

**Bulkley Valley
Community Resources Board
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Dear Mr. Hawkings:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Trails BC Strategy session in Smithers in December, 2008.

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) has a long standing interest in recreational use of the lands in the area of the Bulkley Valley Land and Resources Management Plan (LRMP) and would be happy to see your initiative moving forward.

One outcome of our work in promoting a sustainable recreation program that addresses the needs of all user groups has been the development and mapping of a large inventory of recreational features, largely trails, throughout the Bulkley Timber Supply Area (TSA). Our community also has experience in collaborative planning on recreational issues in the Bulkley Valley.

We believe that the situation in the Bulkley Valley offers an opportunity for Trails BC to build on the work done in identifying and mapping recreation features.

Some of this work includes:

- The Current Recreational Access Agreements inventory and gap analysis from Kevin Eskelin.
- Terje Vold's analysis of user group input from 2007.
- Dave Harris's Bulkley Recreation Strategy, 2001.
- Greg Meredith's Tourism Opportunity Study.

We think that this background work is suitable preparation for using our region as a Provincial pilot for the Trails BC strategy.

The BVCRB looks forward to working with you on this collaboration as your funding permits.

Yours truly,

Greg Storie
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board

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