



# Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC

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**Dear Mr. Deines**

**RE: Hillcore Lakeside Pacific Forest Products Ltd.'s Forest Stewardship Plan  
Forest License (FL) A19207**

The Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC (FMCBC) promotes self-propelled activities, such as hiking, mountaineering, trail running, snowshoeing, and backcountry skiing through leadership, advocacy and education. We are a federation of 44 outdoor clubs with a membership of about 5,000 people from across the province. Many of our clubs build and maintain trails, which are used by the public. The FMCBC and clubs engage with outdoor recreation organizations, government agencies and others to protect and maintain access for quality non-motorized recreation in BC's mountains and wilderness.

We are writing to comment on the Hillcore Lakeside Pacific Forest Products Ltd's Forest Stewardship Plan for Forest Licence A190207 (Big Silver, Chehalis, East Harrison, Tretheway and West Harrison landscape units). We are concerned that the Plan identifies only 2 trails in Appendix 7 of the Supporting Information - the H.B.C Brigade Trail (heritage trail) and the Mt. Grainger Trail (recreation trail) - when there are many other hiking trails within these landscape units. The proposed Plan also proposes no strategies to minimize damage and impacts on the hiking trails located within the landscape units.

In addition to the two trails listed in Appendix 7, the following trails are located within the landscape units covered by the Plan. These trails are listed in All Trails website: <https://www.alltrails.com/>:

- Mount Woodside trail
- Bear Mountain trail
- Campbell Lake trail
- Weaver Lake trail
- Dog Mountain trail
- Sollicum Peak trail
- Harrison Lookout trail
- Statlu Lake trail
- Clear Creek Hot Springs trail

To protect these recreation resources, there should be strategies in place to maintain the unique recreational experience provided by these trails of hiking through a forested and subalpine setting;

to minimize damage and impacts on these recreation trails; to avoid, where possible, building access roads over these established recreation trails; and, to prevent motorized use of these trails.

Representatives are available to discuss possible strategies to minimize impacts on the trails within the landscape units covered by the Plan.

Regards,

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