



June 9, 2014

Heather MacRae
Manager, Adventure Tourism
Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations
Prince George, B.C.

Dear Heather:

RE: Muskwa-Kechika Management Area: Adventure Tourism Report – LGL limited

As you will recall, the Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board undertook a review of adventure tourism in the M-KMA and awarded a contract to LGL Limited of Sidney B.C. Maureen Garrity was the lead in undertaking this review.

The purpose was to determine the number of existing tenures/permits that are currently active in the M-KMA and identify what challenges and constraints may exist for new tenures/permits to be issued.

The Advisory Board has reviewed and accepted the LGL report and is now providing that report to you along with direction on each of the recommendations and considerations that LGL identified. This is attached to this letter for referencing.

One of the key issues that the report identified and that has been brought forward to the Advisory Board by several current tenure holders within the Management Area, is the timing for renewal of permits and tenures. It appears that the renewal process has been challenging for these operators to have permits in place and in time for their operating season.

The Advisory Board therefore recommends to the Province of British Columbia that the renewal process for permits and tenures for adventure tourism is both timely and clear for existing operators so that they can plan, prepare and conduct their business in advance and know whether they will be permitted to operate well before their operating season begins.

As for the other recommendations in the LGL report, the Advisory Board would like to establish a meeting with you and senior Ministry staff to review and discuss these recommendations.

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In this meeting, a discussion regarding the provincial tourism strategy “Gaining the Edge” should be included. The Advisory Board is very keen on hearing how this tourism strategy applies and links to the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area.

Please contact us by way of our Secretariat below in response to our advice regarding renewal of permits in the M-KMA along with a meeting to discuss the other recommendations in the LGL report.

On behalf of the Advisory Board, I look forward to setting up a meeting and discussing adventure tourism in the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Killam,
Chair,
Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board

Cc: BC Parks, Lisa Hardy, Protected Area Section Head, Fort St John

Attachment: LGL Ltd report and M-KAB advice on report recommendations

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