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Subject: **Bulkley Valley Recreation Access Management Plan**

I am writing this letter to express continued support for the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) initiative to complete the Bulkley Valley Recreation Access Management Plan (RAMP) partially completed by the Province and BVCRB in 1997.

The *Trails Strategy for British Columbia*, lead by Recreation Sites and Trails BC, identifies collaborative regional trail planning as a critical action required to secure high quality, value based recreation opportunities for all user groups while respecting the interests of other users of public lands. Successful trail and recreation access management planning depends on participation across the full spectrum of land users, interest and rights holders. As pressures on public lands continues to increase across the province, recreation trail and access planning becomes an even more pressing requirement.

Through implementation of the *Trails Strategy*, the Province will endeavour to support recommendations from the varied forms of recreation trail and access planning that occur across BC, where those recommendations are consistent with existing land management direction, legislation and policy. It is the intent of the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations to review any recommendations to the Province, from the completed community led and consensus-based Bulkley Valley RAMP process, and implement those recommendations where feasible.

The Recreation Sites and Trails BC is proposing to provide additional funding of approximately \$20,000, subject to final budget approvals, in 2012/13 to support completion of the RAMP process.

Thank you for your continued efforts to complete this community led process.

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