



Vanderhoof LRMP

Integrated Land Management Bureau

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PLAN IS ENDORSED

In March of 2008, the Vanderhoof Access Management Plan for Forest Recreation was officially endorsed and signed-off by the Regional Executive Director of the Integrated Land Management Bureau. Staff and managers from the Ministry of Forest and Range, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Tourism, Sports and the Arts and the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands provided their full support and approval.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN

The *2008 Access Management Plan for Forest Recreation* has a simple intent:

“Provide all folks living or visiting the Vanderhoof area with a range of choice for quality public recreation activities and experiences. This is accomplished by identifying areas for specific recreation opportunities that provide certainty and reduces conflict between recreationists”.

The right to access crown land is still maintained. This updated plan is a balance between providing equal opportunities to access crown land while ensuring certainty for resource development is maintained.

Some of the highlights of the plan include:

- the management of road densities to maintain the integrity of recreational experiences for both motorised and non motorised uses.
- the identification of the Permanent Road Network that is recommended to be maintained over time to ensure on-going access to various recreation areas.
- Increased opportunity for motorised recreational activities.

The *2008 Vanderhoof Access Management Plan for Forest Recreation* is a policy plan that provides choices and flexibility for implementation and continuous improvement.

PLAN PROCESS

The *2008 Access Management Plan for Forest Recreation* is the result of a collaborative effort that involved stakeholder groups, organised clubs or associations, the general public and government agencies.

The iterative process was transparent and inclusive to ensure that the diverse cross-section of interests, values and opinions within the Vanderhoof plan area were represented and engaged. Input and information was gathered and received from a variety of sources at a variety of events over a three year period.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

The *2008 Access Management Plan for Forest Recreation* is providing policy information on the management of the recreation values in specific Access Management Designations.

Implementation of the Plan will rely heavily on:

- voluntary compliance from the public and stakeholders
- tolerance and consideration from the communities
- education and extension to build understanding
- commitment from government agencies
- professional reliance from industry.

Successful implementation of the Plan will be a collective and combined effort from all; no one party is solely responsible for implementation.

FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT

Feedback and comments are important to the implementation monitoring of the plan over time; it is critical that an opportunity to collect this information from community members is available so that it can be tracked and used for future reference.

Please visit the Vanderhoof LRMP website and click on the *"feedback link"* to provide government with important and useful information regarding how the plan is being implemented.

WHERE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

All information pertaining to the 2008 Access Management Plan for Forest Recreation is available on the Vanderhoof LRMP website:

<http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/lup/lrmp/northern/vanderhf/index.html>

The information available on the website includes:

- Access Management Plan Map
- Background and Reference Document that provides all the supporting technical and social information
- Endorsement letter from the Regional Executive Director of the Integrated Land Management Bureau

Hardcopies of the Map, along with the Background and Reference Document are available for viewing at the Service B.C. Office and the Ministry of Forest and Range District Office in Vanderhoof.

In May 2008, a limited supply of a map-like brochure titled *"Forest Recreation and the Access Management Plan"* will be available for public distribution, from the same locations as mentioned above.

This brochure provides an overview of the forest recreation opportunities available (recreation sites, trails) within the Vanderhoof LRMP planning area for motorised and non-motorised recreationists.

For more information regarding the Plan, please contact the Ministry of Forests and Range in Vanderhoof: 250-567-6363 or the Integrated Land Management Bureau: 250-565-6779



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