

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board
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Dear Ms. Pratt

Re: Hudson Bay Mountain Adventures Application for Licence of Occupation – File 64007764

The application by Hudson Bay Mountain Adventures for a Licence of Occupation to establish a study area for expansion of the existing ski resort covers a large portion of Hudson Bay Mountain outside of their present Controlled Recreation Area. Direction for this area is contained in the Bulkley Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). The area is within Planning Unit 10: Hudson Bay Mountain, Sub-units 10-2: Hudson Bay Mountain and 10-3 Ski Smithers.

Specifically, the upper portions of the application area are within Sub-unit 10-2. The objective for this unit is “Recreation has a high priority in this area. Maintain existing hiking trails and encourage commercial backcountry recreation. Visual quality must be maintained in keeping with the recreation objective”. Direction under the access management category states, “Access will be restricted to non motorized trails, with exceptions for mining development. Mining roads will be reclaimed immediately when no longer needed”. Direction under the outdoor recreation and tourism management category states, “Permit commercial backcountry tourism, subject to normal review and approval processes”.

The lower portion of the application area is within Sub-unit 10-3. The objective for this unit is “To encourage commercial and public recreation in this area subject to visual quality constraints”. Direction under the biodiversity management category states, “No facilities or motor vehicles will be operated on the grassy tundra portion of the prairie, west of the existing ski boundary”.

While the application for a licence of Occupation does not contain any development plans, the Master Plan being drafted by Hudson Bay Mountain Adventures will need to consider direction given in the LRMP. If the Master Plan proposes to deviate from the direction provided in the LRMP, it will be necessary to follow the process for amending the LRMP that is outlined in the LRMP document. The BVCRB also has a set of requirements and considerations that must be fulfilled before we will consider recommending to government bodies that the LRMP be amended; details can be found on our website www.bvcrb.ca.

Regards,

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Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board