



Attention: Anna McIndoe

November 27, 2020

**RE: Board Advice for Redfern Keily Draft Parks Management Plan.**

Thank you, Anna, for the opportunity to respond to the Redfern Keily draft Parks Management Plan. We begin by acknowledging the draft management plan is well thought out and reflects comments previously submitted from the MK Advisory Board and appears to address the historic (pre-park) legacy activities prudently. We are also pleased there are references to Climate Change (Sections 2.4 and 3.1.10) and Cultural Values (Section 2.5).

For your consideration, the following is additional advice regarding the draft plan:

- **Section 1.3.1 (page 4)**

The current wording makes a passing mention of the advisory board. Our advice (in capitals) is to amend the current wording as follows:

*"...As well, a public advisory board was appointed by the Premier, WHICH HAS UNDERGONE AN ANNUAL PROCESS OF REVIEW AND APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS, to provide advice to government on planning and land use management. A trust fund was established to fund projects AND IS HELD BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA (UNBC)..."*

- **Section 1.3.1 (page 5, last paragraph)**

To avoid confusion with other management plans our advice is to add "...park management..." before "...plans..." as noted below (in capitals):

*"...BC Parks worked with the advisory board to ensure that the management objectives and strategies in this management plan are consistent with the objectives of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Plan. Part of the responsibilities of the advisory board are to support the initiation of park management plans and ensure adequate public consultation in the preparation of these PARK MANAGEMENT plans..."*

- **Section 1.6 (dealing with adjacent land use)**

Our advice is a reference to the existence of the ongoing/concurrent Fort Saint John LRMP update in Section 1.6 be added.

- **Section 1.8**

To avoid confusion our advise is the current wording be revised to ensure there is clarity that the Fort Saint John LRMP currently referenced in this section is the original plan and not the one that is in the process of being updated.

- For completeness, and to reflect the potential of any changes arising from the Fort Saint John LRMP Update process our advice is to add the following wording (in capitals):

*"...BC Parks worked with the MUSKWA-KECHIKA MANAGEMENT AREA advisory board to ensure that the management objectives and strategies in this management plan are consistent with the objectives of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Plan. Part of the responsibilities of the advisory board are to support the initiation of park management plans, ensure adequate public*



consultation in the preparation of these plans, AND TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO (GOVERNMENT) ON ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUSKWA-KECHIKA MANAGEMENT AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN..."

- **Section 3.17 (Table that speaks to “Maintain an adequate level of access for users”**  
Clarification of this table is required. The Sikanni River trail is entirely outside of the park and the M-KMA access restrictions apply. The Hunting Regulations for 2020-2022 state, in part, *“...Prohibition of operating electric bicycles in areas where motor vehicles are prohibited or restricted...”*

As the Sikanni Trail is outside of the park, our advice is reference to trail use should be limited to indicating that the trail is used as an access route to the park and ends at Trimble Creek. Additionally, the M-KMA access regulation does not prohibit the use of mountain bikes.

- **Appendix A (...” Snowmobiling for Bison Hunting Purposes...”):**

We commend you for including this table in this draft Park Management Plan. The 2020-2022 Hunting regulations allowed an open Bison season in parts of Management Unit 7-42. This was implemented to limit the spread of Bison that would possibly have a negative impact on other wildlife species.

Our advice is this provision be included and advertised in the Region 7B hunting regulations to inform users of this provision.

Again, Anna, thank you for the opportunity to respond to this plan. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call our Strategic Coordinator, Phil Zacharatos ([mkmasupport@telus.net](mailto:mkmasupport@telus.net) or [philzacharatos@telus.net](mailto:philzacharatos@telus.net)).

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