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Mr. Les Carter, Director  
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Dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to reconsider your proposal to establish a "Designated Recreation Area" in the Rossland Range area.

Recreation Sites and Trails BC staff recently met to discuss the issue and have committed to re-examine your proposal. A major consideration in this decision is due to the recent filling, on a permanent basis, of the vacant Recreation Officer position in the Kootenay Boundary Recreation District after 18 months of uncertainty in this important role.

Justin Dexter, the recently appointed Recreation Officer, is currently working through a considerable backlog of authorization requests in the Kootenay Boundary District and is working as quickly as he can to deal with outstanding issues. To assist him in reviewing your proposal for the Rossland Range area and exploring viable options, he has secured assistance from Regional Operations staff.

Justin will be in contact with you soon to set up a meeting for the month of April to further discuss your proposal. If you wish to contact him in the meantime, he can be reached at 250 825-1212 or [Justin.Dexter@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Justin.Dexter@gov.bc.ca).

Thank you for your patience with this matter and for your continued commitment to public recreation in the Rossland Range area.

Sincerely,

Gary Townsend  
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Justin Dexter, Recreation Officer  
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