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Terry Burke
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Dear Mr. Burke:

Thank you for speaking with me about the concerns of the BC Off-Road Motorcycle Association (BCORMA), and affiliates, regarding the use of Crown land for events sponsored by local clubs. I have consulted with my colleagues at the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) and the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts (MTSA) in Kamloops and together, we have determined that the events you described do not require formal authorization under the *Land Act* at this time.

The use of Crown land for similar purposes is under discussion internal to government. As you are likely aware, the Province is working towards implementing Off-Road Vehicle legislation and has received input from stakeholder groups as options are developed. If legislation is approved, there may be new requirements for authorization to use Crown land for events sponsored by the BCORMA and local clubs.

In the interim, we recommend that a co-operative approach be taken to minimize the potential impacts to the environment, wildlife and to other users of Crown land. The following direction is proposed. For each event the sponsoring member should, at least, 30 days prior to the event:

- Contact the Front Counter BC (FCBC) office for the geographic area nearest the event.
- The sponsor should provide a detailed map of the event staging area and surrounding event route.
- The sponsor should provide information on the estimated number of participants, locations for camping and parking and a brief description on how waste will be managed.


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- FCBC will conduct a preliminary land status review using the Integrated Land Resource Registry (ILRR) to determine a list of potential contact agencies or individuals that may be affected by the event.
- The sponsor should make contact with each of the parties listed to communicate the scope of the event and to learn of any special conditions or regulations that may apply to the use of Crown land.

No formal letter of authorization or permit will be issued and no fees are attached to the preliminary status review provided by FCBC. We appreciate that the BCORMA and local clubs wish to be viewed as responsible users of the world-class, natural environment of British Columbia and knowing this, we would expect that the sponsor will comply with any applicable legislation and/or regulation affecting the use of Crown land. If a potential conflict is identified, the sponsor will be directed to contact a specific representative of the agency(s) involved and steps will be taken to address those concerns.

If you have any questions regarding the co-operative framework please contact me directly at (250) 377-2163

Yours Truly,



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