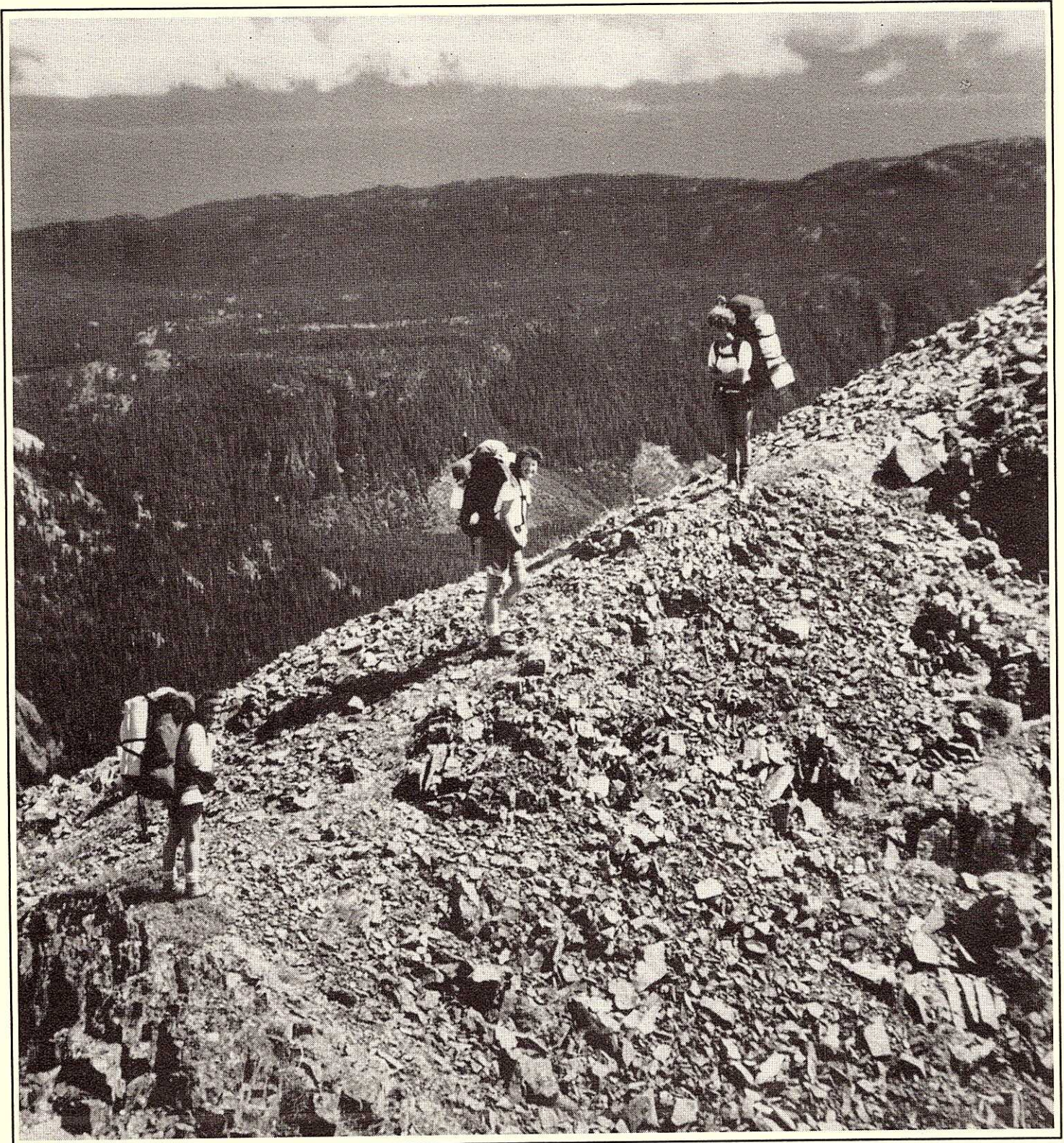


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The Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia (FMCBC) is the official sport governing body for mountaineering in B.C., representing the interests of hiking, climbing and outdoor clubs in the province.

The FMCBC operates as a non-profit organization addressing mountain related issues, promoting safety and education through courses of instruction, and constructing and maintaining hiking and mountain access trails throughout B.C.

