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Dear Mr. Markides

Subject: Recreation Access Management

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board is presently working with government agencies to get a Recreation Access Management Plan (RAMP) completed for the Bulkley Timber Supply Area (TSA). Presently there is a RAMP for some areas in the TSA, but some areas were left to a later process during the initial process.

As part of this process we are also planning to make the community more aware of the RAMP once it is completed. The awareness program would aim reduce the number of contraventions of the RAMP. We are aware that there have been a number of contraventions of the snowmobile boundaries in the Babine Mountain Provincial Park. Greater awareness of these boundaries may help address this problem.

Babine Mountain Provincial Park is key recreational destination for people doing a number of different recreational activities; summer and winter, non-motorized and motorized. As such, the BVCRB feels that it is critical that BC Parks be involved in the RAMP completion project. We are not seeking to reopen areas to a new round of negotiations, but to produce a comprehensive plan that addresses all aspects of backcountry recreation in the area. We all aim to get the buy-in of all recreational groups in the community.

We thus invite BC Parks to be a participant in the RAMP completion process. We do not have a firm time frame for this process yet, but will keep you informed as we proceed in this project.

Sincerely,

Adrian de Groot
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board