

February 19, 2010

Greg Storie
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board
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Dear Mr. Storie:

Thank you for your letter of January 5, 2010 requesting follow up on the outcomes of referrals that the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) has reviewed and provided input to.

I have scanned the table you provided and populated the answers you requested based on the progress of the applications to date.

Final decisions made on Crown Land applications are posted on the Integrated Land Management Bureau, 'Applications and Reasons for Decision' website at <http://www.arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/index.jsp>. For decisions made on recreation sites and trails please contact Kevin Eskelin kevin.eskelin@gov.bc.ca and for decisions on grazing licences please contact Marc Schuffert at marc.schuffert@gov.bc.ca.

FrontCounter BC receives applications for various different projects, permits and authorizations for BC's lands and resources; however no record of the final decision is retained by FrontCounter BC.

I have forwarded a copy of this letter to the various decision making agencies and extended your invitation to discuss the application outcomes at future BVCRB meetings.

Sincerely



Ruth Edwards RPF
Manager
FrontCounter BC
Smithers

**Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board
Summary of Referrals, 2007 – 2009, Dec 3, 2009**

APPLICATION #	LOCATION	AGENCY	PURPOSE	BVCRB COMMENTS	OUTCOME
6407838 and 6407832 Vihar Construction Ltd April 2007	Seymour Lake area subdivision	ILMB <i>Lands</i>	Residential Subdivision and Public Road Allowance	In SMZ 2 –Board does not support.	<i>7838 cancelled 7832 offered & accepted April 2008</i>
6407833 Silvern Estates Ltd June 2007	Glacier Gulch	ILMB <i>Lands</i>	Application for a licence of occupation: Quarry.	No objections if reclamation plan developed, archaeological features assessed, commercial use disallowed.	<i>Not approved</i>
6406903 Carrol Rosner Cybemet Comm. Ltd. Sept 2007	Hudson Bay Mountain	MOTSA ILMB	Ten year Licence of Occupation for Communication Site purposes.	Applied for retroactively. More info needed, supplied later by applicant.	<i>Discuss with Liz Williamsan directly.</i>
6407922 Kevin McCreery and Gail Burnett Oct 2007	Woodmere	ILMB	Expansion of existing farm property for extensive agriculture	BVCRB has no objections.	<i>Cancelled & withdrawn</i>
6407918 D. Lychak Enterprises Ltd Dec 2007	Glacier Gulch	ILMB	Extensive Agriculture	Letter Jan 8, 2008. More info needed to assess – remove watercourses or include covenants.	<i>No decision yet</i>
6407923 John Bernard De Coteau Jan 2008	west of Telkwa	ILMB	Application for a Crown Grant for extension of holdings for extensive agricultural purposes.	Letter sent May 14, 2008. More details needed – concerned with winter range.	<i>No decision yet</i>
6407939 Ski and Ride Smithers Feb 2008	Hudson Bay Mtn	MOTSA MOTCA	Application for Ski Lift, Runs, and Trail to Town	This project was incorporated in master plan. BVCRB comments given for referral 6400104.	Concerns addressed in Master Plan
6400104 Ski and Ride Smithers Mar 2008	Hudson Bay Mtn	MOTSA MOTCA	Master Plan Review	May 2008 - No further concerns (after several initial letters).	Concerns addressed in Master Plan