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From the Directors

The Board of Directors is pleased to report to the members of the Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. that the past year has been a successful one. The members of the Board wish to acknowledge the Delegates, Committees, volunteers and staff for their contributions to the effectiveness of our Federation.

Membership Membership totals remain steady, with twenty-three clubs, and a fee-paying membership of approximately 4,000. Unfortunately two long-standing member clubs are no longer with us: the Y-Outdoor Club has been dissolved due to lack of membership, and the Squamish Rockclimbers Association have chosen to apply for an associate membership with the FMCBC.

However, we are encouraged by two new member clubs. From Campbell River, we are joined by the Heathens, a very busy mountaineering group with many activities. A new lower mainland group, the WestSide Outdoors Club, has recently been formed and will operate out of the False Creek Community Centre. To both these groups, welcome.

Communication A goal for the Federation this past year has been to improve communication between the Federation and its members.

The newsletter "Cloudburst" has been the main contact that the Federation has with its Member Clubs and their members. Recent comments indicate that most of you feel that Cloudburst is well received and that it has improved over the last year with a good mixture of news and information in an attractive layout.

In order to make the Federation more effective as a provincial organization, the Board appointed two Regional Directors - George Evanoff, a member of the Caledonia Ramblers, Prince George, and Rita Holmes of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club, Castlegar. These two Directors have attended quarterly all day "Regional" Board meetings. Judy Wigmore, Regional Director from Vancouver Island attends these meetings and has also been able to attend some of the Wednesday evening Board meetings too. As our membership increases throughout B.C., we will consider more Regional Directors to ensure the Federation represents issues province-wide.

A *Membership Directory* has been produced this year and has been circulated to all club delegates. It is intended to be a quick reference to all our member clubs in order to facilitate inter-club communication.

A *General Information Brochure* has been produced to describe and promote the Federation to its members, the public, and the agencies with whom we work. It will be distributed to all members and others, with

an insert naming each club and its contact person.

The instructional program has been re-named as "Canada West Mountain School - a division of the Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C." in order to better profile this program which has grown to over 800 course participants a year.

Committees The FMCBC's success is based on the work of its volunteer committees, and this past year has seen many significant accomplishments.

The Recreation and Conservation Committee has completed another full agenda of issues affecting Federation members. We thank the Committee co-chairmen, Roger Freeman and Jay MacArthur for keeping the Federation effectively involved with the innumerable land-use issues in our province.

Committee members have attended, on their own time, meetings with various government ministries and forest and parks departments as part of the Federation's lobbying and conservation efforts.

The Trails Committee has very successfully developed its Adopt-A-Trail program on the lower mainland and has begun to get participation on Vancouver Island as well. Gabriel Mazoret and Charles Clapham, the co-chairmen, deserve the thanks of all our members for developing a concept that will eventually cover B.C. and help protect and maintain the hiking network.

This year's Adopt-A-Trail Week, held in April, launched this exciting project throughout B.C. and resulted in replies from many new contact groups.

The Safety and Education Committee with a strong commitment from its volunteers has helped ensure the high safety standards and ethics behind the instructional course program. Under Richard Howes, and now the new chairman, Alastair Foreman, the Committee has worked hard to review and revise course manuals, and advise on program development.

The Smoke Bluffs Committee and volunteers have completed the fundraising and all debts relating to the acquisition of the Smoke Bluffs property have been cleared, with a surplus remaining which can be used for the care and protection of the site. Discussions continue with the Municipality of Squamish and with the Ministry of Parks so that the area can be

permanently protected as park and maintained for the use of all. The Committee, headed by Dave Jones, is now working on this goal as well as seeing the Smoke Bluffs are preserved and maintained in the interim.

Financial Financially, the Federation has had a good year, ending it with a surplus as shown in the Audited Financial Statement.

The Directors The Directors have completed most of the administrative restructuring begun two years ago. This year, the following goals and items from the Long Term Plan were completed or are near completion:

Position Descriptions As the Federation grows larger and more complex, it was felt that these were necessary to clarify the roles and responsibilities within the organization. They now exist for every Board and Staff role. These include Past President, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Legal Counsel, General Directors, Regional Directors, Chairperson, Club Delegates and all permanent and contract staff positions.

