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Via Email: powderhounds@telus.net

Re: Whistler Blackcomb Public Access to Singing Pass

Dear Mr. Leigh:

I would like to thank you for your letter, dated February 27th, 2016, in regards to public access through the Whistler and Blackcomb Controlled Recreation Areas to Garibaldi Park and Singing Pass. As you know, the Mountain Resorts Branch is striving to find a resolution to this issue that promotes and improves safe public access to Singing Pass. A working group has been established to facilitate communication and cooperation between the user groups, local and provincial government agencies and stakeholders. The Mountain Resorts Branch is, and will continue to be, an active participant on this working group. I have requested that Ms. Tori Meeks, A/Sr. Project Manager, contact you directly to provide an update on the status of communications with the working group and the current direction, as well as facilitating a meeting between the members of the working group and representatives of the Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. and the Alpine Club of Canada.

With regard to your statements about changes to the Garibaldi Park boundary, I am not in a position to speak to this directly and will have to defer to the Ministry of the Environment, BC Parks, to provide a more detailed response to your inquires. If you have information to substantiate your claims it might be helpful to provide that material for reference.

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I encourage you to continue to work with Ms. Meeks, by email Tori.Meeks@gov.bc.ca or by phone (250) 371-3943, as well as other representatives of the working group as they will be able to address any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman Lee', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Norman Lee
Executive Director
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