

Fact Sheet for the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board

The Bulkley Forest District was one of the first in the province to develop a Land and Resources Management Plan (LRMP), with the aid of this group of locally appointed people, the original ***Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB)***, who represented the broad range of public values relating to land use.

Since Cabinet approval of the Bulkley LRMP in 1998, the BVCRB has been monitoring the implementation of the LRMP to ensure that its intent is upheld, as well as responding to land use issues raised by concerned members of the public.

Sustainability is a driving force behind the BVCRB. The sustainability definition in our Terms of Reference includes the following concepts:

- Managing forests to meet present needs, without compromising the needs of future generations;
- Providing stewardship of forests based on an ethic of respect for the land;
- Balancing economic, productive, spiritual, ecological and recreational values of forests to meet the economic, social and cultural needs of peoples and communities, including First Nations;
- Conserving biological diversity, soil, water, fish, wildlife, scenic diversity and other forest resources; and
- Restoring damaged ecologies.

A portion of the **purpose** of the BVCRB, as defined in our Terms of Reference is to:

- Provide advice and comment on other resource issues on crown land that relate to the environmental, social and economic well being of the community when, in the opinion of the Board, such advice and comment is warranted;
- Cooperate with the appropriate provincial government committees and agencies in monitoring and evaluating the implementation and effectiveness of the Bulkley LRMP;
- Act as the vehicle for public input on issues arising from the LRMP and public land resource use; and,
- Review any proposed changes to the LRMP and to cooperatively develop a new LRMP when the current LRMP expires.

The BVCRB's Annual Workplan summarises the issues we are working on. Ongoing issues include:

- a) Monitoring the LRMP
- b) Completion of a Recreational Access Management Plan
- c) Water and Fish Resources, including the need for Angling Use Plans on the Bulkley and Babine Rivers;

Upcoming Issues include:

- a) The Mountain Pine Beetle Epidemic
- b) Blue Pearl Molybdenum Mine
- c) Smithers Ski Hill Development.
- d) Coal Bed Methane

We encourage any other interested individuals and groups, to check out the BVCRB website at www.BVCRB.ca, and to be in touch with the BVCRB or its members with any concerns they may have relating to use of Crown lands within the Bulkley TSA.

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