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Proposed Sumallo / Silvertip Valley Recreation Area

The Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) has applied to the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) in early 2009 for a proposed 10 hectare Recreation Area on Lot 798 Twp 3 Range 25 W6M Yale District - at the entrance to the Sumallo / Silvertip Valley. The proposed Recreation Area follows an unsuccessful 2005 proposal to ILMB for a larger area in Sumallo / Silvertip Valley by the FVRD.

The Sumallo / Silvertip Watershed is becoming popular for recreational users wanting an outdoor experience close to the Lower Mainland. Its easy access, make it attractive for hikers, equestrian users, ATV's and outdoor enthusiasts alike. The potential for connecting to both EC Manning Provincial Park and Skagit Valley Provincial Park make the outdoor backcountry opportunities very desirable.

The purpose of the Recreation Area is to have an Interpretive/Information Center for recreational users to obtain information of the Sumallo/Silvertip Valley. The Center will not only provide for outdoor recreation information but will also promote outdoor ethics and awareness regarding sensitive areas, species and habitats. ie. (North Cascades Grizzly Bear Recovery Area, use of ATV's, respecting other users, sensitive species ect).

The Recreation Area will be managed under the direction of the Fraser Valley Regional District Parks Program. We anticipate that promoting stewardship and partnerships with other users groups, agencies and residents will assist in preventing unwanted recreational activities that tend to spoil the natural beauty this valley has to offer. The Recreation Area will include the following:

1. Interpretive/Information Center
2. Parking for 6-10 single axle vehicles
3. Parking for equestrian users, snowmobiles and ATV's to unload.
4. The Center is intended to be operational 12 months a year.

To comment (by June 29, 2009)

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