

FRIENDS OF THE ROSSLAND RANGE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2009

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that the Directors investigate the possibility of creating a forest demonstration project in the Strawberry Pass area, including potential funding sources and partnerships.

Discussion:

A forest demonstration project would meet our goal of educating people in local communities about an important value in the Rossland Range. Forest ecosystems, and the forestry that is carried out in them, are as much a part of our heritage as e.g. mining, the former weather station, our watersheds, historic trails, or our skiing history. People who understand our forests, and how forestry is (or ought to be) conducted in them, will be better stewards of the forests, and better prepared to interact constructively with our forest tenure holders.

A possible outcome would be a forest interpretation trail (or trails, or route) with interpretive signage, e.g. forest type and history, ecological significance, issues to watch for (wildlife, beetles, weeds, etc.), forestry history and rationale, etc. The interpretive site could be used for guided trips (like the hikes FORRS presently leads) as well as self-guided tours. Like the Streamkeepers program, it would be a valuable resource for teaching our local students about the Rossland Range. (The forest tenure holder may be interested in expanding the scope of e.g. a student tour to include talks on what jobs in the woods are about, how it feels to be a forest worker, how a forestry operation runs from trees to finished product, etc.)