

**Bulkley Valley
Community Resources Board
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Kevin Eskelin
District Recreation Officer
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Re: File No. REC 98530

Dear Mr. Eskelin:

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board has reviewed the application from the Smithers Mountain Bike Association to maintain existing and develop new mountain biking trails in the 'Piper Down' area within the existing Controlled Recreation Area on Hudson Bay Mountain.

It appears that the proposed establishment of a provincial recreation site is consistent with the objectives of the LRMP for Planning Sub-Unit 10-2 (Hudson Bay Mountain), which emphasize recreation uses.

We note that the trailhead for the Piper Down mountain bike trail is immediately adjacent to a number of seasonal residences. We recommend that your agency consult these landowners regarding recreational development.

We also encourage your agency to work with the mountain bike club and other trail users to prevent motorized access beyond the designated parking lot, either by signage or other means.

Yours truly,

Greg Storie
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board