



# Request for Decision Natural Resource Operations Referral

File No: P 151 400  
Reference: 539917  
Date: December 20, 2019

**Subject:** Crown Land Licence of Occupation – Ta Ta Creek / Kootenay Dirt Riders  
**Applicant:** Alex Buterman  
**Location:** Crown Land in the vicinity of Ta Ta Creek  
**Legal:** Various

**Proposal:** A Crown land application pursuant to Sections 56 & 57 of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* to establish a recreation trail / site to allow construction (where required) and maintenance of 65 km +/- of trails in the vicinity of Ta Ta Creek and to construct a designated camping / staging area and designate the trails and staging area as a recreation site.

- Options:**
1. THAT the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development be advised that the RDEK supports the Kootenay Dirt Riders Crown Land Licence of Occupation for a trails and staging area recreation site in the Ta Ta Creek area.
  2. THAT the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development be advised that the RDEK does not support the Kootenay Dirt Riders Crown Land Licence of Occupation for a trails and staging area recreation site in the Ta Ta Creek area.

**Recommendation:** **Option #1:** Establishing the existing trails and staging area as a recreation site will give Recreation Sites and Trails BC the needed tools to further engage collaboratively with the Kootenay Dirt Riders Association in ongoing improvements and recreation management in the area. Recreation Sites and Trails BC will ensure the proposed recreation site designation is consistent with ALC regulations.

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**Property Information:** **OCP Designation:** RR, Rural Resource; includes agricultural, rural residential and rural resource land uses with parcel sizes 8.0 ha and larger. The RR designation also recognizes the use of these lands for public utility use, resource extraction, green space and recreation.

**OCP Policies:**

- Efforts to minimize conflicts between motorized and non-motorized recreation users of Crown land within the plan area are supported.
- The Regional District encourages management of Crown land in an environmentally responsible manner which:
  - a) Protects surface and groundwater sources;
  - b) Manages forest ingrowth;
  - c) Minimize risk of interface fire and wildfire;
  - d) Enhances wildlife habitat;
  - e) Protects views and scenery;
  - f) Protects watershed ecological values, including waterfowl and fish and their corresponding habitat; and,

**Property  
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- g) Maintains diverse plant communities by managing invasive plants.

**Zoning Designation:** Most of the identified area is zoned RR-60, Rural Resource Zone, minimum parcel size: 60 ha. Wildland use is permitted. Some portions of the identified land are unzoned.

**Parcel Size:** The area affected is approx. 250 ha. 65 kms +/- of trails plus camping and staging area

**Density:** N/A

**ALR Status:** Mostly within. Pursuant to ALC Act BC Regulation 30/2019 Section 16, a recreation site established under Section 56 of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, is permitted.

**BC Assessment:** N/A

**Water / Sewer Services:** Onsite. The referral states that the applicants propose to install a pit-toilets in the camping / staging area

**Interface Fire Hazard Rating:** Ranging from low to high. Crown land is serviced by the BC Wildfire Service.

**Flood Hazard Rating:** The proposed trail network crosses several creeks and is in the vicinity of several waterbodies.

**Crown Land  
Management  
Plans:**

N/A

**Lake Management  
Plans:**

N/A

**Shoreline  
Management  
Guidelines:**

N/A

**Additional  
Information:**

- The area is proposed to be designated as an established recreation site under FRPA Section 56 (establishing recreation sites or trails on Crown Land).
- The proposed recreation area is intended for all user groups and the general public.

**Consultation:**

**APC Area E:** Not supported

**Documents  
Attached:**

- Location Map
- Proposal
- Maps Provided by Applicant

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