



**Commercial Recreation Management Plan 2010
(Revised April 2014)**

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Executive Summary

Carl Kuster Mountain Park (CKMP) has applied for a license of occupation for snowmobile guided tours, equipment testing, filming, training sessions, and demonstration sessions. Six specific areas are proposed for use, all within the general area between Sicamous and Revelstoke.

Guiding Areas

- Mount Griffin/Joss Pass
- Owlhead
- Blue Lake
- Begbie
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Filming, Testing and Demo Day

- Eagle Pass
- Queest

Base of operations – lodging, shop, storage, is on CKMP's private land at Malakwa, BC.

After supplying an initial management plan, CKMP met with overlapping commercial operators, reviewed mapping, and discussed their proposed areas with two local snowmobile clubs. CKMP also considered and broadened the overall scope of their proposed activities. This has resulted in the following amended management plan, along with adjusted mapping. It is realized that further management plan changes may result from referrals and consultations.

CKMP has removed some of the areas that overlapped with commercial operators and has discussed joint use agreements that should address concerns of both parties. CKMP has also discussed agreements to use some of the same areas that are popular with public snowmobilers.

CKMP was incorporated in April 2007 in British Columbia and opened for business in April of 2008, providing lodging, equipment, and facility rentals for adventure industry related clients. World Champion, Carl Kuster's lifelong involvement in the recreational vehicle industry has created the foundation for CKMP, resulting in industry leverage points to provide a full suite of services and experiences to clients, 365 days a year. The CKMP Lodge, accommodates up to 8 clients and operates on 275 Acres of private land owned by the Kuster's that include the main lodge, a maintenance building, storage buildings, air strip, riding trails, Eagle River access, all nestled into the Monashee Mountain range. Snow conditions and terrain make the proposed activities on Crown land a natural fit with the private land operations.

CKMP is a member of the Sicamous Snowmobile Club and the British Columbia Snowmobile Federation. CKMP wants to deliver a safe backcountry experience with world class guides and staff. CKMP expects that its ability to expand into Professional Guided Snowmobile Touring will provide a service often requested by visitors to the area but currently not available in the mapped areas in this application.

Key Areas of Concern and Consideration:

Key areas of concern are cooperating and reaching agreements with overlapping winter adventure tourism operators and snowmobile clubs, minimizing impacts on wildlife and environmental values,, considering First Nations interests and rights. CKMP is participating in area planning along with various stakeholders over the past several years including clubs, associations, communities, government, and public recreationists. Performing best practices as outlined in the CKMP Health, Safety, Environmental and Avalanche Plan address many key areas of concern, in conjunction with consistent regular communication with all stakeholders . The BC Government has formed a partnership with the BC Snowmobile Federation to increase awareness, improve education to mitigate environmental and wildlife conflicts. Habitat and wildlife conservation programs lead by BC Government, SaRCO, and user groups will continue to pave the way for long term sustainability for all stakeholders. CKMP has reviewed and intends to adhere to the desired behaviors described in the Wildlife Guidelines for Backcountry Tourism/Commercial Recreation in British Columbia, as amended from time to time. All activities are done in accordance with applicable laws, environmental guidelines, the use of certified guides and the appropriate general liability insurance for guided snowmobile activities.

General Overview of Business (Existing and Proposed)

Carl Kuster Mountain Park Inc. (CKMP) was incorporated in April 2007 in British Columbia and opened for business in April of 2008, providing lodging, equipment, and facility rentals for adventure industry related clients. Located in Malakwa British Columbia, an area known as the "Gateway to Mountain Adventure" CKMP is able to take advantage of diverse summer and winter outdoor activities. CKMP is pursuing expansion to include destination recreational vehicle tours, offering world class guide services and backcountry adventure tours using snowmobiles in the winter. Summer business will continue to focus on accommodations, equipment, and facility rentals, with intentions to expand into guided service in 2013. To maintain a competitive edge, and to fully utilize staff and facilities on a year round basis, CKMP is diversifying into equipment testing, adventure and equipment filming and equipment demonstration and operating courses. World Champion, Carl Kuster's lifelong involvement in the recreational vehicle industry has created the foundation for CKMP, resulting in industry leverage points to provide a full suite of services and experiences to clients, 365 days a year. The CKMP Lodge, accommodates up to 8 clients and operates on 275 Acres of private land owned by the Kuster's that include the main lodge, a maintenance building, storage buildings, air strip, riding trails, Eagle River access, all nestled into the Monashee Mountain range.

Strategy: CKMP services the adventure tourist market, with high performance mountain recreational products, owned, and maintained by CKMP. CKMP will charge daily rates to clients for use of CKMP recreational products, guided backcountry experiences, lodging and food service. CKMP captures and showcases its location and services through media content delivery and the CKMP website that promotes the use of these recreational vehicles in a safe and responsible manner. The intent is to develop a year round attraction that will help develop the local economy yet maintain a true sense of outdoor adventure. This will be achieved by developing outdoor recreation experiences for all seasons.

Winter - CKMP strives to provide its individual clients backcountry winter adventure experiences via snowmobile tours, courses, and guiding - CKMP strives to provide its corporate clients with facilities and terrain for testing and filming, and provide training courses and demo days.

Summer - The core summer outdoor adventures will comprise of golf, mountain biking, hiking and water sports given the proximity of the Shuswap Lakes. At this time maps and management plan details for the proposed Crown land summer activities are not complete. Once the summer management plan details mapping and consultation with stakeholders is complete, CKMP will applying for tenure and management plan amendment.

Diversification:

- As CKMP expands, it will provide a full suite of services for outdoor recreational vehicle manufacturers and the consumers that enjoy their products. Safety and environmental stewardship, along with a healthy experience for our clients, are our priority. CKMP sets its standards with detailed planning, good equipment and exceptionally skilled staff.
- CKMP operations described in this management plan are initially focusing on winter snowmobile tours, testing and marketing contracts with manufactures, film and television production. CKMP has recently signed a testing and marketing contract for Bombardier Recreation Products/BRP.

Objective:

Operate a financially successful recreational vehicle tours and lodging business by attracting tourists, adventure seekers, outdoor enthusiasts, catering to corporate events and by providing services designed for manufactures. Provide the use of recreational vehicles in the backcountry through innovative and dynamic experiences and traditional tours. Deliver a safe backcountry experience with world class guides and staff. Be the number one recognized and market leader for Mountain Park outdoor recreational vehicle experiences. Expand the use of CKMP to service requirements of manufactures and media that cover the outdoor and recreational vehicle markets.