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REC16192 Round Lake Community Association March 2008	Quick-Round Lake area.	MoTCA	Recreation/tourism facilities in the Quick- Round Lake area.	Letter sent April 15, 2008 More info needed – part of area is WHMA.	Group consulted with MoE as per our suggestion; project went ahead
REC16191 Smithers Community Forest Society April 2008	Smithers Community Forest, Hudson Bay Mountain	MOTSA CA	Designation of a Recreation Reserve for the existing Community Forest Boundary		<u>see notes</u> from Kevin Eskelin attached
Patrick Stewart June 2008	Seymour Lake Range Unit, Bulkley Stock Range.	MoFR	Grazing Licence one year temporary permit for this years' grazing season and a 10 year licence effective January 1, 2009		One year temporary permit issued 2008 10 yr licence 2009
REC32387 Round Lake Community Association June 2008	Deep Creek waterfalls east of Telkwa	MoTCA	To establish a Recreation Reserve in the vicinity of Deep Creek for the non- exclusive use of back country recreationists.	?	<u>see notes</u> from Kevin Eskelin attached
6405671 Conan Olafur Petursson August 2008	Hudson Bay Mountain Road, Smithers	ILMB	Temporary Permit to construct an access road to private land.	Letter sent Aug 26, 2008 BVCRB does not support – in SMZ, would impact core ecosystem.	No decision yet.
Woodmere Cattle Company Aug 2008	Moose Mountain	MoFR	Grazing Licence	No response, no major concerns.	10 yr grazing licence issued Jan 1, 2009
REC32385 Round Lake Community Association Oct 2008	Quick/Round Lake Rec Facilities	MoTCA	Recreation/tourism trails and facilities. "Recreation Reserve" designation.	Letter sent October 2, 2008. BVCRB does not support – insufficient detail.	<u>see notes</u> from Kevin Eskelin attached
REC32963 Tyee Mountain Trail Society Oct 2008	McDowell Lake/Canyon Creek Trails	MoTCA	Map reserve/notation. To restore, maintain and develop an area for public recreation opportunities.	Letter sent Oct 2, 2008 More info needed to assess.	<u>see notes</u> from Kevin Eskelin attached
6408131	Zobnick Road	ILMB	Parking area	Letter sent, Jan 22 2009	No Decision Yet

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N/A – not referred	Rogers communications tower	MOTSA CA		Letter to T. Pratt March 6, 2009. Local input should have been solicited.	Discuss directly with T. Pratt
6408139 Kerr		ILMB	Extensive Agriculture	Letter sent April 29, 2009 to ILMB Was not referred directly to CRB	No Decision Yet
98167 98169 98171 98173 Smithers Snowmobile Association (SSA), Aug 09	Harold Price Dome Mtn Microwave/S inclair	MoTCA	Snowmobile trail and cabin development/restoration project	Letter sent Aug 11, 2009. Consistent with LRMP.	Project went ahead
6408191 Walton	Call Lake	ILMB	Extensive Agriculture	Sept 21, 2009. Wildlife Habitat value should be assessed.	No Decision Yet
98167 BVBS	Hankin and Evelyn Mtn	MOTCA			Project went ahead
REC98530	Piper Down area	MOTCA	Bike Trails	Letter sent Oct 1, 2009 Project is consistent. Landowners at trailhead should be consulted.	Project went ahead
6402067 Buri		ILMB		Letter sent Sept 21, 2009. No objections.	No Decision Yet
REC 98532 Smithers Mountain Bike Association	Bluff area	MOTCA	Bike and Hiking Trails	Letter sent Oct 1, 2009. CRB supports application.	Project went ahead

Also reviewed:

Wetzinkwa FSP, Dec 2007
Davidson Project EAA, Oct 2008
BCTS TSL's, Bulkley TSA, Oct 2008

Edwards, Ruth ILMB:EX

From: Eskelin, Kevin TCA:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2010 4:24 PM
To: Edwards, Ruth ILMB:EX
Subject: RE: Response Requested: BVCRB letter re applications

Thanks Ruth,

I will comment on the MTCA applications, below – in order referencing the spreadsheet you attached. If you have an additional need for detail/clarity, please let me know.

