

Cranbrook West Recreation Advisory Committee

Commercial Tenure Working Group Meeting September 25, 2007

Present:

Bill Adair, ILMB CWRAC Chair	Harry Mitchell, MTSA Adventure Tourism Manager
Irene Teske, MOE Wildlife Biologist	FJ Hurtak Kootenay Wildlife Heritage Fund
Sylvia Neufeld, ILMB Notes	Tom McDougall, Kootenay Mushroom & Berry Pickers

Meeting Purpose: *Discussion on Marty Lightburn, proposed base camp in the vicinity of the Bull River Road*

Harry Mitchell, MTSA

- MTSA has received an application from Marty Lightburn to build a base camp on a 1 ha site. This application was received via MOE who has been in negotiation with the two guide-outfitters in the area. If approved, the infrastructure will be added to the existing tenure.
- The proposed base camp is in the vicinity of 36.5 Km of the Bull River Road on the west side of river, known as Havens Road.
- As this is an additional structure, MTSA is looking to CWRAC to amend the RMS to accommodate construction.
- MTSA will adhere to process as agreed upon with the CWRAC

Irene Teske, MOE

- History: Marty has satellite camps in guide outfitting territory but has never had a base camp that is easily accessible. Currently he works out of his home mainly.
- He would like to have a base camp with easy access and has tried to find the least intrusive area
- Vince Cocciolo (the other G-O) and Marty have had an overlap in their guiding territories for about 20+ years. MOE has been negotiating with them to remove the overlap
- Their decision: Vince gets overlap to compensate Marty for the loss of territory
- Marty is being offered the base camp location at Havens Road
- The site is not a heavily used area – goes into a landing

FJ Hurtak

- Wants to be absolutely certain of all issues when they go to the table Oct 9th
- His concerns: what roads will Marty want closed?

Irene Teske

- MOE has only had requests for road closures from resident hunters. Guide outfitters have generally never made such a request including Marty.

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FJ Hurtak & Tom McDougall

- There is no problem with closing the road to get into the camp but it is not ok to close the other access roads in the vicinity.

General Question

- If a base camp is approved, what is the status of the other camps that Marty is operating?

Irene

- Marty wants to keep all 5 of his current base & satellite hunting camps (all tenured) including the new proposed camp, otherwise the new base camp wouldn't be compensation.

Agreed by Tom McDougall and FJ Hurtak that they have no problem with giving Marty his base camp, and rezoning the CWRMS

FJ

- Marty also has a cabin (newly renovated to withstand -20 temperatures) at Fontaine Basin. He keeps this cabin locked and uses it during spring bear season.

ACTION: Irene will ask Marty about this cabin

ACTION:

- Chair will summarize the process to the CWRAC
- Harry Mitchell will be available to answer questions and update CWRAC table on this application and other Commercial Tenure issues within the planning area.
- FJ and Tom will report out to the CWRAC table and provide a summary of the Commercial Recreation Tenures Working Group meeting.