Description of Areas

General Location Map, general interest area from Sicamous to Revelstoke British Columbia. The operation is centered in Malakwa and Three Valley Gap indicating the overall area and its relationship to the nearby communities and road network. See Also Map 1A – All locations map – this map shows air photo coverage, Forest Service Roads and Recreation trails as well as the CKMP proposals.

Mt.Griffin/Joss Pass - Map #1 and #2

The Mt.Griffin/Joss Pass access and parking area lies 1 km from the 3 Valley Gap on the south side of HWY #1, following the Wap Creek road south to access the polygon approximately 10km west of 3 Valley Gap. Currently no trail grooming from local snowmobile clubs exists in this location. The polygon encompasses Mt.Griffin and Mitikan Creek and follows a narrow passage along Joss Mountain, Anerone Range and Garnet Ridge to access the southern portion of the polygon on Tsuius Mountain. The polygon overlaps with Eagle Pass Heliskiing, portions to the south border with CMH and overlap with Monashee Powder Snowcats. Design of the polygon area was done with input from these stakeholders to minimize conflict in the overlap area and where necessary portions of the polygon will only be accessed when their winter operations have concluded.

Biogeoclimatic zones in the Mt. Griffin area consist of Interior Cedar Hemlock in the valley, Engelmann Spruce/Subalpine Fir and Alpine Tundra in the upper elevations. Snowmobiling will occur between elevation of 900ft-2500ft on FSR/Trails and 2500ft to 7500 ft. in Alpine and Subalpine areas.

Approximately 7 kilometers of this zone on the Wap Creek FSR/trail system from kilometers 5-12 are identified as UWR u-8-007 (Moose).

Owlhead - Map #3- (Snowmobile Managed Area, Sicamous Club)

The Owlhead snowmobile zone encompasses Mt. Mara, Kanaka Lake and is known as Hunter's Range. Owlhead trailhead and parking lot area is in the town of Sicamous south of HWY#1 at the end of McLean MacPherson Rd to the start of Owlhead Forestry Service Road. The FSR/trail system in to Owlhead is maintained and Groomed by the Eagle Valley Grooming Society and the Owlhead cabin is maintained by the local snowmobile club. The FSR and trail system pass through the bottom portion of Kingfisher Creek Park, however no portion of the trails or riding area enter the Kingfisher Creek Ecological Reserve. This popular area features a great log chalet and a varied riding terrain for everyone from novices to extreme sledders. Owlhead ensures good riding until late spring. This is an excellent area for families and novice sledders and it is a great place for those who like to climb. Trail fees will be paid to the club for any CKMP

activities. The defined area is a well known snowmobile riding area and has no overlaps with other commercial recreation operators. There is a small amount of overlap between the CKMP proposed area with EPH, however it is a high use snowmobile area and the 2 groups seem to exist quite well. As such CKMP is aware of the EPH Tenure near or adjacent to this snowmobile riding area and will not enter those EPH Flagged Run areas.

Biogeoclimatic zones in the area consist of Interior Cedar Hemlock (ICH) in lower elevation, Engelmann Spruce/Subalpine Fir (ESSF) and Alpine Tundra (AT) in upper elevations. Snowmobiling occurs in elevations from 900ft-4000ft on FSR/Trails and 4000-8500ft in Alpine and Subalpine.

Blue Lake - Map #4- (Snowmobile Managed Area, Sicamous Club)

Blue Lake riding area is one of most frequented snowmobile locations in the Sicamous area and can accommodate the novice and family sledders and those who like to explore the backcountry without overly steep terrain, it features wide open alpine and sub alpine terrain. For those who like to go mostly vertical, a little poking around can reveal some great climbing areas. The Blue Lake chalet has a new stove and the chalet is located in a nice open area that includes a training hill for novices. The trailhead and parking lot area is located across the highway from the village of Malakwa, 17 km east of Sicamous. The trailhead and parking lots area is located at the end of the Yard Creek Loop Rd. The FSR/trail system is maintained and groomed Eagle Valley Grooming Society and the Local snowmobile maintains the Cabin in the alpine. Trail fees are paid to the club for any CKMP activities. The Blue Lake snowmobile riding area borders with Eagle Pass Heli Skiing some minor overlap that does not affect flagged runs and the trail system passes by Cummins Lake.

Biogeoclimatic zones in the area consist of Interior Cedar Hemlock (ICH) in lower elevation, Engelmann Spruce/Subalpine Fir (ESSF) and Alpine Tundra (AT) in upper elevations. Snowmobiling occurs in elevations from 900ft-3500ft on FSR/Trails and 3500-7500ft in Alpine and Subalpine

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Begbie - Map #5

The **Begbie** area lies 8km south of Revelstoke and is visible from the town site. Begbie trailhead and parking lot is located at the Three Valley Gap 18km from Revelstoke on the Trans-Canada Hwy heading towards Sicamous. Access to the riding area is via the Wap Lake FSR/Kingfisher FSR. This FSR does not have a Management Agreement with either the Revelstoke or Sicamous Snowmobile Clubs for grooming services. It is un-groomed therefore no trail fees are collected. It follows the Wap Creek drainage, with Davis Peak to the south, Mt. English and Mt. Tilly to the north. The riding area follows the lake system including Tilly Lake and passes by Mount Begbie "Saddle" and wraps around following vista views of Revelstoke and Upper Arrow Lake. A portion of the area near Mount Begbie overlaps with CMH and Heli Canada Adventures. A draft Joint Use Agreement has been arranged with CMH, and would be implemented if the area is approved for an AT tenure. During the proposed snowmobiling period, there would be a 15 day overlap from April 1st-15th with Heli Canada Adventures. A draft Joint Use Agreement has been discussed with HCA during this overlap.

Biogeoclimatic zones in the area consist of Interior Cedar Hemlock (ICH) in lower elevation, Engelmann Spruce/Subalpine Fir (ESSF) and Alpine Tundra (AT) in upper elevations. Snowmobiling occurs in elevations from 900ft-4000ft on FSR/Trails and 4000-8000ft in Alpine and Subalpine

Approximately 3km of the border of this zone along the north side Topowap Lake past Revelation Lake ending at Tilly Lake are identified as UWR u-8-005 (Mountain Goat). An Area south of the polygon is under Land Act Section 16 Caribou Reserve but does not overlap.