Personnel Policy Was completed early in the year in order to provide consistent and fair guidelines on personnel matters especially as our permanent and project staffing was increasing.

Internal Communication Policy Outlines requirements for the distribution of notices of meeting and minutes for every regular Federation meeting so that the membership is well served.

Financial Guidelines Clarifies spending guidelines, authorizations, and expense reimbursements to provide clarity and consistency in this area.

Hut Policy A sub-committee of Brian Gavin, Judy Needham, and Judy Wigmore was created to develop a Hut Policy for the Federation. A questionnaire which was sent to all member clubs will be collected and summarized shortly to provide the information and opinion needed to formulate policy on this matter.

Access Policies A sub-committee of Brian Gavin, Larry Lowden, and Judy Needham have been working on these. Based on the results of a questionnaire to all members, four related policies have been developed and will be presented for ratification at the 1991 AGM.

Projects Contract projects under the direction of Bruce Blackwell, Manager, Projects has seen over the past year the completion of projects at Strathcona Park, Garibaldi Park, Bralorne, Pemberton, Bedwell/Strathcona and Belcarra Park. As the government is funding fewer of these kinds of projects, these activities will not be as important a part of the Federation's activities in the coming year.

The Executive Director managed the longest running project, a research project

to develop a Backcountry Leader Training program and manual. This is still under development and review and will be the basis of a new leadership course to be offered by the Federation.

The other project, managed by Jim Haberl, former Manager, Instructional Programs, was a Job Development Program funded Guides Training Project which successfully trained six individuals who qualified either as an Association of Canadian Mountain Guides (ACMG) Summer Assistant Guide or as an ACMG Rock Instructor.

The Staff We recognize and thank the staff of the Federation for their continued contribution to our services and activities.

Jim Rutter, Executive Director, now in his eighth year with the Federation continues to provide overall vision and guidance. The changes that have occurred since Jim began and the growth in both the diversity and the complexity of the organization provide him with continued challenges in his role. His role as spokesman for the FMCBC is one that he ably discharges on our behalf to other organizations and government.

Sara Kammerzell, Manager, Member Services, now in her second year, has pro-

vided support and stability to the office operation. Coordinating both volunteers and short term Job Development and Employment Plus Projects have kept her busy. She trained four people for six months in all areas of office operation. Though the Federation benefits from these projects, we recognize that they are a lot of work in addition to the other regular tasks.

Brian Jones, part-time Instructor, and part-time Manager, Instructional Programs, coordinates the operations of the Summer and Winter Courses. His five years as an instructor with the FMCBC, ACMG Summer Assistant Guide qualifications and extensive guiding experience ensures this Federation program is of the highest quality.

In Summary The Board feels that the Federation has performed well this past year. New initiatives have been started and completed, and on-going activities continue to promote the goals and objectives of our member clubs.

The Directors wish to recognize and thank the volunteers and staff for their commitment and support of the Federation which has contributed so much to the achievements and success over the years.

Submitted by the Board of Directors, June 1991

YOUR POCKET GUIDE TO LAND USE COMMITTEES

What's it called?	What's it doing?	When will we hear from it?	Who do we contact?
B.C. Forest Resources Commission	Looking at tenure, public participation, harvest practices, economics and education.	Report released by end of April.	Derrick Curtis, the commission's executive director, 356-7885
B.C. Round Table on the Environment and the Economy	Covering the broad issues related to economic development and environmental protection (see story "Round Table").	Fall 1992. Hearings happening now.	Round Table, 387-5422
Parks Plan 90	Comprehensive plan to complete B.C.'s park system.	Summer 1991	B.C. Ministry of Parks and Recreation, 387-5002
Provincial Parks and Wilderness for the '90s	Establishing wilderness areas in provincial forests.	Summer 1991	B.C. Ministry of Forests, 387-5255
Old Growth Strategy Project	Developing processes, guidelines and criteria for the identification and management of old growth stands.	May/June 1991	B.C. Ministry of Forests, 387-5255
B.C. Land Claims Task Force	A federal, provincial and Native committee looking at how Native land claims can be handled. Includes scope and process of negotiations as well as public education.	Summer 1991	Tom McKeown, 682-3345
Vision 2001	Dealing with a range of water, air, waste management and resource development issues.	Imminently — currently in cabinet.	Tanner Elton, 356-7596
Native Forestry Task Force	Looking at current and possible future levels of Native participation in forestry.	July 1991	Harold Derrickson, task force member, 769-5951
Gillespie Review of the Small Business Forest Enterprise and Woodlot Programs	Reviewed both programs for their effectiveness. Also reported on the bid proposal system.	Report released in February. Public input accepted until April 30.	Norbert Greincher, small business forester, 660-7591

