



Dear Summit Trail Makers Society Member

This past winter the High Country Access Committee (HCAC) of the STMS, which was formed last October, has been quite active. This committee which is made up of Barrie Hawes, Brian Wesley and Rob Gordon was struck to address the growing motorized in the Alpine issues around Invermere.

The committee has, among other things, written to Minister Thompson of MFLNRO outlining concerns, helped Greenways communicate with the BC Government along similar lines and met with many different individuals. Locally our group has had meetings with Aina Cernenoks of Trails and Recreation sites, Peter Holmes, Ecosystems Biologist, Daryl Crowley, Natural Resource officer and Norm MacDonald, our MLA. All the above have expressed support for what the STMS and HCAC have been doing as well as encouragement to continue.

The HCAC would therefore like to pass on the following information to the membership in the hope that any member who wishes might be able to further aid us all in this area.

- As of June 1, 2015 all Off Road Vehicles need to be licensed and will have to display a rear license plate.
- The BC government has instituted a new phone number for public reporting of infractions on Crown lands which is 1 844 676 8477 or 1 844 NRO TIPS.
- STMS members or any of the public are welcome to report damage and degradation on Crown Lands. Our Society is chiefly concerned with the high country and Alpine but it is up to each individual to decide on the level or degree of involvement they wish to engage in.



- The STMS/HCAC will be placing non motorized signs, hopefully in time for this year's hiking season, on trails it maintains in our area as they all are Designated Non Motorized with the BC Government. This has not been done before.

- The STMS, in general, encourages its members to be stewards of the high country, in a non confrontational way, whilst out hiking on our shared Crown Lands in the high country.

The committee would be happy to share any other information or expand on any of the above should any members of the STMS so wish.

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