Demo Day, Filming and Testing additional areas:

Queest (Snowmobile Managed Area, Sicamous Club)

Queest is the oldest sledding area and on a clear day this area has some of the best views in British Columbia. Overall, the terrain is a little steeper on Queest but the area has something for all skill levels. This well established area with up to 35 square kilometers of sledding country with deep powder and exciting hill climbs. There is a meadow area around the chalet and further north there are some inclines that will require a little extra power. The access trails have wonderful views of the Eagle Valley and both Mara and Shuswap lake. A ride up to the A-frame chalet is worth the time just for the scenery. There are 2 access routes into Queest. In Sicamous turn north off the Trans-Canada Highway on to the Sicamous Solsqua Road. Travel 1km and turn right after the railroad crossing and continue .5km, turning left at the staging area on 1800 Forest Service Road also known as the Quest Mountain Recreation Trail. This trail is managed and Groomed by the Sicamous club. As such trail fees are paid for any CKMP activities. There are no overlap or conflicts with existing AT Tenure holders. The other access is also a FSR and this is known as the "back access". This trail is accessible from the CKMP base facility; CKMP follows a trail from the property for 800 meters to the FSR/Trailhead. This access route/FSR is not managed or groomed by the club nor are trail fees collected. However, CKMP made an arrangement with the Club to pay a per person access fee while CKMP conducts filming activities, as these activities use the cabin on Queest. .

CKMP had lengthy discussions in winter 2011/2012 with the Sicamous Club regarding Demo Ride and Filming activities as well as the requirement for Guided services for the public. Further discussions with the club may be required with respect to this proposal.

Biogeoclimatic zones in the area consist of Interior Cedar Hemlock (ICH) in lower elevation, Engelmann Spruce/Subalpine Fir (ESSF) and Alpine Tundra (AT) in upper elevations. Snowmobiling occurs in elevations from 900ft-4000ft on FSR/Trails and 4000-8000ft in Alpine and Subalpine

Eagle Pass (Snowmobile Managed Area, Sicamous Club)

Eagle Pass offers breathtaking views, lofty peaks and a vast riding area well above 2000 meters. In mid-winter, considerable power and advanced skills are required to sled here. First timers to this area should go with someone that has been there before and who is familiar with the area Eagle Pass is accessed from the East Perry FSR access road at the Skyline Esso truck stop on the Trans Canada Highway approximately 29km from Sicamous heading towards Revelstoke. The trail system into Eagles Pass is maintained by the Eagle Valley Grooming Society and the Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club is currently exploring options to add a Cabin to this location. Trail fees will be paid by CKMP to the Club for any CKMP activities.

Biogeoclimatic zones in the area consist of Interior Cedar Hemlock (ICH) in lower elevation, Engelmann Spruce/Subalpine Fir (ESSF) and Alpine Tundra (AT) in upper elevations. Snowmobiling occurs in elevations from 900ft-4000ft on FSR/Trails and 4000-9000ft in Alpine and Subalpine

A small area of the polygon is identified as UWR u-8-005 (Mountain Goat), and a larger portion identified as UWR u-8-004 Mountain Caribou, approximately 4km of the trail system is identified as UWR u-8-007 (Moose).

Section 1: Description of the Operation & Activities Offered

1.1 General Description of Operation

Carl Kuster Mountain Park Inc. (CKMP) is a full service- all inclusive, backcountry recreational vehicle tour and lodge operator located in Malakwa, British Columbia. CKMP is a destination recreational vehicle tour and lodge operator business, offering world class guide services and backcountry adventure tours using Snowmobiles. The CKMP Lodge, accommodates 8 clients and operates on 275 acres of private land owned by the Kuster's that include the main lodge, a maintenance and machine testing building, storage buildings, an air strip, riding trails, Eagle River access, all nestled into the Monashee Mountain range.

CKMP is structured to allow its management team to focus on their strengths. Roles and responsibilities are defined by that strength to maximize productivity and profitability.

Carl Kuster is the foundation and face of CKMP. His strength lies in his ability to attract top industry personnel and clients looking for backcountry mountain experiences, equipment testing, and outdoor adventure filming. Carl is responsible for the design, layout and execution and delivery of all backcountry experiences and expanding manufacturer relationships.

Jim Kuster has 25 years of knowledge as a business owner in the recreational vehicle industry. Jim understands the customer buying experience and the customer care process to retain a long term client relationship. Jim is responsible for the day to day management of the facility, all client bookings and client logistics from arrival to departure.

Guides and Staff

CKMP guides and staff will play an intricate role in the success of CKMP tours. The clients experience and level of satisfaction while at CKMP is a direct reflection to the one on one treatment they receive from Guides and Carl Kuster.

Guides responsibilities include:

- Equipment Maintenance
- PREP pack assembly
- Understanding weather conditions and the CKMP Health Safety and Avalanche Plan
- Testing of riding conditions
- Compliance with environmental and cultural values

Our guides and staff are given a clear path to success in their given position. Their roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and all CKMP staff are informed of their rights as an employee:

- 1) To know what is expected of them.
- 2) To know how they are doing in comparison to their peers.
- 3) To have opportunities for success.

All Guide's have the minimum standards of Avalanche, and Wilderness Safety training as per the guidelines defined by the BCCSOA. (British Columbia Commercial Snowmobile Operators Association).

MB2K Ventures

In order to allow Carl and his staff the ability to focus, CKMP has retained MB2K Ventures to develop marketing initiatives and all tasks and matters related to business applications, compliance, tenure agreements and legal council liaison.

Sales & Marketing Strategy

Target Markets and Activities:

1. Recreational Vehicle Owners and Enthusiasts
2. Outdoor and Adventure Tourism
3. Corporate Hosting
4. Corporate Team Building
5. Manufacture Testing, Research and Design
6. Film, Television and Video Production

Product and Service Strategy:

1. All Inclusive, multiple days, CKMP Guided Tours, CKMP recreational vehicles supplied CKMP lodging and food service for group's sized 2-8 persons.
2. CKMP Guided Tour Day Trips, CKMP Recreational Vehicle Supplied (no lodging).
3. CKMP Guided Tour Day Trip (clients supply their own recreational vehicle lodging incld)
4. Accommodations' with food service
5. Accommodations' without food service
6. Consulting, product testing
7. Facility and equipment delivery and rental
8. Commercial Filming

Other Possible Activities:

- Personal Water Craft Rentals
- Mountain Biking
- Hiking
- Golfing Packages
- Dual-Purpose Motorcycle
- Hang Gliding

CKMP Guided Backcountry Snowmobile Tours:

The winter season service offering runs from mid-December to the end of April. Snowmobile tours are offered in small groups of 2-8 riders where one to one attention and instruction can be offered by Carl and our Guides.

