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Danielle Dodd
Land Officer, Crown Land Authorizations
Sea to Sky District
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
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Re: 678590 BC Ltd Licence of Occupation for commercial recreation (snowmobiling) Land file
Number 2408283

Dear Ms. Dodd,

The Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia (FMCBC) is an umbrella organization of 27 outdoor recreation clubs, with about 3500 individual members in total, dispersed throughout the province. For almost four decades, the FMCBC has represented the interests of self-propelled/non-motorized backcountry recreationists by maintaining and improving backcountry and wilderness experiences for our members and the public.

We are strongly opposed to the above noted Licence of Occupation accessing the proposed tenure area via the Soo River Valley as the Soo River Valley is designated as a non-motorized area for both public and commercial recreation under the Sea to Sky LRMP. We feel very strongly that the LRMP designations must be adhered to when new Licence of Occupation applications are being considered.

We are also concerned with the continuous expansion of motorized recreation within the Sea to Sky corridor as it inevitably comes at the detriment of both non-motorized users and the environment. At a time when snowmobilers continue to frequently and blatantly disregard the ban on snowmobiles in the Twenty-one Mile/Rainbow Lake non-motorized area it is counterproductive to legitimize snowmobile use by adding yet another snowmobile tenure to the Sea to Sky corridor as it rewards bad behavior and further reduces the already limited number of areas available to non-motorized backcountry skiers.

We thank you for this opportunity to express our views.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Webster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Scott Webster
President