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Dear Jeremy McCall:

Thank you for the opportunity to meet on February 8, 2011 with yourself, Brian Wood and Alex Wallace to discuss the issue of volunteers in BC Parks and the specific issue of liability coverage. I also appreciate your follow up letter of February 9, 2011.

In consultation with the Risk Management Branch, I can confirm that individuals volunteering in BC Parks are covered by Commercial General Liability Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance provided by the Province. This coverage applies to the course of their duties as volunteers to the Province, as long as they have, among other things, signed a Volunteer Agreement with BC Parks which specifies the nature, location and timing of work.

Please see the attached summary of Liability and AD&D coverage purchased by the Province for individual volunteers. This coverage only applies to individual volunteers while they are performing volunteer work for the Province and does not extend to Directors of volunteer organizations with whom the individuals may also associate. I would like to point out that the coverage provided by these policies differs from coverage provided to organizations under the Forest Recreation Trails and Trans Canada Trails maintenance agreements which provide liability insurance only.

BC Parks is committed to reviewing and re-invigorating the volunteer program in the future. In the short term, I commit to work with my staff to provide clarity and consistency to the program across the province.

I'd like to thank you again for the opportunity to meet with yourself, Brian Wood and Alex Wallace to discuss the volunteer program for BC Parks. I look forward to developing this relationship as we move forward.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tessa Graham".

Tessa Graham  
A/ Executive Director  
Parks and Protected Areas

Attachments: Summary of Liability and AD&D

cc: Brian Wood, President, Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC  
Alex Wallace, Committee Co-Chair, Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC  
Melissa McCabe, Senior Risk Management Consultant, Risk Management Branch