CKMP Lodging- Habanero Lodge:

CKMP is home to the Habanero Lodge in the heart of the Monashee Mountains which has some of the best backcountry recreation opportunities in the world. Situated on a 275 acre plot with a private air strip the Habanero Lodge can accommodate up to 8 clients comfortably, and is equipped with an 8 person hot tub, dry room for winter gear, Jacuzzi tub, fireplace, dart board, high speed internet, big screen TV with satellite and Wii.

CKMP's goal is to expand into additional lodging, shop and test facilities over the next three years based on the growth of the business.

Advertising and Promotion Strategy:

Media and Marketing activities began in January 2007 with 3 industry specific magazine features on Carl Kuster his retirement from racing, development of CKMP and promoting his future as an all inclusive- tour operator in the British Columbia interior.

CKMP appears at Snowmobile Trade Shows across North-America to promote CKMP and the Okanagan Shuswap District to the industry.

The website www.carlkuster.com provides potential clients information on CKMP products and services.

Carl Kuster appeared on SnowTrax TV (TSN-2007) promoting the snowmobile industry and responsible eco-friendly backcountry snowmobile adventures. Vendor partnerships have already been established with Bombardier, Nextech, HMK, Woody's, VP Fuel and Marathon Decks. Vendors will promote CKMP via contests and Carl Kuster branding agreements.

December 2009 American Snowmobiler Magazine- initiated by CKMP and Tourism BC, Am-snow magazine published a 3 page feature on snowmobiling, lodging, eateries, and environmental issues in the Sicamous/Revelstoke area.

Current Benchmarks:

In April 2010 CKMP was successful in acquiring a product testing contract with Bombardier Recreation Products (BRP). Teams from BRP now use CKMP and the BC interior for testing of their winter product lines including snowmobiles, clothing and accessories. On June 15 2008, CKMP was approached by BRP to submit proposal to host BRP Skidoo Film and Photo shoot. Filming and photographing all winter products for BRP for television and print advertising purposes. Contact was made with Robyn Cyr CSRD Economic Development and Film Commission, Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club, Eagle Valley Grooming Society, Best Western Hotels, Super 8 Motel, Sherry King Productions, Wreckstuff Entertainment, and Kamloops based Camp Services to assist in the submission. A four year contract was signed with BRP for 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. The annual budget for this contract exceeds \$500,000 USD, resulting in a positive economic impact to the Columbia Shuswap District and many of its retail business.

1.1.1 General Area

CKMP is located in Malakwa BC, 12km from the Shuswap Lakes and Sicamous. Three Valley Gap Resort and tourist attraction is located east from CKMP up Highway #1. Areas of interest for snowmobile touring are situated between Sicamous and Revelstoke British Columbia. All primary use locations are current designated or known snowmobile riding areas.

Primary Use Locations: See Details listed in Description of Areas.

Mt. Griffin/Joss Pass

Owlhead

Blue Lake

Begbie

Demo Day, Filming and Equipment Testing

Queest Mountain

Eagles Pass

1.1.2 Base Operation – Located on Private Land

The Base Operation is situated on 275 acres of private land in Malakwa BC between Sicamous and Revelstoke. The CKMP Lodge, accommodates 8 clients and operates on 275 acres of private land owned by the Kuster's that include the main lodge, a maintenance and machine testing building, storage buildings, an air strip, riding trails, Eagle River access, all nestled into the Monashee Mountain range.

1.1.3 Improvements

CKMP met with Capital Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) board members to discuss the Region "E" Parks Plan as well as The Shuswap Trail Alliance. Discussions have focused around CKMP's potential

involvement in these initiatives and contributions to the trail systems, improvements to trailhead signage, maintenance and beautification of public sites, and highway entrance areas to Malakwa.

See Appendix-2 The Shuswap Trail Alliance: *Background Brief*. These are improvements that CKMP would lead in. CKMP may also assist in other developments where clubs, groups and organizations are the lead.

At this time, CKMP does not envision establishing any emergency shelters, permanent fuel caches or campsites.

1.1.4 Access

Clients traveling to CKMP will typically arrive at the Kelowna or Kamloops Airports, a van shuttle service is offered or private air service can be organized if CKMP is equipped with its own airfield. Clients will travel to staging areas/trailheads at the base of designated riding areas by truck and trailer. Access to the riding areas will be done on Forest Service Roads using the recreational vehicles (Snowmobiles). See Appendix 3 for additional alpine parking and staging information about each area.

Owlhead – Approximately 20 km up the Owlhead FSR

Blue Lake – Approximately 24 km up the Yard Creek FSR near Yard Creek creek

Mt. Griffin/Joss Pass - 20 km up the Wap Lake FSR

Begbie- 22 km up the Wap Lake FSR

Queest- 18km up the 1800 FSR

Eagles Pass- 26km up the FSR

All other clients' summer and winter will travel by vehicle using 3 different routes,

- Kamloops/Salmon Arm via Highway #1
- Golden/Revelstoke Highway #1
- Kelowna/Vernon Highway #97 and Highway#1

1.1.5 Staff

Staff Category	# of Employees	Experience and/or Certificates
Owner/Manager/Guide Carl Kuster	1	-10 year professional snowmobiler -15 years backcountry experience -CAA Certified -Wilderness First Aid
Manager and Lodge Manager	2	-25 year business owner for recreational vehicle manufactures -2 years hospitality industry experience
Guides	4	-15 years of backcountry guiding experience(Heli-ski and Kayaking) -CAA Avalanche Level 1 -Mapping in Snow Hazard Area (CAA) -Wilderness First Aid

Mechanic	2	-2 year degree from recognized technical institute
Chef/Cleaning Staff	2	-2 year degree or experience from reputable culinary school

1.2 Commercial Recreation Activities and Services Offered On Crown Land

1.2.1 Description of Experience Being Offered - Winter

Winter Snowmobile Tours – all areas – Map 1A

CKMP tours cater to outdoor enthusiasts looking for experiences ranging from relaxing to on the edge Backcountry Snowmobile Tours in world class riding areas with world class guides. Winter tours run from mid-December to the end of April, ranging from 1-5 day experiences. Tours consist of a maximum of 8 per group, with 1 guide for every 4 riders (i.e. 5-8 clients = 2 guides). CKMP guides are fully trained and certified in First Aid and require CAA Canadian Avalanche Association level 1 minimum certification.

A typical CKMP tour is 4 nights with 3 days of mountain sledding. Clients arriving at the Kelowna or Kamloops Airports are provided with shuttle van service to CKMP. Alternately, private air service can be organized as CKMP is equipped with its own airfield.

