

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board
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Len Vanderstar,
Ecosystems Habitat Protection Biologist,
Ministry of the Environment, Environmental Stewardship Division,
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RE: Proposal to Apply Section 16 and 17 of the Land Act to specified parcels of Crown Land designated as Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and Fish and Wildlife Reserves.

Dear Mr. Vanderstar

The members of the Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board (BVCRB) have discussed this proposal at great length. While there are some on the Board who question the necessity of Section 16 and 17 being applied, there is full agreement on the importance of wildlife and the need to provide a level of certainty for the Wildlife Habitat Management Area's and Fish and Wildlife Reserve's in question.

To that end the BVCRB concurs with the Ministry of Environment's proposal to apply Section 16 and 17 of the Land Act to those parcels of Crown Land indicated in the map you provided to the BVCRB, as long as they are within the jurisdiction of the Bulkley Valley Land Resource Management Plan.

Since there have been some changes made since the last public consultation the Board recommends that a further public engagement process be invoked before those sections of the land act are put into place.

Sincerely;

Adrian de Groot
Chair , Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board