Trails Committee

Gabriel Mazoret, Co-Chairperson

The Adopt-A-Trail Week promotional campaign in April has been a success, triggering interest and requests for information from other parts of the province as well as from the Lower Mainland. It has also shown there is a need for more information to explain the program. It is too early to know if the Adopt-A-Trail Week campaign will result in more trails being adopted.

The Trails Committee has had six new members join the Committee recently to undertake different duties but has lost the help of Len Soet. We now have a Vancouver Island Zone and welcome its new Zone Coordinator Judy Wigmore. Judy has agreed to be the Trails Committee representative and contact on Vancouver Island. Through her assistance, the first Vancouver Island trail - the Upper Myra Creek Trail was adopted by the Comox District Mountaineering Club.

This brings to mind several justified complaints that the Trails Committee is only a Lower Mainland one. We were by necessity! There is so much to be done and it already takes more than our free time for this area alone. We do try to expand to more Zones but this requires new volunteers who are familiar with trails in their area and who are ready to commit themselves to Trails Committee work. For example, we cannot make enlightened decisions on trails in the Prince George or Williams Lake area because we simply don't know the area or some of the local situations.

The way we are proceeding with Vancouver Island - a regional Zone Coordinator, who will be part of the FMCBC Trails Committee but who will represent the needs of their area and coordinate Trails Committee work in the area, could be a model for other areas. The regional Zone Coordinator would have the support of the Federation but probably would not be able to attend many meetings and would need to report to the committee by mail or by phone. This could also lead to regional Trails Committees. If you support the idea and would like to be a Trails Committee coordinator or representative for us, contact the Federation. We will willingly create new zones as we get volunteers to care for them.

The Cobble Hill Riding Association has proposed a one kilometre wide, multi-use recreation corridor from Sooke to Cape Scott. The concept is supported in principle as long as hiking trails are not

adversely affected. This proposal is one that will be monitored by Syd Watts who will be the FMC observer.

At the last Vancouver Island Delegates' meeting, Parks reported that Cape Scott's main trails have now been upgraded. Also at Hot Springs Cove, a land exchange has now given Parks access to the area without crossing private land.

Assistance of the Trails Committee has been requested by Richmond Plywood who will be building a gravel road towards Mountain Lakes near Britannia Beach. After consultation with two clubs who have cabins in the area, it was recommended to have the road go only part way and not right to the cabins as was initially proposed.

There are plans to build condominiums and a golf course at Furry Creek beside the Squamish Highway. While construction takes place, the existing road could be closed and access denied to the wilderness beyond. So far, dates of this activity are not known to the committee.

Lizzie Creek has now been adopted by the Alpine Club. This has been officially author-

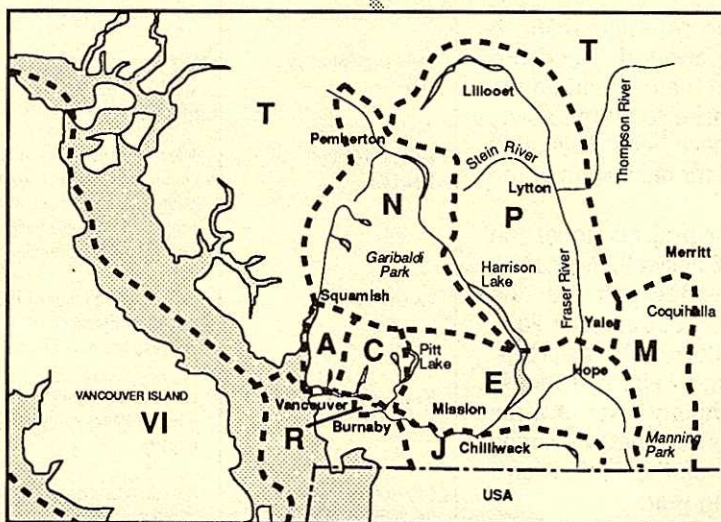
ized by Paul Kuster, BC Forest District Manager. The help of Frank Vican of the Squamish Forest Service office has been invaluable in the establishment of the Adopt-A-Trail program in the Squamish area. The first Lizzie Creek trail clearing trip by the ACC took place in early June.

