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Re: **Access to Lake Lovely Water Trailhead - Tantalus Provincial Park**

Members of The Vancouver Section of the Alpine Club of Canada have, since the early 1900's pursued and enjoyed mountaineering, hiking and other recreational objectives in the Tantalus Mountains. For over 100 years and well before it became a Provincial Park in 1999 our members have been frequent visitors to this area. Over that time we have developed a particular affinity and close familiarity with this spectacular sub Mountain range, its' trails and routes. As managers of the publicly accessible Tantalus Cabin (built in 1961) and Jim Haberl Hut (built in 2005 -replacing the decommissioned Red Tit Hut) we encourage and facilitate mountaineering, hiking and other recreational activities in the area not only by our members, but also those of other clubs and the public at large. The Lake Lovely Water trail is the primary access to the Lake Lovely Water Basin. Which in turn serves as a hub or base for the largest number of park users. We are keenly aware of problems accessing the trailhead. These problems have limited access to many who might otherwise have enjoyed the recreational opportunities the area offers. Therefore we thank you for your efforts to secure dependable, stable access to Tantalus Provincial Park through this trailhead initiative.

We strongly support your efforts, as outlined in the  
–Tantalus Provincial Park – Environmental Stewardship Management Plan 2003  
to secure agreement with the First Nations Squamish Band for road access through Indian Reservation #11 to the Squamish River to improve access to the trail. The road access will allow park visitors to more easily park their cars and approach the river across from the trailhead affording them the opportunity to cross the river by canoe etc to reach the trailhead.

The present trailhead adjacent to and on the west side of the Squamish River, crosses through privately owned land that is up for sale. Continued use of this trail segment is in jeopardy. We endorse your plan (identified in the 2003 Management Plan) to have a small Parcel of crown land adjacent to the private land transferred to BC Parks to enable a rerouting of the lower trail outside the private lands. Such a transfer will ensure future access along the most feasible route into the Lake Lovely Water Basin.

Tantalus Provincial Park encompasses a magnificent area that provides opportunities for a variety of non-motorized recreation from hiking and mountain climbing to fishing and camping, from Photography and Filming to Painting and Birding in a spectacular and truly remarkable alpine setting. We endorse and strongly support your efforts to guarantee friendly and safe access to this exceptional recreational area.

Sincerely

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