



To:  
Board of Directors  
BV Community Resource Board  
Smithers, BC

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The directors of the Outdoor Recreation Alliance have reviewed the BV Community Resource Board (CRB) decision to proceed with consideration of the BV Quadri-der Orange Trail/Higgins Creek proposal of November 7, 2006 as an amendment to the BV Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). We consider any decision or recommendation made by the CRB board of directors for or against recreation access management proposals to be inappropriate for the following reasons:

- That the Orange, Onion and Cronin trail designations are Recreation Access Management Plan (RAMP) issues even though they are mentioned in the BV LRMP document (page 140).
- That according to the RAMP, section 3.4.1, a review of the RAMP should involve "local user groups".
- That according to the RAMP, section 3.2.2, page 20, "Any other decisions on managing recreation use will be made on community consensus direction"
- That amendment provisions of the LRMP, section 5.3, should not apply to RAMP issues.
- That any new RAMP decisions should be made in the same manner as the original RAMP process, by a working group made up of user group representatives.
- That recreation user group representatives involved in the RAMP process have the technical knowledge and mandate to negotiate and decide RAMP designations.
- That RAMP decisions or recommendations made by the CRB board may not have public support or the support of local recreation user groups since individual board members may lack a mandate from a recreation user group, and other recreation user groups may lack representation on the board.
- That this shows how important it is to re-open the RAMP.

If the CRB board proceeds to recommend (or deny) proposals best decided by a RAMP process, the ORA will do the following:

- We will withdraw our support from any RAMP decisions made by the CRB board and ask that they be withdrawn.
- We will ask local recreation user groups to withdraw support of such CRB decisions.

Yours truly,

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