The client's first night at CKMP is spent reviewing equipment, riding gear and a thorough safety orientation. They are first induced to a Personal Riding Equipment Package (PREP) and are subject to inspection of any personal riding gear. Gear that does not meet CKMP standards will be discarded and replaced. PREP packs include two-way radio, topographical maps, beacons, probes shovels, blanket, energy bars, water, extra batteries, and tool kit. Orientation includes map study of the next day's general area of use, beacon testing and simulation, and role play scenarios. Clients are also given educational instruction on wildlife and habitat awareness and other recreational users groups. Enjoyment of backcountry adventure is a result of proper preparation, awareness and promotion of responsible backcountry usage.

On riding day's, clients enjoy breakfast at the lodge and are provided with a mountain lunch. Clients will be shuttled from CKMP via truck and trailer to a staging areas/trail head of Forest Service Roads which provide access to the riding areas. Skill levels will be determined for the morning portion of the first days ride in lower to intermediate terrain. Individuals will be assigned to a guide based on ability and the rest of the morning ride will consist of familiarization of the riding area and notification of any known risk areas. Departure from the alpine riding area is always scheduled before last light to ensure the safest ride down the forest service road. Clients shuttle from the trailhead back to CKMP for a relaxing evening winding down at the **Habanero Lodge**.

1.2.2 Filming and Testing – extensive area – Map . Film Permit No. 345365

As part of CKMPs business diversification strategy, CKMP will test snowmobiles, film snowmobiles and activities as requested and contracted by corporate and private clients.

Due to the nature of these activities (certain terrain, weather, snow, and light conditions and proximity to CKMP) the location will vary for each time the activity is conducted. Therefore it is not possible to specifically indicate where they will occur on any given date. These are not activities that will involve guiding of clients and are very low impact given that they can be governed by best management practices, and always occur in well known snowmobile areas (within the overall extensive area shown on the attached map). CKMP will communicate with the local snowmobile clubs, heli-ski and cat-ski operations, informing them of any activities that may be in or near a commercial operation or an area used by the public. Filming and Testing activities are usually focused in 5-15 day durations 1 or 2 times per year.

1.2.3 Public Demo Days - - all areas – map (see attach Film/Demo/Test map)

Most demo days are generally held in conjunction with local snowmobile clubs and equipment manufacturers. The manufacturer may bring machines to a local club snowmobile area and make them available to the public at no cost for test riding. CKMP may be on hand to provide free riding instruction to public snowmobilers.

1.2.4 Improvements

Maintenance of Forest Service Roads is typically required for CKMP Snowmobile Tours to reach alpine riding areas. Maintenance of these road/trail systems is performed by local clubs and private business owners contracted to keep the roads/trails groomed. Grooming typically happens after sundown when most riders have returned to the trail head.

Contracted Groomers in related riding areas:

Eagle Valley Grooming Society

1.2.5 Detailed Listing of Activities & Level of Use (next page)

Table 1.1-a Extensive Areas of Use – Guided Snowmobiling and Select Demo Days and Training

Activity Report						Client Days				
Extensive Area Map Reference	Activity /Activities	Specific References on Map	Frequency of Use	Period of use	Existing or Proposed Use	Current Year	Next Year	Year 3	Full Capacity	Year Full Capacity is reached
Map #1 Mt. Griffin/Joss	Guided Snowmobile Tours	Forest Service Road(Red)/Riding area (Yellow)	2-3 days per week 6-8hrs per day	Jan1-Dec31	Nov 2014 +	20	40	90	140	2016
Map #2 Owlhead	Guided Snowmobile Tours	Forest Service Road(Red)/Riding area (Yellow)	2-3 days per week 6-8hrs per day	Jan1-Dec31	Nov 2014 +	20	40	90	140	2016
Map #3 Blue Lake	Guided Snowmobile Tours	Forest Service Road(Red)/Riding area (Yellow)	2-3 days per week 6-8hrs per day	Jan1-Dec31	Nov 2014 +	20	40	90	140	2016
Map #4 Begbie	Guided Snowmobile Tours	Forest Service Road(Red)/Riding area (Yellow)	2-3 days per week 6-8hrs per day	Jan1-Dec31	Nov 2014 +	20	40	90	140	2016

Table 1.1- b Extensive Areas of Use – Testing, Filming and Public Demo Days										
Activity Report						Occurrence Days				
Extensive Area Map Reference	Activity /Activities	Specific References on Map	Frequency of Use	Period of use	Existing or Proposed Use	Current Year	Next Year	Year 3	Full Capacity	Year Full Capacity is reached
Film/Demo/ Test Map	Filming		15-20 days per season	Jan 1 to Dec 31	Existing by Film Permits Film Permit No. 344450	2014	15	20	20	2014
Film/Demo/ Test Map	Testing		5-10 days per season	Jan 1 to Dec 31	Nov 2012 +	2014	5	10	10	2014
Film/Demo/ Test Map	Public Demo Days		5-20 days per season Dependant on new product launch.	Jan 1 to Dec 31	Existing – at no charge and in cooperation with local snowmobile clubs –	2012	10			

Table 1.2 Definitions

Intensive Use Site No Intensive Sites are required

Table 1.2 Details of Intensive Use Sites							
Intensive Use Map Reference	Intended Use	Frequency of Use	Period of use	Desired Exclusivity	Existing or Proposed improvements	Environmentally Sensitive Area	Distance to Environ. Sensitive Area
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Section 2: Overlap with Environmental & Cultural Values

Introduction – Environmental:

Carl Kuster Mountain Park has reviewed, considered and where possible incorporated the goals, objectives and strategies of the Wildlife Guidelines for Backcountry Tourism/ Commercial Recreation in British Columbia May 2006, Okanagan Shuswap Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP), Monashee Land Use Policy Commercial Recreation August 16 2004, Guided Adventure Tourism Policy GAT October 17 2007 and the Commercial Recreation Study for the North Central Monashees –Davis, Lack & Associates March 31, 2001. Cooperation and compliance with FLNRO wildlife management staff and associated FLNRO initiatives, as well as fulfilling requirements set by the British Columbia Commercial Snowmobile Operators Association (BCCSOA) will ensure CKMP day to practices protect important wildlife values.

CKMP has reviewed and intends to adhere to the desired behaviors described in the Wildlife Guidelines for Backcountry Tourism/Commercial Recreation in British Columbia, as amended from time to time.

Wildlife, Fauna and Flora species have been identified by the Conservation Data Centre for areas surrounding CKMP and extensive use areas of interest. (BC conservation Data Centre: Occurrence Reports **See Appendix 5** do not fall within the proposed tenured areas. CKMP has also contacted local Wildlife Management Strategy offices for Okanagan and Thompson regions for consultation and education on how to best mitigate impact to the identified species at risk and all known wildlife, plant communities and special habitats.

