

## Request for Decision Natural Resource Operations Referral

File No: P 151 200  
Reference: 772957 (North)  
Date: April 24, 2025

**Subject:** Crown Land Licence of Occupation – Galloway / Johnston (North)  
**Applicant:** Mike and Margaret Johnston  
**Location:** Galloway  
**Legal:** Unsurveyed Crown Land in the vicinity of Galloway

**Proposal:** The applicants are applying for a Crown Land Licence of Occupation to occupy and use Crown land for roadway purposes to gain access to their northern property to Big Sand Creek Forest Service Road for a term of 30 years or more.

**Options:**

1. THAT the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship be advised the RDEK supports the Johnston (North) application for a Crown Land Licence of Occupation for roadway purposes in the Galloway area.
2. THAT the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship be advised the RDEK does not support the Johnston (North) application for a Crown Land Licence of Occupation for roadway purposes in the Galloway area.

**Recommendation:** **Option 1**

The proposed application does not affect any of the forest service road corridors and as per the Recreation Management Strategy for west Cranbrook, the placement of the proposed roadway is within an area designation that supports motorized use with minimal restrictions in winter months.

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**Property  
Information:**

**OCP Designation:** An OCP does not exist for the subject area.

**Zone Designation:** A zoning bylaw does not exist for the subject area.

**Area of Proposed Roadway:** 0.41 ha.

**Density:** N/A

**ALR Status:** Not within the ALR.

**BC Assessment:** N/A

**Water and Sewer Services:** N/A

**Interface Fire Hazard Rating:** High, moderate and low; within Jaffray fire protection service area.

**Flood Hazard Rating:** Not identified as being within a flood hazard area.

<b>Crown Land Management Plans:</b>	The Recreation Management Strategy for the Cranbrook west district identifies the location of the proposed roadway as being in an area where motorized use is permitted from April to November. The area designation changes during the months of December to March to ungulate winter range, where motorized use is permitted on roads and identified travel corridors only.
<b>Lake Management Plans:</b>	N/A
<b>Shoreline Management Guidelines:</b>	N/A
<b>Additional Information:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The proposed roadway will be 8 m in width, 0.26 km long and connect the northwest corner of the applicant's property to Big Sand Creek Forest Service Road.</li><li>• Removal of trees is necessary to construct the roadway. All debris will be piled, burned and scattered during favourable conditions. The applicants are aware that they will require an Occupant Licence to Cut, for the cutting and/or removal of trees on Crown land.</li><li>• The proposed roadway does not run through but is situated within the vicinity of identified archeological sites. The applicants are aware of the necessary procedures that are to be taken if archeological material/remains are discovered. First Nations had not been consulted at the time the application was submitted.</li></ul>
<b>Consultation:</b>	<b>APC Area B:</b> Support recommended
<b>Documents Attached:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Location Map</li><li>• Aerial Photo</li><li>• Application Overview Map</li></ul>
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