

Mackenzie Rocky Mountain Riders

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Mackenzie Council and District,

We are writing on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Riders Snowmobile Club. The club wishes to get approval for the use of the trail between the District Office and Morfee Mountain that falls on District owned land. We are also looking for support in applying for the Provincial Permit for the section of the trail that falls on Crown Land between Morfee Lake Second Beach and Morfee Mountain Road.

In addition, to use the trails, the club requests the use of the District's Piston Bully Groomer for grooming Morfee Mountain Road.

The club has submitted an application for funding to groom the trail with the District and we are working on a submission for funds through the REDIP-ED Grant as well. The REDIP-ED grant looks for partners in the application. We wish to add the District of Mackenzie as one of our partners, if approved by council. The deadline for the grant is Oct 30th, so time is of the essence for this decision.

The BCSF, in partnership with the clubs, hired out the company McElhanney, to research potential tourism and recreation areas for the South Peace. This is a 94 page report that outlines three different areas within the South Peace that have potential for growth. We recommend interested parties take special note of sections 3.1, 3.2, pages 7-10, as well as as 5.1 and 5.2, pages 12-14, and page 17. Appendix F highlights the opportunities for snowmobile tourism in Mackenzie. The full document can be viewed on the BSCF website here:

<https://bcsf.org/articles/south-peace-snowmobile-development-master-plan-identifies-a-need-investment-of-15-million-dollars>

The report is extensive, but as outlined in section 5.2, the club must start with the basics; to make sure all existing trail, cabin and parking lot infrastructure is legally established or recognized by the land managers. The administrative coordinator has been hired and is currently working on this process with the help of the club executive.

Use of the trail is valuable to the club as it allows the groomer to easily transition from town to the Morfee Mountain Road without damage to the machine. One of the problems the Mackenzie Club has faced is low membership numbers. Once a regular grooming program is in place, the community is more likely to purchase a pass. More memberships shows the Province that snowmobiling is important to the community of Mackenzie.

Sincerely,

Danielle Roscher, on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Riders