CKMP looks forward to continuing dialogue with commercial and public stakeholders within and or near Tenure borders.

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Reference Documents:

Mountain Caribou in BC: A Situation Analysis May 19 2005

SARCO Draft Mountain Caribou Recovery Strategy 2006

Preliminary Calibration of Habitat Supply Model for Mountain Caribou in BC March 31 2006

Management Options and Related Actions for Mountain Caribou in BC July 19 2006

Use of habitat Supply Models to Establish Herd-based Recovery Targets for Threatened Mountain Caribou in BC Year 2 Progress Report January 16 2006

2.1 Fish Values

Communications with Sean Bennett Senior Restoration Biologist Oceans Habitat and Enhancement Branch BC Interior and queries for areas of interest have provided no specific concerns regarding snowmobile use and fish sensitivities in the areas of application.

Incidentally, CKMP and the Kuster family have been working with Salmon conservation efforts on the Eagle River which intersects CKMP private property and Base Location, and as such a parcel of CKMP land is used as by BC Fisheries as Salmon Hatchery.

2.2 Wildlife Values.

Key Species of Concern:

Mountain Caribou:

There have been programs and efforts lead by the Revelstoke Snowmobile Club and Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club for the past 20 years, working in conjunction with the Species at Risk Coordination Office, in the education and management of Mountain Caribou habitat areas. Numerous public meetings were attended by CKMP representatives regarding Mountain Caribou Recovery planning and strategies. CKMP was in direct contact with Mark Zacharias SaRCO Director and provided input and documentation regarding Mountain Caribou recovery. A letter was sent by Mark Zacharias to CKMP in response.

CKMP is committed to informing all tour members of appropriate behavior in Mountain Caribou encounters before the clients are taken on the tours.

Mountain Goat:

Eagle Pass and Begibe (north borders only) have been identified as late winter goat ranges.

Grizzly Bear:

Grizzly Bear encounters can occur, typically in the Spring time when bears begin to emerge from dens.. CKMP will use a avoid-when-seen strategy with all encounters to mitigate any disturbances to wildlife.

Moose:

Moose are a regionally important species in the lower elevations leading to the areas. Moose encounters are rare but might occur along groomed trails in the valley bottoms. Additional sites where moose might be encountered include lower elevation areas and at the base of avalanche chutes which are first to green-up in the spring.

Other Species:

Wolverine, Marmot exists as possibilities for encounters.

Operational Strategy:

CKMP will make every effort to minimize disturbance if Caribou are encountered and employ a avoid-when-see strategy. CKMP will follow the desired behaviors in the most current Wildlife Guidelines for Backcountry Tourism/ Commercial Recreation in British Columbia. The guidelines were developed to ensure that backcountry recreation activities are conducted in a manner that does not compromise the current distribution of wildlife, the sustainability of their populations, or the integrity of their habitats. These guidelines define results, desired behaviors, indicators, and limits for backcountry activities in relation to wildlife and their habitats.

Other Red and Blue Listed Species or Regionally Important Wildlife

Operational strategies will be continually improved and developed for all species of concern in the tenure area. CKMPs consultation with MFLNRO and with regular communication with MFLNRO biologists will continue to develop and improve operations to reduce impacts and improve mitigation strategies.

2.3 Water Values

There are several watersheds within the proposed tenure area. CKMP's activities and proposed operations should have no impact on water quality. CKMP practices low impact personal management practices avoiding water sources. It strictly practices pack in – pack out policy with garbage, and their clients carry bottled drinking water.

CKMP does not intend to cache fuel in the woods or proposed operating areas.

2.4 First Nations

Front Counter BC provided a list of First Nation Bands with possible conflicting features. CKMP has contacted and introduced its management plan to all listed Bands.

The bands contacted are listed in the appendices.

CKMP recognizes First Nations and their interests, and as such CKMP will introduce its Management Plan to all possible overlapping Bands for consultation and input.

Concerns brought to the attention of CKMP included:

- Traditional Trapping areas
- Environmental Impacts
- Potential artifacts or sites located

The First Nations most proximal to the proposed areas is:

Adams Lake Indian Band

Little Shuswap Indian Band

Neskonlith Indian Band

Okanangan Indian Band

Splats'in First Nation

Lower Similkameen Indian Band

Carl Kuster is also a member of the Métis Nation of Alberta. The Métis are full fledged rights-bearing people with constitutionally protected Aboriginal rights. CKMP is currently working with Aboriginal Business Canada, specifically the All Nations Development Corporation Kamloops office to ensure the long term viability of CKMP.

Section 3: Overlap with Existing Use

3.1 Mineral Tenure

CKMP recognize Mineral tenure rights in application areas and have identified the following holders through the ILRR Data Base.

Queest Mountain: ID# 1000935 Craig Watters (near or adjacent to Queest riding area)

Eagle Pass: ID# 2438741/2116945(the are additional ID#'s) Dave Chamberland

Begbie: ID# 2348723 Greenback Ventures

Begbie: ID# 2429330 Bradley Wilson

Mt Griffin: ID# 2256479 North America Mining

No overlapping Mineral Tenures in Owlhead or Blue Lake

Information obtained on October 1st 2012 from ILRR Data base.

I acknowledge that the mineral tenures listed above overlap with my area of use and understand that I may have to coordinate access and activities with the tenure holders. I further acknowledge that additional mineral tenures may be located in my area of use in the future and that I may have to coordinate access and activities with the tenure holders.

Signed: _____

3.2 Timber Tenure & Forest Use

The proponents recognize that the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Operations and the forest companies are not obligated to manage the area for visual quality. Some areas may receive visual quality management while others do not.

There are six operators working near or in the area as identified through the ILRR Data base. They include:

- Louisiana Pacific
- Gorman Brothers
- Stella Jones
- Downie Timber
- Tolko
- Canoe Federated CO-OP

In order to mitigate risks while travelling on all Forest Service Roads, CKMP has developed a Communications Protocol using the forest roads designated 2-way channel frequencies to communicate with Timber operations when the possibilities exist for logging activities. Discussions with Louisiana Pacific regarding Road Use Agreement have taken place.

CKMP will deploy a departure protocol that covers CKMP mandates and best practices in regards minimizing damage to forest plantations and possible future crops.

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3.3 Land Use Planning, Local or Regional Zoning Requirements

There are no Land Use Planning, Local or Regional Zoning conflicts at this time.

