

# Friends of the Rossland Range

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Honourable George Abbott  
Minister of Sustainable Resource Management  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

Dear Honourable Minister:

**Re: Friends of the Rossland Range  
Old Glory Alpine Area  
Protection for Non-Motorized Status  
(Follow-up to our letter of March 22, 2005)**

I am writing further to our letter of March 22, 2005 (please note the incorrect date (2004) in that letter).

This is to make you aware that most of the area, for which protection is sought, already has the legal status as a Registered Recreation Site with legally defined objectives for non-motorized recreation, and is crossed by two popular, well-used, registered trails also with established non-motorized objectives.

“Old Glory Recreation Site/Trail”:

File No. 2434

Applicant: District manager

Address: 845 Columbia Avenue, Castlegar, B.C. V1N 1N3

Date: 1997 – 09 – 05

And,

“Ridge Rec Trail”

File: 16660 – 20 – REC6738

Date: 1999 – 05 – 12

One would think that this circumstance would be sufficient to preclude the Province accepting tenure applications for motorized commercial activity such as snow-cat skiing. However, this has not been the case with two commercial snow-cat tenure applications in this area having been accepted for consideration by the Province during recent years.

We seek your assurance that the current non-motorized status will be recognized and applied forthwith by the Province in this regard. Such assurance would be a first step in the short term. The Friends of the Rossland Range will continue to pursue more

substantial protection for historic, non-motorized activities in this relatively limited and very important area.

Your attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments.

Yours truly,

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