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Dear Ms. Pratt:

Re: Community Resources Board Review of Ski and Ride Smithers Application for Run-to-Town and Pod I

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) has reviewed the application by Ski and Ride Smithers (SRS) for the construction of a Run-to-Town and Pod I. The BVCRB feels that this application is unnecessary, as these development activities will get approval if the Draft Master Plan gets approved and the circumstances under which an exception to the normal process was requested are no longer applicable. To have these developments approved before the having an approved Master Plan in place would be inappropriate.

In addition, it appears that SRS does not have 1) the route of the trail finalized due to easements required over private land, 2) the parking arrangements at the bottom of the trail completed, 3) details of how the trail-to-town would be managed and 4) a visual analysis of how these developments would affect the Visual Quality Objectives set for the area in the Bulkley Valley Sustainable Resource Management Plan (SRMP). Based on this lack of information it is not possible to provide informed comment on this application.

Sincerely,

Adrian de Groot
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board

cc:

Eamon O'Donoghue, Manager – Client Services, Integrated Land Management Bureau