

**Bulkley Valley
Community Resources Board
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Re: File No. REC 32963

Dear Mr Eskelin:

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) has attempted to review the above application from the Tye Mountain Trail Society for consistency with the Bulkley Valley Land and Resources Management Plan (LRMP). The application is to restore, maintain and develop a 1227 hectare area for public recreation opportunities and to establish a map reserve notation for that area. The application does note that any new developments would be subject to subsequent proposal/authorization so the focus in this response is on the proposal to restore and maintain existing trails and establish a map reserve for the 1227 hectares.

The area under consideration includes woodlots, wildlife habitat emphasis areas, a sensitive ecosystem and reserves. The application lacks details, including notations on the attached map, about the locations of the existing trails and how the planned activities fit with the other uses in the area. If there is no spatial overlap, then this should be noted. We cannot assess this application without further information.

The LRMP was negotiated and approved based on a balance of many resource values. We cannot support establishing a map reserve notation for an area of this size without further details about the impacts of the recreational uses planned on other interests in the area.

We would be happy to assess a revised application that contains the necessary information.

The BVCRB is not impressed to be presented with applications such as this that do not consider the land use decisions made by the community and clearly outlined in the LRMP. All land use applications should note how the proposal is consistent with the LRMP: The zone or sub-zone should be identified and the relevant objectives highlighted. We strongly urge you to routinely return as incomplete any proposals that do not include such information.

In addition, we note that approval of individual recreation tenures, such as this one, in the absence of a completed Recreation Access Management Plan for the Bulkley TSA, would not constitute sound resource management.

Yours truly,

Greg Storie
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board

cc: Barry Smith, District Manager, Skeena-Stikine Forest District
Tim Hoskin, Regional Manager, Ministry of Tourism Culture and the Arts, Prince George, BC