



ACCESS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS 2015 YEAR END REPORT

Access on Vancouver Island:

Big thanks go to David Parenteau (Region 1 President) and those who helped him with talking to Timberwest about getting access to Timberwest forest lands on southern Vancouver Island. Timberwest has given approval on a trial basis and if it is successful, Timberwest will look at opening up more roads up Island.

Loss of Access:

There have been reports coming in from all over the Province of roads being deactivated and/or blocked off.

- Region 4W – West Kootenay – has been dealing with roads being deactivated before hunting season started which would give the Guide Outfitter exclusive hunting.
- Region 7B – Peace – is dealing with the possible loss of access to crown land with the land being given to First Nations in part to compensate for Site C dam.
- Region 6 – Skeena – problems with gates in the Morrison Lake and Babine Lake area.
- Region 8 – Okanagan – Osoyoos West Bench possible access closure to the motorized communities.

I would like to thank the members in all the Regions for their good work on their Access problems.

To all Regional Presidents could you please send me an up-to-date list as to who is your Access chair person?

Off-Road Vehicle:

On November 1, 2015 it was mandatory to registrar ORVs and the ORV regulations came into effect on the same day. With the regulations is a list of the violation and the amount of the fines.

From November 17, 2014 to February 29, 2016 there have been 64,735 ORVs registered under the ORV Act. This Translates to:

- ATVs at 65% (41,824),
- Snowmobiles at 25% (16,424),
- Off-road Motorcycles at 7% (4,771), and
- Side-by-sides at 3% (1,716).

Declaration forms can be signed by a person authorized under the Motor Vehicle Act Section 66, one of those is a Government Agent. The cost at the Government Agent is \$15.00 and more than one ORV can be put on the one Declaration form, all that is needed is an Appendix attached to it for each ORV.

If you or someone you know had an ORV stolen more than five years ago, you need to make sure that the file with the police is still active, as the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) purges its system every five years.



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The ORV registration is working. In March, 2015 there were two ATVs stolen in the Princeton, BC area and someone tried to register one in Nakusp, BC. Because there was a police report on the ATV, the police were called and the ATV was returned to the owner.

A Cat Ski operation out of Fernie, BC had a snowmobile stolen three years ago and someone tried to register it this year (2016) in Revelstoke, BC. The snowmobile has been returned to the owner and charges are being laid.

Whenever Jeff Mohr, Past-President of ATV/BC and I have had any problems brought to us by members, non-members, and businesses that are having problems with registration, we have taken those problems to two people at ICBC, one is the Manager of Vehicle Registration Programs and the other is Senior Business Analyst of Vehicle Registration Programs. The turnaround time has not been more than two days.

The program is working and the ORV JAG (Off-Road Vehicle Joint Advisory Group) is still working on other items.

Provincial Trails Advisory Body (PTAB):

Some of the things that PTAB is working on are:

- Enhance recreation opportunities by reducing liability risk,
- Consolidate existing trail standards, guidelines, and best practices and ensure they are communicated,
- Education programs to foster responsible trail use,
- Compliance & enforcement, Integrate recreation use into resource roads,
- Reduce red tape.

B.C.'s Trails Strategy:

PTAB is working on actions associated with fundamental components to achieve the vision of a sustainable trail program in B.C. There are twenty two (22) action items.

The Key Components are:

- Environmental Stewardship (two action items),
- Collaborative Planning (Five action items),
- Good Governance (three action items),
- Sustainable Funding (two action items),
- Effective Management (five action items),
- Strategic Information and Marketing, and
- Implementation

Respectfully Submitted By:

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