Revised Trail Condition Report Cards will soon be produced. These will be distributed to FMC member clubs so that reporting on trail conditions should be a little easier and the information will get to the people (us) who can use it.

Those Clubs and individuals who have already scheduled trail clearing trips or, better yet, who have already started to clear trails (yes, there are some) from this winter's numerous windfalls and trail damage are to be congratulated. Some damage has been so bad that re-routing around the windfalls is sometimes better than having the trail cleared through the unattractive mess. Any assistance that the Trails Committee can give you in this work will be willingly given - you have only to ask us either directly or through the Federation's office.

Zones of the Trails Committee and their Coordinator

ZONES	DEFINITION	COORDINATORS	HOME PHONE
A	Petgill Lake to Grouse Mtn	Mary Macaree	926-2576
C	Fromme to Pitt River	Bill Hughes	987-5340
E	Maple Ridge to Skagit	Charles Clapham	224-0329
J	Chilliwack Valley	Neil Grainger	795-3785
N	Squamish to Pemberton to Lillooet River	Blair Mitten	926-0270
P	Mt Currie to Lillooet to Yale	Colin Evans	875-1561
M	Manning Park to Coquihalla Park	—	—
R	SFU/Burnaby	Dave Eades	936-1154
VI	Vancouver Island	Judy Wigmore	752-2518
T	Other parts of the province	—	—



ADOPT-A-TRAIL

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224-0329

Vancouver Island coordinator:
Judy Wigmore
752-2518

Club Feature - Valley Outdoor Association

Sharon Jones, President

Valley Outdoor Association (VOA) has provided outdoor recreational activities since it was formed in the fall of 1973. The Club has grown from the original 25 people who attended the organizational meeting to its present membership of over 200. Club membership covers an area from Vancouver, south to White Rock and east to Maple Ridge.

Our focus is on hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, canoeing, cycling and natural history - from beginner to advanced levels. There is a week-long summer camp planned each year plus several weekend backpacks. In the winter, several weekend ski trips are held.

The Club also has groups which hike on Wednesdays and Thursdays. All the activities scheduled for each weekend are printed in a quarterly bulletin together with news from club members about trips and events.

Quarterly meetings and slide nights are held at Guildford Park Community School, 14577 - 106A Avenue, Surrey. Each meeting is followed by refreshments and a program featuring a guest speaker or slide show.

VOA has been active for many years in trail maintenance and schedules work parties every quarter. The Club has adopted the trail on the east side of Sumas

Mt. and maintains the Mt. St. Benedict trail. It also has a very active environment committee and is involved in issues affecting mountain users. A portion of the membership fees is put into a Wilderness Conservation Fund and at the AGM held in October of each year the membership decides by a vote which conservation organizations will be the recipients of the fund.

For more information about Valley Outdoor Association, please contact the **membership secretary, Marj Rodwell, at 538-7883**. Membership fees are \$18.00 for an individual and \$36.00 for a family. New members are always welcome.

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Northern Perspective

Michael Nash, Caledonia Ramblers (Prince George)

On May 21st, I made two submissions to the 'Round Table on the Environment and the Economy' hearings in Prince George. The first was on High Elevation Logging, which was the subject of this column in the Fall 1990 Cloudburst, and which is a topic of increasing concern in the Northern Interior of B.C. The subject raised a fair amount of interest among both the panel members and the public present, and parallels were drawn with practices and concerns in the Southern

As with most of the views expressed from a Northern Perspective, the thrust is not anti-development, but rather how we can best share the resource for the betterment of present and future generations of British Columbian's.

