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Regarding Tabor Mountain Strategic Trail, Bridge, Facility and Signs Installation

Dear Tabor Mountain Recreation Society (TMRS):

The Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC) program depends greatly on volunteer groups to manage recreational activities and infrastructure throughout the province. A key part of this infrastructure for Tabor Mountain, is the use of unmanaged roads for the purpose of both motorized and non-motorized recreational activities. For an old road to be maintained and managed for recreational purposes, it needs to be rehabilitated as a “trail” and enforced accordingly. For bridges installed for recreation, not load rated, will have a maximum permitted load of 750 kg. To manage traffic, gates may be installed in key location with recreational opening access of 66 inches or less. The rationale for the restriction focuses on public safety, protection of investments and managing liabilities. Note that trails may become operational roads if a forest licensee obtains approval for harvesting operation and invests in opening road and installing bridges for operations.

As a volunteer not –for-profit organization with a multitude of recreational groups as members of TMRS, you are currently the only organization assisting government (RSTBC) in the management of the recreation infrastructure and activities on Tabor Mountain. Therefore, pursuant to FRR Section 15 (1)(2) RSTBC authorizes the Tabor Mountain Recreation Society to rehabilitate roads into trails, construct new trails, install bridge crossings and gates where necessary to ensure appropriate use of trails, bridges and facilities.

TMRS is responsible for keeping RSTBC district staff informed of rehabilitation projects, and future development prior to implementation. A key component of this process will be tracking and monitoring projects to report out to RSTBC upon request.

The infrastructure belongs to the province of BC and any damage or contraventions to trail use must be reported to Natural Resource Compliance and Enforcement Officers, Conservation Agents or RCMP for appropriate investigation and possible FRR charges or fines.

Your continued support in managing recreational trails and staging area infrastructure on Tabor Mountain is greatly appreciated. .

Yours truly,

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