

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board, BVCRB

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April 28, 2025

Re: Recreation site (REC 3562) Canyon Creek Ski Area, LRMP Planning Unit 6

Dear Brandy and Darrell,

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) has heard public concern regarding development plans in this recreational area. Pursuant to Section 5.3.5 of the LRMP, the BVCRB would like to know your plans for logging or other development in this area. Are there also spatial plans or maps available for the public and/or Board to review? How is the LRMP being interpreted and dealt with in a co-operative manner? In addition we would like to know what guarantees you can make that the integrity of the area for long term recreational access and timber values will be maintained over time.

Quoted from the The LRMP Planning Unit 6: Sub-Unit 6-1: Deep Creek (IRM)

Objective: To manage for a variety of values and activities in an integrated and compatible manner.

Management Category	Specific Direction
Biodiversity	 Consider the small amount of older forest for inclusion in the Forest Ecosystem Network. Manage Burnt Cabin Bog as a Goal 2 Protected Area.
Access	 Maintain access into Deception Lake. Manage according to options recommended in the Deep Creek access management plan.
Timber Management	 Cutblocks will not exceed 15 hectares. Consider the results of previous planning processes for the Deep Creek area (access) when developing a landscape unit plan.
Fish and Wildlife Habitat	 Agencies will review the potential of this area for guide outfitting and angling.
Visual Quality	 Development should be designed so that it fits in with rural landscape views from Highway 16.
Outdoor Recreation and Tourism	 Relevant agencies will coordinate a planned approach to present and future recreation activities and will review options for backcountry recreation.

Please contact the recording secretary <u>info@bvcrb.ca</u> to either respond in email or schedule a brief appearance at the Board's table. We meet the third Monday of each month at 7pm in the Town of Smithers Council Chambers. Thank-you for your time and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Ron Vanderstar, Treasurer for the BV CRB

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Cc Mike Wyllie, President, canyoncreek@bcnorth.ca