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Re: Ski and Ride Smithers Draft Master Plan

Dear Terry

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) has reviewed the summary spreadsheet of comment on the Ski and Ride Smithers draft master plan you provided to us. The BVCRB has the following comments on this summary.

- 1) The draft master plan will need to explicitly address the Bulkley Land and Resources Management Plan (LRMP) and Bulkley Sustainable Resources Management Plan (SRMP). This includes stating where the draft master plan is in compliance with these plans and where the draft master plan is in conflict with these plans and how these conflicts will be addressed. If an amendment to the LRMP or SRMP is required, I have attached the approved process for requesting an amendment. One aspect of the LRMP amendment process is showing broad public support for the proposed amendment; an open house is a good forum to obtain this feedback. The information presented to the public to date regarding this proposal has not informed the public of the existence of the LRMP, and how the Draft Master Plan was in conflict with this plan, precluding the possibility of informed public comment.
- 2) For Visual Quality, the SRS Commitment Description is not adequate. The BVCRB has asked that an analysis of the visual effects of the proposed development from the viewpoints noted in the SRMP be undertaken to determine if the Visual Quality Objectives (VQO) are being met. If the VQO is not being met an amendment to the LRMP is required, with the BVCRB being the proper channel to request this amendment not the Ministry of Forests. The amendment process mentioned in Point 1 above would need to be followed.
- 3) For Public Access / Recreation, the Public Access and Recreation Plan will also need to be reviewed by the BVCRB.

We look forward to seeing these issues resolved.
Regards,

Adrian de Groot
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board