



## Bulkley Valley Backpackers Society

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Jan 9th, 2011

Re: CRB RAMP Grant Application

Dear Real Estate Foundation:

We are writing you to support the request for funding that has been submitted by the Community Resources Board. We understand that the funding, if granted, will help cover the costs of re-convening the Recreational Area Management Plan (RAMP) process in the Bulkley Valley. The RAMP was left unfinished some years ago and we, like many of the recreational groups in the Valley, strongly support completing the RAMP. In recent years, as outdoor recreational activities have become increasingly popular, competing uses, such as motorized and non-motorized activities, have led to sharp disputes among various groups and individuals. We think that the RAMP discussions will set the stage for a comprehensive plan that will allow all of the recreational enthusiasts in the Valley to enjoy their activities without conflict with each other. It will also make the Valley a more attractive place for visitors who wish to share in the great recreational experiences that the Valley has to offer.

The Backpackers have expended considerable resources in member time in trying to get the RAMP process re-started through our participation in the successful effort to develop Terms of Reference for the RAMP meetings. We understand that the only roadblock at this point is a lack of funding for a facilitator and other resources for the RAMP table to meet. Funding through a Real Estate Foundation grant would go a long way towards making the RAMP a reality.

Very truly yours,

Bulkley Valley Backpackers Society, President.  
Wayne Buholzer