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To: 'Ken Holmes'

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Subject: RE: FRIENDS OF THE ROSSLAND RANGE

Hello Ken, sorry for the late response but I have been exploring and pursuing options for commencing work on the Rossland Range project.

I have no doubt that your membership was concerned about my reply that you conveyed to them. For the time being there is little that I can do to commit to starting a planning process for Rossland Range. I have discussed this with my regional manager and forwarded him your note below. I have stressed that we (when MSRM) had included this project in our service plan and had initiated information and mapping compilation work. However, it remains that our service plans have been modified and with limited staff and resources, priorities have been realigned. This is unfortunate. I will commit to you that I will continue to press for the initiation of this project with my manager. If priorities change and the project rises in importance, I will advise you as soon as possible. This project is not off my personal business tasks list yet.

On your last question regarding staff "surveying" huts - Yes one of my staff was in the Strawberry Pass area in the summer. She was doing some field work familiarizing herself with the physical attributes of the area. One of her tasks was to check the numbers and types of cabins in that area. No action was/is intended, we only wanted to determine locations and densities to add to any other information we were trying to compile about the potential project area. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me.

Thank you.

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