

Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board
Minutes of Mon Oct 15.

Present: Eric Becker, Karen Price, Matt Sear, Core Van der Mullen, Bob Mitchell
No quorum therefore no approval for September minutes.

Update:

Telkwa Coal – Telkwa coal will get back to us with answers to our question by our **Tue Nov 20** meeting. We are scheduled to meet with them at our December meeting. Karen and Ted to coordinate.

Summary of Oct 13 Field Trip -The CRB and WB members got to know each other and discuss some current forestry issues in the field. We had some real expertise in a lot of areas in attendance which helped make for very good and wide ranging discussions. 25 years ago the Demo forest was harvested with various amount of standing timber left (0%-63%) for a future harvest. We had some excellent discussions on what a future harvest would look like and how it would be carried out. We discussed the possibility of more research being done. We visited and talked about the two different logging methods adjacent to the ski trails. We discussed and are better informed about fire, and safety hazards, liabilities, and risks. We reviewed how the production of bio-char and pellets as 'smokeless' ways to remove some of those hazards. Bio-Char blankets came up perhaps a cheaper method of production. We discussed sorting out large debris from piles and laying them flat to reduce hazard and as a result landing piles would mostly include fines which would burn with less smoke.

Fire – Scheduled discussion for Nov 20th. Matt will invite Ian Meir to attend. The focus should be on fire preparedness at the landscape level. Matt will send out a request to board member on some of the questions they might have for Ian.

Terms of reference – Bob will e-mail James Cuell to find out who the Board should be discussing our term of reference with. Result - Ryan Holmes will be our ministry contact.

Recreation Trails – Eric is trying to find someone to create an interactive data base of Trails in the TSA. We discussed Trailforks.

Wildlife Habitat Management Areas – letter has been finalized, signed, and sent on the transfer of responsibilities for WHMA to Ministry of Environment.

Meeting ended at 8:00 PM