

Mackenzie Rocky Mountain Riders

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The vision of the RMR is to preserve the remaining riding areas for future generations.

The RMR has been in existence since the 80's. After caribou closures were implemented, the club dissolved and a new board emerged. This board is intent on managing the remaining ridable areas within the new caribou closure zones.

The club was faced with many challenges, the top challenge being that all four of their cabins are in trespass order. The focus for 2023 and 2024 is to remove the cabins from trespass order by applying for Section 57 applications.

The club does not currently have any management agreements but wishes to make this a long term goal, once the trespass orders are removed.

With the help of McElhanney, the club is following a master plan. This plan focuses on establishing, upgrading, and managing remaining riding areas that are still open. The first project is the upgrade of the Bijoux Cabin. This cabin is currently nothing more than a shed package without a door. It offers very little in terms of an emergency shelter and in order to bring it to standards, needs to be removed and replaced with a proper emergency shelter. Work at Bijoux is a priority for the club.

# **B**IJOUX

## Operating Plan

The Bijoux shelter is under trespass order and is in disrepair. The club wishes to apply to maintain, and construct a new emergency shelter in a location that serves the snowmobiling community and the Indigenous community of McLeod Lake Indian Band.

The Director of the BCSF is currently in talks with Land Management of MLIB to come to an agreement that will suit both parties.



**Strategic Plan for Bijoux:** 

Remove from trespass order with a Section 57 application Replace with a structurally sound, engineered plan based on drawings done by McElhanney for a sea-can design.

# **MORFEE MOUNTAIN**

## Operating Plan

The Morfee Cabin has a properly pitched roof and does not require snow load maintenance.

The snow does slide from the roof and signage will be installed to warn riders to park 12 meters away from the shelter.

There is a clearing west of the building itself where riders can park sleds. This is not a parking lot, but a tree cleared natural spot that allows for sled parking in winter months. In the future it will require some light groomer work to slope from the road into the cabin so that the climb supports family friendly riding.

The groomer will be owned by the District of Mackenzie and Club trainee's will be allowed to run the groomer. Club executives are willing to groom when needed, if this should include sweeping of the cleared area to the west of the shelter.

Annual Checks will happen at the end of April and end of September each season.

#### MONTHLY

- windows cracks, splits
- stove in good repair
- roof for residual snow and ice
- porch, stairs and railing damage and snow removal
- rodent damage, signs of infestation
- firewood supply replaced from shed
- cleanliness, garbage, sweep

#### ANNUALLY



### Strategic Plan for Morfee Mountain Riding Area 2024

- The number one goal for the 2023/24 season was to apply for a Section 57 application with RSTBC in an attempt to pull the shelter from trespass order. The application was submitted and has gone into circulation as of March 19th, 2024.
- To offer a groomed trail from town to Morfee Mountain Shelter by entering into a two year contract with The District of Mackenzie. the club is due to hear back on this process by the end of April 2024.

- baseboards, trim, leaks
- stove pipe cleaned
- chimney, leaks, repairs
- paint, stain, repairs
- repair any wildlife damage
- collection of wood for shed
- cleaning work bee in June, after mud season is over

Each time the road is groomed, garbage will be collected

The Club will collect volunteer information through Google Forms

Human Waste – the outhouse is in need of repairs. In summer of 2024, the facility will be repaired with a plan to replace it in year 2, once funding comes through and our trespass order is lifted.

Funding for pumping of the outhouse will be applied for with District grants and be in line with the funding the District is already offering to MORATA for outhouse pumping. All outhouses will be cleaned at the same time to not overlap costs.

- collection of wood for shed
- cleaning work bee at the end of riding season

# VIRGIN VALLEY

## Operating Plan

Virgin Valley shelter, formally owned by BC Forest Service, is also in

trespass order with Natural Resources Compliance. The club wishes to continue using this shelter and so it has plans to submit a Section 57 application to manage and maintain it. The shelter is in need of repairs, including fixing of the roofline, and the door. The wood stove will be inspected and replaced if needed.

Access to the Virgin Valley cabin is winter access only. Repairs would be done by hauling supplies into site at the tail end of winter to perform the work needed, or left at site and then have workers hike into the cabin site to perform work over the summer.

