

Request for Decision Natural Resource Operations Referral

File No: P 151 100 & 400

Reference: 619503

Date: May 2, 2022

Subject: Crown Land Temporary Licence – Fernie & Kimberley / TransRockies Inc.
Applicant: TransRockies Inc.
Agent: Aaron McConnell
Location: Various trails in the vicinity of Fernie and Kimberley
Legal: Various Parcels of Land Involved

Proposal: A Temporary Licence of Occupation for a Special Event Bike Race along existing recreation trails. There are six stages to the race, four of which take place around Kimberley and Fernie. The races are scheduled for September 6-11, 2022.

Options:

1. THAT the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development be advised the RDEK supports the TransRockies Inc. Crown Land Temporary Licence of Occupation for a Special Event Bike Race in the Fernie and Kimberley area.
2. THAT the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development be advised the RDEK does not support the TransRockies Inc. Crown Land Temporary Licence of Occupation for a Special Event Bike Race in the Fernie and Kimberley area.

Recommendation: **Option #1**
The proposal is consistent with the policies of the OCP.

Property Information: **OCP Designations:**
Multiple OCPs and designations. The race segments utilize existing trails which are in areas generally supported for open space, recreation, trails, rural resource and watershed protection.

OCP Policies:

- To encourage a broad range of all season recreational activities in the resort recreational area.
- The provision of a broad spectrum of outdoor recreation opportunities, suitable for both residents and tourists, that respect the need to protect resource values, is supported.
- Trail users are encouraged to respect private property.
- The RDEK encourages management of Crown land in an environmentally responsible manner that:
 - Protects surface and groundwater sources;
 - Manages forest ingrowth;

**Property
Information -
cont'd:**

- Minimizes risk of interface fire and wildfire;
 - Enhances wildlife habitat;
 - Protects views and scenery;
 - Protects watershed ecological values, including waterfowl and fish and their corresponding habitat; and
 - Maintains diverse plant communities by managing invasive plants.
- Recreation users within the plan area are encouraged to inspect their ATVs, mountain bikes, boats and vehicles for invasive plants and animals to assist in the prevention of the spread and establishment of these species.

Zoning Designations: Multiple zoning bylaws and designations:

RR-60, Rural Resource Zone;
CG-8, Resort Commercial Zone;
P-2, Parks & Open Space Zone;
WP-1, Watershed Protection Zone.

Parcel Size: Area affected: approx. 17.3 ha

Density: N/A

ALR Status: Not within the ALR

BC Assessment: N/A

Water / Sewer Services: N/A

Interface Fire Hazard Rating: Various

Flood Hazard Rating: N/A

**Crown Land
Management
Plans:**

The **Southern Rocky Mountain Management Plan** identifies the subject area around Fernie as partially non-motorized and partially motorized (open for snowmobiles only after March 15 in winter months and motorized, hard surface only, in snow free months).

The **Cranbrook West Recreation Management Strategy** identifies the subject area around Kimberley as partially goat and/or sheep winter range (non-motorized), partially motorized, and partially ungulate winter range: motorized use on roads and identified travel corridors only in winter months and partially motorized and partially non-motorized in snow free months.

**Lake Management
Plans:**

N/A

**Shoreline
Management
Guidelines:**

N/A

**Additional
Information:**

- Previous applications have been submitted and reviewed for events in 2020 and 2021. The events were cancelled due to Covid and now is being reapplied for to run in 2022.
- The TransRockies race has taken place in various locations within the RDEK and other regional districts for several years.
- The referral states that the trails and roads do not require any modification or construction. Minor trail maintenance (removal of deadfall) may be required for some areas of trail. Timber removal is not required.

Consultation:

APC Area A: Support recommended

APC Area E: Support recommended

**Documents
Attached:**

- Location Maps
- Proposal (Executive Summary)

**RDEK
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