Interior. I have also represented our views on this subject to the Forest Industry's 'Old Growth Committee', which is based in Nanaimo. High Elevation Logging is a topic which I believe the F.M.C.B.C. and its members should be pursuing urgently and vigorously in order to protect the alternative values of our alpine areas.

My second submission concerned the recent emergence of Independent Power Producers, with particular reference to small hydro electric developments on our mountain streams. As with most of the views expressed from a Northern Perspective, the thrust is not anti-development, but rather how we can best share the resource for the betterment of present and future generations of British Columbian's. The submission on IPP's arose from representing the Prince George Naturalists Club at the BC Hydro Energy Planning Forum held in Prince George in the Spring of 1990, and from several visits to the Ptarmigan Falls site while hiking in the nearby Caribou Mountains. BC Hydro have informed me this week that there is now a two year moratorium on accepting additional proposals from IPP's, so there is lots of time for the F.M.C.B.C. to get involved.

Submission:

In recent years, the B.C. Government has encouraged the development of small hydro electric generating plants by IPP's (Independent Power Producers) as a source of new generating capacity. In a mountain province, these operations will typically be located on mountain streams where alternative tourist and recreational opportunities and other values might exist. The first of these projects has been built on the spectacular Ptarmigan Falls, approximately 150 km East of Prince George and only five minutes off the Highway 16 tourist route. There are several applications by entrepreneurs in the area for similar projects.

My concern is that future projects may be built on a low budget with improvised materials, and not up to the same engineering, environmental and esthetic standards as a major BC Hydro project. Although subject to scrutiny by government regulatory agencies such as Fish and Wildlife and Federal Fisheries, there will obviously not be the same public scrutiny as with a major project. Perhaps this is why the IPP's are attractive to government and to BC Hydro. Certainly, there may be a good case for local generation in communities remote from main transmission lines.

I have two recommendations in regard to IPP's:

The first is that priority be given to co-generation by existing industrial plants, particularly where this can be combined with a reduction in atmospheric pollution from the free burning beehive burners which are still prevalent in cities such as Prince George.

The second recommendation is that there be emphasis on a small number of well constructed hydro-electric plants rather than a proliferation of low budget projects, which will be located by their very nature on our more spectacular mountain streams, waterfalls and canyons. Each approved operation should be built to the highest standards

presently followed by BC Hydro - including public environmental assessment hearings. Adequate transmission facilities should be in place to properly utilize the power, and the project should be built to a standard which will enhance its surroundings. For example, public viewing access to a waterfall. The real test should be that BC Hydro would be pleased to take it over and put its name on it for 100 years, should circumstances warrant.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of BC Naturalists was held in Prince George in May, and was a great success! About one hundred people attended the very busy four day event, which mixed business meetings with highly charged public forums and many field trips and social events. One of the highlights was a tense debate on the future of the Nechako River, involving representatives of the Aluminum Company of Canada, Federal and Provincial Fisheries Officials, and the Save the Rivers Coalition. This debate took place only days before the unexpected landmark decision of the Federal Court, overturning the decision not to hold public hearings on the Kemano Completion Project. At the banquet, local historian Ted Williams presented his original 1930's and 1940's films of freighting on the Crooked and Parsnip Rivers. The old B&W and colour films were made before the construction of the Hart Highway and the Williston Reservoir.

There is no reason why the F.M.C.B.C. cannot organize its own AGM in this fashion. Indeed, if we are to grow into a truly Provincial organization, it's the only way! Let's get out of the lower mainland and enjoy all that our Mountain Province has to offer.

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Letters to the Editor

Grizzly Hunting

Michael Barkusky (ACC/BCMC)

- An open letter to the Minister of the Environment

Dear Mr. Reynolds

I was extremely disappointed to read in a recent issue of "Cloudburst", the newsletter of the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC, that your ministry has issued "limited entry" hunting permits for amongst other animals, 72 grizzly bears.

It is my general understanding that if not actually endangered, grizzly bears are rare and at least significantly threatened by loss of habitat. Are you of the opinion that some useful ecological purpose is served by allowing up to 72 bears to be shot this season, or is it simply the case that the government won't spare the political capital that could be lost if aspirant grizzly bear-hunters were refused permission to hunt them?

