

**Bulkley Valley
Community Resources Board
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Dear John:

Re: Referral response for File No. 6408343

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) represents the range of value perspectives of the community and advises government regarding land use decisions within the Bulkley Timber Supply Area.

At our March 8 general meeting, the BVCRB discussed File No. 6408343, an application by Nu-Source Aggregates for a License of Occupation for Sand and Gravel Quarrying purposes in the vicinity of Telkwa.

The BVCRB wishes to make the following comments:

The BVCRB is aware that the proposed gravel quarry is located within an area with high recreation values, which residents highlighted at a recent "MapChat" workshop hosted as part of Telkwa Official Community Plan consultation process.

The Bulkley LRMP places the proposed development within Planning Unit 7 (Bulkley Valley), the primary objective of which is "To manage for a variety of values and activities in an integrated and compatible manner and to ensure the management of biodiversity is a priority on remaining Crown Land." (p.80). The Bulkley LRMP also places the proposed development within Planning Sub-Unit 7-2 (Valley Settlement Zone), the primary objective of which is to "to minimize the impacts on wildlife habitat and water supply while allowing future residential, commercial and industrial development on Crown land." (p.81). Specific management directions in this sub-zone include, "Retain existing recreation trails." (p.81).

The proposed development is within the Telkwa Caribou Recovery Area. Caribou from the Telkwa caribou herd were observed in 2009 in the Skillhorn Road area. The LRMP also identifies moose and mule deer habitat values in this area.



February 2009 photo of Telkwa caribou in the Skillhorn Road area.

The BVCRB would appreciate being notified of all crown land applications in the Bulkley TSA so that we may continue to uphold our public mandate. As we have noted in the past, referrals would benefit from including information pertaining to the Bulkley LRMP and SRMP.

Thank you for considering our comments on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Dave Stevens
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board

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