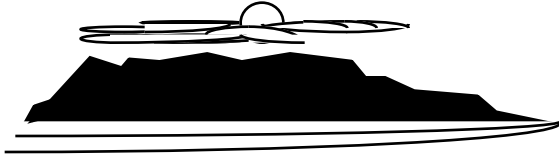


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The Honourable Mr. Barry Penner Minister of the  
Environment PO Box 9047, Stn. Prov. Govt., Victoria,  
BC V8W 9E2

Dear Sirs:

**Re: Application for Ecological Reserve Status- Perry Ridge, Slocan Valley, British Columbia**

The Perry Ridge Water Users Association applies under Section 3(1) of the *Ecological Reserve Act* [RSBC 1996] Ch.103. to have Perry Ridge designated an Ecological Reserve.

It is with a view to ensuring the appropriate level of protection for Perry Ridge that the Perry Ridge Water Users Association is resolved to advance the community's aspirations for the expansion of Valhalla Provincial Park to include Perry Ridge as an Ecological Reserve.

Further to our previous correspondence to the Honourable Mr. Barry Penner, Minister of the Environment, we are enclosing updated materials supporting our application for the designation of an Ecological Reserve. This material was compiled for a submission to the Regional District of Central Kootenays Official Community Planning table. Also enclosed is the Bedrock Meadows Report identifying endangered plants on Perry Ridge.

The Land Use Plan for this area needs to be updated to include newly identified scientific studies, including those recognizing the affect of global warming on steep wet mountains. The existing Land Use Plan is outdated and cannot form the basis for the determination of our application.

We applaud the Ministry's recognition of global warming and its formation of a climate change committee. In this regard, we draw your attention to Tab. 18, Volume II, Climate change in the Canadian Columbia Basin. The establishment of Perry Ridge as an Ecological Reserve will soften the impact of the predicted changes for this area.

Volume III demonstrates the growing popular support for protection of Perry Ridge as an Ecological Reserve.

We look forward to the determination of our application on its merits in accordance with your considerations of the materials we have provided to you. Pending the determination of our application, we request that there be a moratorium on commercial logging and road building on Perry Ridge. At stake is the responsibility of the Province for the safety of the residents who live on Perry Ridge.

Sincerely,

PERRY RIDGE WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

Marilyn Burgoon  
President

Enclosures