These are MTCA Resorts:

- **6406903/HBM/Cybernet Communications:** within the HBM CRA, or adjacent: contact: **MoTCA Resorts** (Terry Pratt)
 - **6407939/HBM Resort:** contact: **MoTCA Resorts** (Terry Pratt)
 - **6400104/HBM Resort:** contact: **MoTCA Resorts** (Terry Pratt)
 - **NA/Rogers Telecom:** contact: **MoTCA Resorts** (Terry Pratt)
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Recreation Sites and Trails Branch:

- **REC16191/SCFS:** Smithers Community Forest Recreation Reserve
 - Referrals Apr-May/08. No response from BV CRB
 - Intention is to protect historic recreation area/SRMZ known as Smithers Community Forest
 - Adjudication involved meetings with Wetzin'kwa CF (WCFC), Smithers Community Forest Society (SCFS), and the BV Cross-country Ski Club (BVCCSC)
 - Outcome was to legally designate a buffered area around the existing trail network (winter and summer)
 - Established as Smithers Community Forest Recreation Trails (REC98586) Aug/09 under FRPA s.56
 - Individual MoUs are in place between WCFC and SCFS/BVCCSC regarding collaborating on forest management activities and protecting recreation resources
 - Agreement between this Branch and BVCCSC in place (winter maint/management) and pending with SCFS (summer)
 - Recreation Reserve (map notation) REC16191 is retained to protect the recreation amenity in the broader area (within Smithers Community Forest)
- **REC32387/RLCA:** Deep Creek Waterfalls Reserve
 - Referrals June-July/08. Formal adjudication incomplete.
 - Current status, pending Recreation Reserve (map notation) only. No substantial conflicts. Applicant was concerned about future developments in this area without the acknowledgement of existing Recreation Features.
 - It will not become a legal Recreation Site, the notation is to acknowledge Recreation value only (a contemporary UREP).
 - Proposed developments in this area (e.g. trail development) will require an additional process, wherein BVCRB will receive a Referral
- **REC32385/RLCA:** Quick Hills Recreation Reserve
 - Referrals Sept-Oct/08. Formal adjudication incomplete. Received letter from BVCRB Oct/08 (noted).
 - Current status, pending Recreation Reserve (map notation) only. No substantial conflicts. Applicant was concerned about future developments above this height of land without the acknowledgement of existing Recreation Features.
 - This polygon is indeed consistent with LRMP and the IRM zonation. It will not become a legal Recreation Site, the notation is to acknowledge Recreation value only (a contemporary UREP).

- Proposed developments in this area (e.g. trail development) will require an additional process, wherein BVCRB will receive a Referral.
- As part of the final adjudication and administration (pending Rec Reserve > Rec Reserve), CRB will receive an explanatory letter regarding their concerns.

- **REC32963/TMTS: Tye Mountain Recreation Site**
 - Referrals Sept-Oct/08. Received letter from BVCRB Oct/08 (noted).
 - Formal adjudication complete. Current status, Established as a BC Recreation Site (Sept/09)
 - This polygon was intended as a necessary replacement for the previous Land Act tenure for recreation. The Recreation Site protects existing cross-country ski trail network as a public amenity, and provides a mechanism for the Tye Mountain Trail Society to engage with this Ministry – where we can collaborate, subsidize, and guide with standards and legitimize the fee collection.
 - Due to the integrative nature of Recreation Sites (establishments are designations, not tenures – yielding prior rights to any other existing tenures – in this case woodlots and grazing lease – they are seen to interact with other tenures without conflicting in any way. Therefore, there is no argument for inconsistency with LRMP.
 - Proposed developments in this area (e.g. trail development) will require an additional process, wherein BVCRB will receive a Referral.

Kevin

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From: Edwards, Ruth ILMB:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2010 9:18 AM
To: Eskelin, Kevin TCA:EX; Schuffert, Marc FOR:EX
Subject: Response Requested: BVCRB letter re applications

Gentlemen, FrontCounter BC has received the following letter from Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board.

They are interested in knowing the outcome of various applications where the Board received referral requests.

I will gladly respond on behalf of our agencies,. Would you please add a quick note on the outcome of the applications that belong to your agency where there is a blank in their table. We have researched the Lands files.

In my response I will reference you as their contacts. Please let me know if this is incorrect.

Cheers

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