I am not personally very partial to hunting or hunters in the first place, but I try very hard to be reasonable about the matter. In the case of deer and perhaps wapiti, I can understand that a combination of decline in predator populations (due to loss of habitat caused by man's economic activities as well as hunting) and the high natural rate of increase of these species, does from time to time produce episodes of ecologically unsustainable overpopulation. I can understand that, if unmanaged, these episodes can greatly lower the quality of the animals lives and even threaten the viability of these species in later stages of their population cycle. Under such circumstances, even though I still think killing for sport is a dubious activity for human beings (after all we consider killing members of our own species immoral except in self-defense), allowance of private hunting may be the lesser of two evils. And in the case of the deer and wapiti, at least the carcasses are likely to be put to use as food.

I am not aware of any need to control grizzly bear populations against possible overpopulation. On the contrary, I think most wildlife biologists consider them at least somewhat threatened. I am also not aware that grizzly bear meat is a popular alternative to beef, pork, poultry or even venison. In fact, I am at a loss to understand what makes people want to hunt grizzly bears at all. There obviously are such people, indeed there are probably also guide-outfitters who make money out of guiding aspirant grizzly hunters.

I wish I could immediately offer them what I would consider more constructive employment, but even if I cannot, I resent grizzly bear hunting not being restricted simply because of some arguable "eco-

nomic" benefits from the activity. Neither I nor you nor any other human being, including the grizzly bear hunters and their guides, created grizzly bears in the first place, and we would not know how to restore them if by some miscalculation we were wrong and we accidentally made a threatened population extinct.

Human beings must be the most destructive and arrogant animals on earth. We are extremely numerous and have yet to learn to control our own population. We consume vast quantities of most natural resources without considering their long term economic or ecological value, beyond the lifespan of one or two human generations. We lay waste to the scarce habitat of other species for our most frivolous and marginal needs, and we kill other animals for sport as much as for food. We seem to have the ability, but seldom the inclination, to question our philosophical premises with any degree of humility. Instead we seem convinced that we "know all we need to" and that we can "manage" the populations of other species well enough to ensure their survival in the increasingly marginal habitat we deign to leave them.

In my view our collective record hardly justifies this arrogance. I will readily agree that freemarket economies are more successful than "planned" ones. This is because they do not depend on any individual or group having the centralized knowledge to efficiently coordinate the diverse economic interests of individuals with conflicting motives and preferences. We obviously lack the altruistic motives and the information technology to consciously manage our economic affairs any better, and therefore have to leave it to the market. How ludicrous, then, is our claim to have the all-encompassing far-sighted knowledge, not to speak of the selflessness, to manage whole ecosystems in the best interests of all species!

In my considered opinion, we should have the philosophical courage to restrict hunting for sport to species that are without any doubt, at risk from overpopulation in existing habitats, and obviously edible. And we should rather encourage zero growth or even a reduction over time in the human population, than "harvest" other species to fit into ever diminishing habitats.

No doubt some will argue that this is not "practical politics". It probably is not, as long as our aspirant public representatives prefer following the human herd to leading it.

Vernon Recycles

Dear Mountain Club

Hi. My name is Joey, I am in grade 5 and am 11. How old are you? We recycle, but not enough in Vernon, B.C.

Yours truly, Joey

Ed note: Joey, I'm 28 and very pleased that you are recycling. Mountain Clubs recycles as well; Cloudburst is printed on Recycle 100 paper, the most 'friendly' paper we could find. Thank you for writing, I'm thrilled to hear from the youth of the province.

North Shore Health Tick Advisory

Be advised that you are entering an area where ticks may be present in large numbers, particularly between February and July.

Precautions:

1. To minimize exposure stay on clearly defined trails
2. Wear light coloured clothing that covers most exposed body areas. Tuck pants into socks; shirts into pants. Wear closed footwear.
3. Check regularly for ticks. Pay particular attention to the areas behind the ears and nape of the neck in children and pets.

4. If a tick is found on the body: Carefully remove it by grasping the tick close to the skin and exerting gentle, steady upward pressure to remove.