The maintenance plan is as follows:

JANUARY AND MARCH AND USER REPORTED

- windows cracks, splits
- stove in good repair
- roof for residual snow and ice
- porch, stairs and railing damage and snow removal
- rodent damage, signs of infestation
- firewood supply replaced
- cleanliness, garbage, sweep

#### ANNUALLY

- cleaning work bee at the beginning of riding season
- firewood supplied at beginning of riding season
- baseboards, trim, leaks
- stove pipe cleaned
- chimney, leaks, repairs
- paint, stain, repairs
- repair any wildlife damage



### Strategic Plan for Virgin Valley 2024

- The number one goal for the 2023/24 season was to apply for a Section 57 application with RSTBC in an attempt to pull the shelter from trespass order.
- Once approval is awarded the club wishes to make this shelter structurally sound again by addressing all of the structural, safety and aesthetics it needs to be maintained as an emergency shelter.
- The long-term 10 year plan is to replace this shelter with the emergency shelters that Mcelhanney has provided engineered drawings for. See drawing in Appendix A. This long term plan would be dependent on funding as the access is remote and would require a helicopter drop of the shelter itself and corresponding supplies.

# KEITH'S CABIN

## Operating Plan

Keith's Cabin is located one kilometer east of Powder King and a few hundred meters away from the main highway. Although this cabin, built in the 90's by a man named Keith, does not serve as an emergency shelter, it does serve the community around Powder King as a social meeting place for skiers, and snowmobilers alike.

The cabin was built without permissions from the Crown and is currently in trespass order. The club is making plans to remove it from trespass order by applying for Section 57 to manage and maintain it.

This cabin will provide a meeting pace for locals to enjoy. It will act as an emergency shelter from the elements in desperate situations and it serves as a memorial to local riders.

The cabin is well built and has been kept up. Although aesthetically pleasing, the outhouse is not sufficient to be used on a regular basis. It will need a proper hole dug, and a culvert dug down. Once the club has authorization to do so, the outhouse will be upgraded. Until that time, signage on the door will discourage people from using it.

#### JANUARY AND MARCH AND USER REPORTED

- windows cracks, splits
- stove in good repair
- roof for residual snow and ice
- porch, stairs and railing damage and snow removal
- rodent damage, signs of infestation
- firewood supply replaced
- cleanliness, garbage, sweep



### Strategic Plan for Keith's:

Submit a Section 57 to pull the shelter from trespass order Once approved, update the outhouse Collaborate with Powder King locals to maintain the structure

#### ANNUALLY

- cleaning work bee at the beginning of riding season
- firewood supplied at beginning of riding season
- baseboards, trim, leaks
- stove pipe cleaned
- chimney, leaks, repairs
- paint, stain, repairs
- repair any wildlife damage
- collection of wood for shed
- cleaning work bee at the end of riding season

# 2023/24 Financials

Opening Bank Balance	\$	12,491.27		
Accounts Receivable				
BCSF Membership / Donations	\$	(888.00)		
Total	\$	(888.00)		
Accounts Payable	Payments Made Future payme		payment	
RMR Meeting Room Rental Jan 1 2024	\$	42.00		
Trail Maint - WDL Invoice #12087	\$	4,410.00		
Trail Main - Lucas Hold Invoice #6140	\$	582.75		
Bank Fees	\$	35.00		
RMR Meeting Room Rental Apr			\$	28.00
Corporate Insurance Apr 19 2024			\$	200.00
Total	\$	5,069.75	\$	228.00
Total for the season	\$	8,309.52		

# Completed Projects 2023/24

Section 57 application submitted for management of Morfee Mountain

Application of REDIP Grant - Denied March 15th

Application of District of Mackenzie Grant - deferred to 2024

Initiation of Grooming Project - to commence in winter of 2024



# Upcoming Projects 2024/25

Designs were drawn for the purpose of upgrading structures in remote areas where shelters need to be bomb proof. The designs were submitted for use from McElhanney. See Appendix A for simple sketches.



## Key Personnel 2023/24

### The Board of Directors

Corey Bourne - President Warren Jacques - Vice President Erica Mosser - Secretary Brandon Spooner - Treasurer

### The District of Mackenzie

The RMR snowmobile club wishes to enter into a two year contract from 2024 - 2026 with the DOM for use of their Piston Bully Groomer.

The groomer will be "walked" from Morfee Lake Ball Diamonds to Second Beach, along the road.

Grooming would commence from the PW Works yard to the top of Morfee Mountain.

The value of this contract is estimated to be \$13,000/yr

Training for four groomer operators would be requested with the District.

The groomer would run six times per season.

### **BCSF Administrative Coordinator**

Danielle Roscher - administrative tasks, volunteer recruitment, membership sales, government liaison, social media presence, grant writing.

### Appendix A

Single Unit

