



COMMISSION ON
**Resources and
Environment**

December 13, 1994

Honourable Moe Sihota
Minister of Environment, Lands & Parks

Honourable Glen Clark
Minister of Employment & Investment

Dear Mr. Sihota and Mr. Clark:

Re: CORE East Kootenay Land Use Plan
Recommendation 75

I am writing to address a question which has been raised with respect to one of the recommendations in the CORE East Kootenay Land Use Plan, and which concerns your respective ministries.

Recommendation 75 reads, in part, as follows:

The Commission recommends that:

The approval process for a resort development in Jumbo Creek include an environmental assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act.

This recommendation assumes that the environmental assessment process under the *Environmental Assessment Act* will be:

- imminently available to begin reviewing proposals
- efficient in providing a one-window review within strict time limits, and
- effective in providing public participation and the consideration of the full range of values that may be affected by the proposed development

We have since been advised that the design and detailed operational procedures of the environmental review process have not yet been finalized and that the recommended EAA assessment for the Jumbo Creek development proposal would not likely commence for some time. In the circumstances, we would have no objection with the assessment of this proposal proceeding under existing project review processes, so long as they met the conditions of efficiency and effectiveness mentioned above.

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Thank you for considering Recommendation 75 with this clarification in mind.

Sincerely,



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