CKMP has had frequent meetings with Rhona Martin Region "E" elect in order to understand the areas long term vision. Currently Region "E" is undergoing the preliminary steps of developing an Official Community Plan (OCP). A "Draft" OCP has been submitted August 8 2008 for additional public feedback.

Reference Documents:

Region "E" Parks Plan February 17 2007

OPC Draft August 2 2008

Sicamous Economic Profile

Okanagan Shuswap Land Resource Management Plan

Shuswap Trail Alliance

The Okanagan Shuswap Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP)

The Okanagan Shuswap LRMP was developed by over 30 different participants between 1995 and 2000. The plan was approved by government on April 11, 2001. The LRMP provides an integrated strategic direction for the management of Crown Lands in the Okanagan Shuswap. Many different resource management zones, (RMZ's) were developed that cover 93 % of the plan area excluding protected areas. This tenure management plan is intended, wherever possible, to be consistent with LRMP directives (Okanagan-Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) Map, December 2001; <http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/kamloops/okanagan/index.html> ; MFLNRO).

3.4 Commercial Recreation Tenure & Guide Outfitter Territories

CKMP has identified through the ILRR Data Base and Map queries overlapping Commercial Recreation Tenures. Maps quires of all existing Commercial Recreation Tenures and other Tenure holders in CKMP's Areas of Interest have been reviewed to best understand and plan where CKMP could minimize overlap.

CKMP has and will continue to create working and support relationships to co-exist with all Tenure holders. A number of changes have already been made to proposed tenure areas to better work with adjacent and overlapping operators. Backcountry recreation users, both public and commercial operators are responsible to form, implement and follow best practices. Opportunities exist where there is overlapping areas to share information regarding risk areas, wildlife spotting, and help in the facilitation of emergency response.

Currently CKMP has identified the following Commercial Recreation Tenure holders in areas of interest. CKMP has introduced its Management Plan and Adventure Tourism Operator Input Forms to all known Commercial Recreation Tenure holders.

- Eagle Pass Heli Skiing –Queest Mountain/Eagle Pass
- Canadian Mountain Holidays – Heli Ski Eagle Pass/Begbie
- Heli Canada Adventures- Heli Hiking
- Monashee Powder Snowcats

CKMP has had discussions with two Guide/Outfitters: Sugar Valley Outfitters, Scott Mackenzie and Adams Lake Outfitters Laurie Friesen, after review of the management plan and with adjustments made to the mapped areas there would be no negligible effect on Guided Outfitting. CKMP as also sent a copy of the management plan to Monashee Outfitting, Brian Glacier at this time there has been no feedback from this outfitter.

Reference Documents:

Addressing the Needs of Tourism in Dealing with Overlapping Land Tenures October 24 2004

I acknowledge that my areas of use may overlap with a commercial recreation tenure and/or guide outfitting territory. I understand that I am required to contact these tenures holders have them complete an Operator Input Form. I will receive this information from the regional Front Counter BC office.

Signed: _____

3.5 Public Use and Access

Winter Public Recreation

Ski Touring

Most of CKMPs proposed areas are heavily used snowmobile areas and therefore public ski touring typically occurs in areas outside those that CKMP intends to use. At all times of the year, CKMP will practice, where practical, active avoidance when ski tourers are noted in the area. This may mean staying flexible and moving to a different drainage or hillside to avoid these individuals. It should be noted that it is not always possible to avoid visual and auditory disturbances. It is sometimes necessary to remain in an area if testing, filming or training is under way and a certain type of terrain is available and required.

The Begbie mapped area will have overlap for a 15 day period from April 15th to April 30th with Heli Canada Adventure who offer Heli-Hiking, Heli-Snowshoeing and Heli-Ski Touring. An agreement has been drafted that would see both parties working together during this 15 day period with priority given to Heli Canada Adventure activities.

Public Snowmobiling

There are 2 snowmobile clubs operating within CKMP tenure or bordering it; the Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club and Revelstoke Snowmobile Club. The clubs have expressed the following main concerns to CKMP.

Revelstoke Club:

- 1- Required a better understanding of frequency of use and group sizes
- 2- Increased use of parking lot areas that are at times past capacity
- 3- The possibility that CKMP might make agreements with other operators or Tenure holders in the area that might be beneficial to CKMP in a “commercial setting” but not necessarily beneficial to the Snowmobile Club in a public setting.
- 4- The Revelstoke Snowmobile Club and Grooming Society for this area are separate entities. Because of this the Club is often overlooked and resources can be taxed by large groups organized by Manufactures or Dealers.

CKMP has gained a better understanding of the challenges faced by the Revelstoke Club. In order to mitigate concerns discussed with the Club CKMP has provided additional information on intended levels of use and types of activities. CKMP will become an active member of the Club to assist in projects and events that are beneficial to the Club, and the community. Additionally CKMP has the ability to assist in projects like parking lot expansions by providing heavy equipment (loaders, crawlers, bobcats) as well as assist in the maintenance of parking lots, trails and alpine cabins.

Eagle Valley/Sicamous Club:

- 1- Required a better understanding of the scope of all activities
- 2- Frequency of use of the “back” access of into Queest Mountain
- 3- Any application that may request a reduction in the current riding areas used by the Club for “private” use by CKMP
- 4- Current lack of Tenured Operators that can provide Guided services in riding areas that are maintained by the Club and Grooming Society
- 5- Increase volume in parking areas that are already at capacity

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CKMP has worked with the clubs to mitigate these concerns by attending Club meetings to discuss CKMP activities and levels of use. CKMP has an agreement with the Club to pay and access/cabin user fee for commercial

activities when the “back” access route is used. CKMP has become an active member of the Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club and is currently involved in Club events. CKMP also has the ability to assist in projects like parking lot expansions by providing heavy equipment (loaders, crawlers, bobcats) as well as assist in the maintenance of parking lots, trails and alpine cabins.

CKMP has made plans to touch base with each club at least twice annually to ensure that both CKMP and the mandate of the clubs are being met. And when possible attend club meetings. It is anticipated that contact will be much more than two times a year as CKMP and the clubs have plans for demo days activities, have discussed shared trail grooming, parking lot area expansion projects and other activities that will benefit all.

5.5.1.3 Public Recreation Trails

There are designated public recreation trails leading to and within CKMP proposed areas. CKMP will be contacting the District Recreation Officers to ensure the necessary authorizations and agreements are in place to share these designated trails.

Appendix 1 - Hazards and Safety Plan

From a safety and liability perspective you are required to have a Hazards and Safety Plan that meets or exceeds Workers Compensation Board and approved industry standards. Please note that you meet this requirement by checking off the appropriate box below and signing.

