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To Peter,

Thank you for your presentation and information on the access concerns to the Cronin mine site and the Cronin lookout.

The Community Resources Board (CRB) has identified several community values that apply to our consideration of this issue. The primary value appears to be recreational access, with other considerations being environment, wildlife, wildlife habitat, First Nations values, forestry, and minerals/mining concerns.

In the recreational access frame, the CRB would like you to consider the following factors:

1. We support developing a new, or replacement, access to the old Cronin mine-site, and to the Cronin lookout site.
2. We would like to ensure there is ongoing recreational access to Higgins Creek.
3. We see the suggested access from the Chapman Lake Road as being a viable alternative to rebuilding the Cronin Access Road. While it is not within our mandate, we recognize that traffic safety on the Chapman access is an issue that should be considered.
4. We support multi-user access whenever possible. Motorized and non-motorized activity could be supported to the park boundary, or any other place that made operational sense. A locked gate similar to the one at Sunny Point would be able to control inappropriate activities, and still allow emergency access.

5. As there is a current functional agreement to cover winter motorized access, we do not see a need to address this point at this time.

The CRB does not wish to comment at this time on the methods that the Ministries involved may use to develop or maintain access in this area.

Please keep us informed of developments on this issue and let us know if we can be of service. At your request, we will designate a board member to be the prime contact/liason for future discussion.

Sincerely,

Matt Sear Chair

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