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FRPA Recreation Resource Value Objective (all recreation in BC)

Background

The BC Government brought the Forest Range & Practice Act (FRPA) into force in 2004. This legislation outlines parameters for how public lands and resources are managed within the province. Specifically, FRPA serves to align government, private, and public interests by defining values such as biodiversity, cultural heritage, and timber. These land 'values' are then assigned 'objectives' detailing how land users must work together and apply meaningful strategies to protect and retain these resources. Of the eleven FRPA values, recreation remains the only one for which the Ministry of Forests has never assigned 'objectives'. Without declared objectives, industrial licensees currently have no requirement to consider, consult, or coordinate their activities on registered public trails or around public recreational resources in the province.

We believe that FRPA land use objectives should encompass the values which are important to BC residents, our communities, and to the outdoor recreation sector with at least equal consideration.

Therefore, the BC Snowmobile Federation would like to propose the following regulatory change:

Proposed Objective

The objective set by government for recreation is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests, to avoid or mitigate any adverse impacts to any recreation site, trail or facility that exists on Crown land.

Community | Integrity | Engagement | Leadership

MISSION STATEMENT "The British Columbia Snowmobile Federation is dedicated to provide strong leadership and support to member clubs to establish, maintain and protect quality opportunities for organized snowmobiling in British Columbia and to promote the safe and environmentally responsible use of these opportunities."

Draft Resolution #1

Title: Protection for Outdoor Recreation Opportunities in BC

Sponsor: District of Sicamous

WHEREAS many local governments and communities rely on meaningful outdoor recreation for economic stability and development and, at the same time, those local governments and communities care about maintaining existing Recreation Sites and Trails Management and/or Partnership Agreements with the Province of British Columbia for respectful stewardship of the lands.

AND WHEREAS Government has established broad Forest Range Practices Act (FRPA) objectives under the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation (FPPR) for ten of the eleven FRPA values. They have not established an objective for recreation. Which makes recreation the only value without a FRPA objective and leaves recreation out of planning processes.

AND WHEREAS only the BC Government can set Objectives within the Forest Range Practices Act.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Union of BC Municipalities asks the BC Government to allocate the necessary resources to create the following objective under the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation Part 2 Division 1:

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