



## Federation of Mountain Clubs

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### **Tantalus Provincial Park trail access**

Dear Ms. Haberl,

The Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia (FMCBC) sends this letter in support of efforts by BC Parks to secure permanent access for the public to the trail to Tantalus Provincial Park. The FMCBC represents non-motorized recreationists and outdoor clubs from around the province with a membership of about 3500 individuals.

The usual access on foot to the area of Tantalus Provincial Park has been to drive to the east bank of the Squamish River and cross the river by canoe to the Lake Lovely Water trailhead on the west side. The 4km trail leads to Lake Lovely Water and the Alpine Club of Canada's Tantalus Hut. This area is very popular for hiking, rock climbing and mountaineering in the spectacularly rugged Tantalus Range. Many parties also just hike up to Lake Lovely Water to camp with glacier views at the lake.

Long-term, secure access to Lake Lovely Water and Tantalus Provincial Park is compromised by the necessity of crossing private property to reach the trail in Tantalus Provincial Park. On the east side of the Squamish River, the last part of the road and the usual parking area is on Squamish Nation land, while the lower section of the trail on the west bank of the river is on private land that is currently for sale.

The FMCBC strongly supports efforts to secure a long-term agreement with the Squamish Nation regarding the use of their land for access and parking on the east side of the Squamish River. On the west bank of the river, a transfer of Crown land to BC Parks and re-routing the lower part of the trail away from the privately owned land would ensure future access to the trail in Tantalus Provincial Park.

Maintaining trail access to Tantalus Provincial Park via Lake Lovely Water trail is fundamental to keeping this magnificent park accessible to the public.

Sincerely,

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