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Subject: Bulkley LRMP Implementation Plan and Progress Report

Dear Mr. Cuell

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board has reviewed the recently released Bulkley LRMP Implementation Plan and Progress Report. The BVCRB is generally pleased with the progress made in implementing projects identified in the LRMP.

Two projects that continue to be a high priority for the BVCRB are angling management planning (AMP) (Project 3.2) and recreation access management planning (RAMP) (Project 1.1). Angling management is being addressed through the Skeena Regional Quality Waters Management Committee, who are drafting an AMP. The BVCRB recently met with several government personnel regarding completing the RAMP. While some assurance was given that a RAMP completion process is being undertaken, any assistance you can give to ensure this occurs would be appreciated. The Snowmobile Trail Identification (Project 5.3) and Blunt Mountain Area Plan (Project 9.5) should be part of the RAMP completion process, as there is much overlap among these projects. In addition, lakes identified as semi-primitive and primitive by Project 5.1 should be incorporated into a final RAMP document.

We are not sure of the difference between Project 4.2 and 4.3, which are both titled "Watershed Priority Assessment". Dave Wilford has indicated that he is not aware of a project other than the completed Project 4.2.

Some projects are substantially completed and appear to have the commitment from government to pursue until completed. This includes: 1:50,000 Habitat Inventory (grizzly and elk are not completed) (Project 3.4); Management Area Designation - Agriculture/Wildlife Zone (Project 6.3); Wildlife Habitat Map Reserves (project 11.4); and Comprehensive Caribou Management Plan (project 13.2).

Other uncompleted projects that we feel have a should be a priority are: Regionally Significant Spawning Area Assessments for Salmon and Steelhead and Non-salmon (Project 3.3); Identify Habitat Sub-zones (Project 11.5) and Habitat Sub-zone Management Strategies (Project 11.6); and Glacier Gulch Rare Ecosystem Inclusion (Project 12.1).

Uncompleted projects that we feel are a low priority are: Underground Mining Feasibility Study (Project 9.2); Guide-outfitting and Angling Review (Project 10.1); Animal unit Month Target levels (Project 11.8) and Serb Creek Grizzly Habitat Identification (Project 14.1).

If you can reply to us regarding best way to make progress on the projects we consider a priority it would be much appreciated.

Regards,

Adrian de Groot, Chair
Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board