CKMP's Health, Safety, Environmental and Avalanche Plan include guide training and certification as well a specific training in risk assessment and decision making. Appropriate waivers are presented to each participant fully explaining the risks of guided winter backcountry snowmobiling and are required to be signed by and witnessed before they are allowed to participate. Experienced guides carry various emergency radio and telephone communication and are practiced at managing hazards and incidents while summoning available help - especially helicopter evacuation.

CKMP has contracted the services of Doug Washer Inc. recognized industry leader in drafting Risk Management Planning for the Adventure Tourism Industry. Doug will assist in the development of guide training manuals, policies and procedures. Doug will also assist in identifying and documenting and all possible and known backcountry risk areas in the designated snowmobile riding areas to mitigate risk to our clients.

CKMP Has also acquired a Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy that covers Snowmobile and ATV activities.



I certify that I have prepared Hazards and Safety Plan which meets or exceeds Workers Compensation Board, WorkSafe BC and approved industry standards and that my operation will meet the requirements of this plan.

_____ Signed

_____ Date

APPENDIX-10 The Shuswap Trail Alliance: Background Brief

February 04, 2011

The Shuswap Trail Strategy. . .

– Well-designed, well-signed, well maintained, well promoted –

The Shuswap Trail Strategy is a regional multi-stakeholder initiative working to establish the entire Shuswap watershed as a united destination trail center known for its active lifestyle, vibrant culture, natural beauty, and commitment to sustainable ecology. It acknowledges that well designed, signed, maintained, and promoted, a trail network is an asset of significant economic value.

Since 2006, trail routes, signage, educational materials, guides, maps, and supporting services have been developed to encourage healthy, active lifestyle choices; profile local heritage and culture throughout the Shuswap (with a priority on developing trails in partnership with the Shuswap First Nations); increase opportunities for outdoor non-motorized recreational travel throughout the Shuswap; build new opportunities for environmental education and ecological encounter, and establish a new driver of sustainable economic opportunity within the region.

Simply put: the Shuswap Trail Alliance is working to park cars and get people on bicycles and their feet throughout the region.

The Shuswap Trail Alliance was formed in 2005 as an umbrella organization through which local trail advocates could work more effectively together with First Nations, stewardship, government, business, and community organizations. A 2-year feasibility study and regional consultation was completed in 2006, a five-year strategic business plan was completed in November 2007 to guide the direction of the program.

A core priority for the Shuswap Trail Alliance is the creation of purpose built, sanctioned, and sustainable trails for active mobility, recreation, and ecological awareness by non-motorized users. A collaborative approach with motorized recreational trail user groups has been taken, however, particularly in regard to regional strategic trail planning and management.

The Shuswap Trail Alliance provides the formal organizational structure for regional trail stewards to work in partnership with First Nations, Crown, and government land managers on trail development, management, and promotion. With the formation of the Alliance, all trails are now authorized and built to current best practices in sustainable design using the Provincially endorsed IMBA/Whistler Standards.

The Shuswap Trail Alliance has also taken an infrastructure/education/marketing approach to growing a true trails community, believing a trail is only as good as it is used and cared for. Working in partnership with Shuswap Tourism and other regional organizations, the Alliance is promoting the Shuswap as an emerging trails centre for hike, mountain bike, Equestrian, Nordic, and paddle trail experiences within British Columbia. To this end, we are proud to be participating partners with Shuswap Tourism, Thompson Rivers University's School of Tourism, the REDTREE Rural Tourism Project, and the Provincial Mountain Bike Tourism strategy.

Shuswap Trail Milestones to Date

Using a collaborative model that involves the commitment of local government and stewardship organizations, the Shuswap Trail Alliance has developed the organizational leadership and technical knowledge required to build and maintain a sustainable, world class trail network throughout the region.

The Alliance has engaged the respect and support of more than 200 groups, organizations and businesses; completed a year and a half feasibility, research, planning, and mobilization process; developed a long range Strategic Plan; translated the strategic plan into a focused 5-Year Business Plan; and has successfully coordinated five years of on the ground trail development projects.

Since 2006 the Shuswap Trail Alliance has worked with regional partners to:

- establish over 50 km of new authorized trails for hiking, mountain biking, equestrian, and winter nordic ski and snowshoe use

- create six new signature destination trail systems within the Shuswap (Park Hill Salmon Arm, Blind Bay/White Lake, Reinecker Creek, the Rubberhead Mountain Bike system, Scotch Creek Hlina Lookout, and the 38 km epic cross-country Larch Hills Traverse trail between Salmon Arm and Sicamous)
- provide facilitation, training, and consultation support for community greenway projects
- assist in construction of the John Evdokimoff Bike Skills park designed by Jay Hoots
- design and place over 140 standardized wayfinding trail signs throughout the region
- repair and upgrade existing trails, including Sicamous Creek, Sorrento-Blind Bay Park, Turner Creek, Joss Pass, and most recently the Enderby Cliffs with Splatsin and BC Parks
- protect the Larch Hills wetlands from seasonal environmental damage
- establish best practises for environmental trail stewardship planning in the province
- make good maps and guides that people can access and use
- promote trails and the Shuswap to tourists in partnership with Shuswap Tourism
- assemble equipment valued at over \$55,000 for future trail work
- coordinate more than 40 volunteer trail building events totalling 3300 hours and valued at over \$50,000
- create 35 fulltime seasonal jobs employing over 50 people in 2009 and 2010
- double every local dollar raised with matching grant investments
- establish the Trails Legacy Trust Fund with the Shuswap Community Foundation
- and advance consultation with Shuswap First Nations and regional government leadership establishing a commitment to work toward more accountable regional greenway trail planning and collaboration

See: www.shuswaptrailalliance.com

Partners and Sponsors

The Shuswap trail Alliance acknowledges the support of Western Economic Diversification Canada, Services Canada, the Province of British Columbia, the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust, the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Shuswap Tourism, the City of Salmon Arm, the District of Sicamous, Salmon Arm Savings and Credit Union, the Rotary Club of Salmon Arm, Community Futures Development Corporation, Thompson Rivers University School of Tourism, Skookum Cycle and Ski, Waterways Houseboats, over 200 regional businesses, and the 100s of individuals and volunteers from around the Shuswap who have helped to make our communities healthier places to live.

New funding partners are being sought to advance the Shuswap Trail projects in 2011.

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CKMP has attended planning meetings hosted by the Trail Alliance in order to help understand and plan and map the use and proposed use of trail systems for all user groups in the areas between Sicamous and Revelstoke.