



REASONS FOR DECISION

FILE NUMBER: 4405936

APPLICANT: Golden Snowmobile Club

BACKGROUND: The applicant applied for a day use and emergency shelter near Gorman Lake in the Golden area. The cabin would be for winter use and locked in the summer. The cabin would provide a safe haven from avalanches as well as be a desirable place to warm up for day users in the area.

DECISION:

PROCESSED – APPLICATION NOT APPROVED

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This application is located in an environmentally sensitive area that has been designated as core habitat and high quality habitat for mountain goats. Mountain goats are particularly sensitive to human disturbance and an intensive use site in this area would negatively impact the goat herds who occupy the area. The area is zoned as RM1 (low acceptance of increased use, including no day cabins) in the Golden Backcountry Recreation Access Plan (GPRAP). The Golden Backcountry Recreation Access Committee (GBRAC) reviewed the application and 11 out of 12 sectors agreed that they could live with the proposal. Consensus was determined not to be a requirement from the GBRAC. The habitat concerns for the area are consistent with the GBRAP zonation of RM1. Habitat Branch recommended that no intensive use site (i.e. day use cabin) should overlap the core habitat and high quality habitat for mountain goats. The applicant was welcomed to reapply for the cabin in another location and was advised to contact the Habitat Branch prior to submitting a proposal. Crown land allocation principles were considered when reviewing this application.

DECISION MAKER:

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