



Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC

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MARCH 2012 E-NEWS

FMCBC NEWS

Southwest BC Recreation and Conservation Committee Update - Brian Wood (SW BC Rec & Con Co-Chair)

Most of the last SW BC Rec & Con meeting was spent discussing several proposals to amend specific aspects of the Garibaldi Master Plan. The committee is developing a submission based on these discussions. The committee also discussed the recreation zoning of the Tricouni Unresolved areas as multi-use and the impact this zoning will have on the non-motorized users in that area. [Click here](#) for a summary of the meeting.

FMCBC Insurance Update

The FMCBC has been informed by our broker at Integro that the underwriter for 2011/2012 will not be able to provide coverage for the FMCBC next year which means that our broker has had to go to market to find us a new underwriter. At this time we are unsure what the premium will be 2012-2013, but will keep our member clubs updated on the situation and hope to have a proposal by the middle of April. [Click here](#) for details.

Jumbo Glacier Alpine Resort Approved

The BC government approved development of the Jumbo Glacier Alpine Resort after years of controversy. [Click here](#) for CBC article on this recent decision and reactions.

Comments from Brian Wood, FMCBC Past President and SW BC Recreation and Conservation Committee Co-Chair on the government's decision to go ahead with the resort:

"After over two decades of vociferous local and widespread provincial opposition, the BC Government has given in to let this environmentally disasterous and financially dubious proposal go forward. The FMCBC and member clubs have opposed this for many years and I expect there will be protests when they start digging, or we can hope the money will run out."

IN THE NEWS

[Snowmobilers disturbing backcountry watershed](#) - Pique Newsmagazine, March 15, 2012

[Sea to Sky Gondola to split Stawamus Chief Provincial Park in Squamish](#) - Georgia Straight, March 15, 2012

[Disease-carrying tick populations spread: study](#) - Times Colonist, March 11, 2012

[Respect for mountains a necessity](#) - Nanaimo News Bulletin, March 16, 2012

[Resource road bill requires care](#) - Invermere Valley Echo, March 8, 2012

MOUNTAIN MATTERS

[Southwest BC Hiking Book History](#) - Hiking books reviewed by Ron Dart (ACC-Vancouver)

[Snow Guardians - Search & Rescue / Ski Patrol Documentary](#) - Proposed documentary about Ski Patrollers and Search and Rescue teams - you can make a pledge to help support the project

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The FMCBC's 2012 **Annual General Meeting** will take place in Squamish on **Saturday, June 2nd** from 9:30am - 4pm with social activities planned for Friday and Saturday evenings and a group hike planned for Sunday morning. If you are interested in attending the meeting and/or social events please download our [AGM registration form](#) and return it to us by **May 15**. Hope you can join us!

The FMCBC is hiring! We are looking for an experienced researcher to work on developing several research papers to assist us and our member clubs with our advocacy efforts across the province. For a detailed job description please [click here](#).

[BC Parks Volunteer Strategy Survey](#) - please fill out this survey to let BC Parks know your opinion and ideas on how to work with volunteers in BC Parks - **DEADLINE MARCH 25**

Help save the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act by signing this [petition](#)

The deadline for Cloudburst articles is **April 15th**. Please [email us](#) your articles, club updates, and trip updates by April 15th and remember to send us your photos for consideration for the cover of our Spring/Summer issue!

[Discover Camping Reservations Site](#) now open for 2012 reservations in BC Parks and you can get your backcountry permit by visiting [Discover Camping Backcountry Reservations](#) - time to start making those summer plans!

If you have a story or new article about trails, backcountry access or conservation from your region of BC, please [email](#) it to us so we can include it in the next issue of the FMCBC E-News.

[Click here](#) to view the Fall/Winter 2011 issue of Cloudburst. The deadline for articles for the next issue is **April 15, 2012**

Visit the [Canadian Avalanche Centre](#) for current conditions and bulletins

Visit Bivouac via the FMCBC [website](#) to report ORV infractions

Visit [Canada Helps](#) to make a donation to the FMCBC

The FMCBC is looking for volunteers. [Click here](#) to find out how you can get involved.

The FMCBC would like to thank [Mountain Equipment Co-op](#) for supporting the FMCBC through their generous contribution of office space from which to base our administration.

The mission of the FMCBC is to advocate for safe, self-propelled activities (such as hiking, mountaineering, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, trail running and other backcountry activities) and the protection of BC's backcountry for current and future generations to experience.

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