component.

Specific to the Lakelse Lake/Jackpine Flats area, the LWMP recommended the creation of septic system management to ensure all tanks and disposal fields are properly maintained. Components of this septic system management plan include:

**Educational Program**

An educational program targeting the proper maintenance and operation of septic systems and drinking water wells. Some information was distributed earlier, and this program will likely continue to be conducted through twice-yearly educational flyer mailouts.

**Monitoring Program**

Surface water and well water monitoring programs will monitor conditions in the Lakelse Lake, Williams Creek, Sockeye Creek and Jackpine Flats groundwater.

**Management Program**

Administered by RDKS, the program would have septic tanks pumped out and inspected periodically (to be determined) to ensure the septic tanks and disposal fields are operating as well as possible. This program will include the tanks used in the future Lakelse Lake community sewage system (likely a septic tank effluent pumping system). An environmental assessment is currently being conducted to assist with the development of the Lakelse Lake community sewer service.

**Public Advisory Team**

The RDKS is gathering similar septic system management program information from others and will be looking to form a project working team to assist with developing the details of this program. The RDKS will be soliciting representatives from local community associations and advisory groups to participate in this working group.

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