



Ministry of Forests,  
Lands & Natural  
Resource Operations

Recreation Sites  
and Trails BC

Terri O'Neill, Secretary  
Bulkley Valley Rod and Gun Club

January 16, 2012

Dear Terri:

Thank you for your email of January 6, 2012, where you express concern over the Bulkley Valley Recreation Access Management Plan. Thank you also for our telephone conversations on January 12<sup>th</sup> and January 16<sup>th</sup>.

You asked me to give your "well documented concerns some serious consideration", and provide a response in writing that you could share with your membership. You also expressed concern for a number of hunting and fishing regulations within the Bulkley area. With regard to the regulations for hunting and fishing, I must clarify that those types of issues are the mandate of the Fish and Wildlife Branch, and therefore your concerns must be raised specifically with that agency.

I have reviewed the process and terms of reference for the Bulkley Valley Recreation Access Management Plan, which are provided at: [www.bvcrb.ca/ramp/terms\\_of\\_reference/](http://www.bvcrb.ca/ramp/terms_of_reference/). My comments are as follows:

The Bulkley Valley Recreation Access Management Plan (BVRAMP) is supported by Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC) as it is in keeping with our mandate to manage for and, where necessary, make voluntary, consensus-based improvements for public safety and protection of the environment. Furthermore, the BVRAMP will make recommendations to update and improve upon the quality of recreation opportunities for both motorized and non-motorized interests that were contained within previous plans (i.e., 1997 and 2006).

As per the BVRAMP terms of reference, the recommendations will be based primarily on voluntary implementation, except where evidence is shown or develops that may be a threat to public safety and/or potential environmental damage.

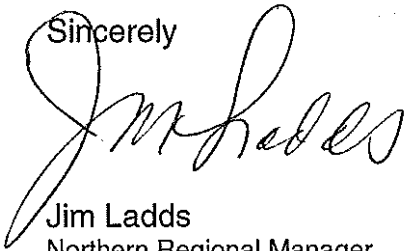
RSTBC feels that it is unfortunate the Bulkley Valley Rod and Gun Club has decided to not participate in the process. The fishing and hunting community is a valued and important recreational interest on Crown land that could make valuable contributions to the overall success of the plan. I

would like to take this opportunity to encourage Bulkley Valley Rod and Gun members and non-members alike to provide input into the BVRAMP through table members, and/or via the contact information provided on the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board website at: [www.bvcrb.ca/ramp](http://www.bvcrb.ca/ramp).

In your email, you also requested copies of the previous Recreation Access Management Plans (1997 and 2006). Copies are available at: [www.bvcrb.ca/ramp/chronology\\_of\\_events](http://www.bvcrb.ca/ramp/chronology_of_events).

As the current update to the summer portion of the draft BVRAMP is only partially complete, there is still time for the Bulkley Valley Rod and Gun Club to provide your input. I hope you take advantage of this opportunity.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Ladds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "L".

Jim Ladds  
Northern Regional Manager  
Recreation Sites and Trails BC