



To: Jamie Cox
Manager, Ski and Ride Smithers
Smithers, BC

September 28, 2007

Dear Jamie,

We have reports of snowmobiles driven on Ski and Ride Smithers ski runs and onto the Prairie and summit ridge of Hudson Bay Mountain, especially after the ski season closes. We have reports of 12 individual snowmobiles on the runs or the Prairie during the period from April 14, 2007 to May 28, 2007.

Public use of snowmobiles is restricted in the Controlled Recreation Area and the area is listed as non-motorized in the BV Recreation Access Management Plan (RAMP) of 1997.

Skiers should have the right to go into a non-motorized area without interference from motorized traffic. Since it is a liability issue for the ski area and a concern of the community, we would like to see a more active role taken by the Ski and Ride Smithers in monitoring and enforcement.

We would also like to see more signs posted. Signs should be erected at the road entrance of the Skyline chair, at the bottom of the Panorama t-bar and at the sign at the railroad crossing near Railway Avenue.



Not only should the signs state that the ski area and Prairie are non-motorized but that the non-motorized restriction is in effect all year round. The most common excuse reported is:
" The ski area is closed so we're allowed here."

Thank you and we look forward to your solutions to this problem.
(All photos are from June 2007)

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The BV Outdoor Recreation Society of Smithers, BC is a citizen's group of both motorized and non-motorized users with the following purposes:

- Conserve mountain and forest habitat
- Conserve wildlife and wildlife habitat
- Promote responsible use of off-road motorized vehicles
- Maintain and enhance a balance of recreation opportunities

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