

Yalakom Valley Residents

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Values:

- Water licence.
- Wildlife, with highlight of mountain goat.

Concerns:

- Continuation of water licence and access to water works for maintenance and improvements.
- Hunting in local area, with road hunting being an issue.
- Access to parks and to private lands.
- Showing the access to the private land inholding in Fred Antoine Park attracts visitors.

Recommendations:

- Generally agree with Values and Management Intent statements from Lillooet LRMP summaries of preserving and protecting the values within the parks.
- Limit hunting in certain areas due to low goat, sheep and deer populations; hunting not compatible with the residential area of the Yalakom Valley.
- Continue with wildlife studies that aim to gather more management information, e.g. radio-collaring and tracking of deer and sheep.
- Remove old roads that no longer exist from park maps to prevent people from wanting to access the parks at these locations and attract visitors to private lands.
- Close ATV trails from the east; need for signs to indicate allowable uses.
- Close existing roads and trails if not needed (north and east sides of Fred Antoine Park).
- Prevent access by motorized vehicle to Nine Mile Ridge (northeast of Yalakom Park), which is now under a Wildlife Act motorized ban.
- Responsible use of mountain bikes should be allowed.
- Fred Antoine and Yalakom Parks should be primarily for wildlife protection and be managed as wilderness areas. Given the primary objective of protection, there would not be a need for additional access. Access should not be advertised until private land and wildlife impact issues are resolved.
- Address the attraction of visitors to private land within Fred Antoine Park by showing the private land bordering the park on park maps.
- Include prescribed fires as a method for ecosystem management.
- Ensure consistency with the Yalakom Sub-Area Plan within the Squamish Lillooet Regional District Area B Official Community Plan.
- Trail on northwest side of Fred Antoine Park should have been included in the park.
- Water license holders should continue to have access to their water works within the park to maintain and improve them.