



August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Honorable Doug Donaldson, Minister, FLRRORD  
Honorable George Heyman, Minister, ECC

**re: Nickel Plate Nordic Ski Area**

Dear Ministers Heyman and Donaldson:

The Nickel Plate Nordic Centre is the premier Nordic Centre in the South Okanagan. For several years the Nickel Plate Nordic Ski Club (NPNSC) has been carrying on a conversation with local forestry firms and FLNRORD to resolve current use and future harvesting plans. To date there has been little progress. There is real significance to tree retention in this area as removal will affect the recreational attributes that are important to so many.

We believe that the NPNSC has worked hard to create a sound proposal to expand the existing Nickel Plate Provincial Park to include Nickel Plate Nordic, as well as some of the other more sensitive lands. We understand this proposal has been forwarded to your ministries.

The Federation of Mountain Clubs would like to provide our solid support for this initiative and would hope that your ministries will take a serious review of the Ski Club's plan.

The plan encompasses the solid economic, social, recreational and environmental benefits that would accrue to the South Okanagan region – now and in the future. It appears to be a reasonable request - one that is possible if parties are willing to collaborate and cooperate. FMCBC welcomes the opportunity to assist in any way to bring the parties together to accomplish these ends. The 45 clubs and 5,000+ members of the Federation pride itself on finding solutions to local issues through constructive dialogue and respectful actions.

If there is anything the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC can do to assist in making the NPNSC's proposal a reality we will be pleased to offer our services.

On behalf of the FMCBC I thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director