Disinfect the site with rubbing alcohol

If you are concerned that there has been incomplete removal of the tick, you may consult your family physician

5. If possible save the tick in a small sealed container with a blade of grass and submit to your family physician/veterinarian/North Shore Health.

For further information, contact North Shore Health at 938-6780.

Of Interest

Forest Resources Commission

Province of B.C. News Release

"The Forest Resources Commission's report, released by the minister on May 2, includes a number of far-ranging recommendations about land use, the organization of government, the forest tenure system and resource management. Copies of the report are available from Ministry of Forests offices throughout the province, or, for reference, through regional libraries.

The minister said that while he is eager to get on with the process, it will take some time for government to digest the report because of its sheer volume and broad scope.

The report to the minister makes 108 recommendations and is based on more than 1,700 written submissions, presentations made at public meetings and regional workshops, and independent research done by the commission.

The Commission, a permanent body, was established in late June, 1989 to independently review and make recommendations on forestry issues. For more information, Contact Denis O'Gorman, Director Policy and Planning Branch, 356-7790. The local branch of the FRC is c/o A.L. Peel, Chairman
1177 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6E 2K3

The FMCBC has made submissions/presentations and written letters of support for the Executive Summary.

Caledonia Ramblers Hiking Club

Trip to the Kakwa area
August 3 to 10

If interested call George
Evanoff at 564-7814
Deposit required, first come
first serve.

Outdoor Leadership Program

The Federation is currently working with the Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Council on a backpacking trip Leader training course. Sixteen young Native Indians from around the province based out of the Outdoor School at Squamish and being taught by FMBC instructors, based on the FMBC's newly developed Backcountry Leadership training Manual.

FMBC General Information Brochure

This long-awaited pamphlet is now available from the office. If you want a copy, give us a call or come by and pick one up.

Alpine Club of Canada

The ACC will be hosting a Symposium on Water, Energy and Waste Management in Alpine Shelters at the Chateau Lake Louise on October 27/28, 1991. For further information, contact Kevin Lohka at 403-762-4481 or Brian Evans at 872-6679

Manning Park Celebrates 50 years

In July and August, join Manning Park in celebrating its 50th year. Plan a club trip to Manning Park and acquaint yourself with any one of its beautiful hiking trails. Put it on the trip schedule, and if you let us know at the Parks office we'll put the outing on the "Things To Do In Manning Park" bulletins, posted around the park. Maybe you'll find some new members!

BC Parks would also like to organize some special hikes for people who don't think they have the skills to go on their own. If you are interested in sharing your love and knowledge of the outdoors, consider one of the following destinations, either for a club trip, or to lead a day-hike or overnight trip. If you have other ideas or other dates in mind, just let us know. Leaders will receive a copy of the Robert Bateman 50th Anniversary Poster and a special pin.

July 1 Weekend

Canada Day! Take a day hike up to Punchbowl Lake on the Dewdney Trail, or make it an over-nighter, camping at Punchbowl and doing the loop back on the Whatcom Trail.

July 21 Canada's Parks Day

Try the Skyline Trail or your favourite walk in the park

August 3-5

This is the main weekend for celebrating Manning's 50th Anniversary. It will be a perfect weekend for the Three Brothers trail, as the alpine flowers in the meadows are spectacular at this time of year. BC Parks will offer to shuttle participants from their cars at the end of the trail (Cayuse Flats) to the trail head up Blackwall Road. This would allow the group to venture off on this superb 3-day trip, ending up back at your cars.

If you are interested in participation in any form, please call Vicki Haberl at (604) 858-7161.

The World's Forests

According to the State of the World 1991, produced by Worldwatch Institute, approximately 1.5 billion hectares of undisturbed, primary forest remain worldwide. This is one-quarter of the Earth's original forest cover (estimated) at the time humankind began to practice settled agriculture.

B.C. Mountaineering Club

BCMC is looking to acquire a computer that runs the MS-DOS operating system. If you have one available, please contact Paul Kubik at 876-0764

UBC Plans New Centre

A Centre for Applied Conservation Biology is being developed at the University of British Columbia. The centre will be affiliated with the Faculty of Forestry and include representatives of the faculties of zoology, sociology, biology and anthropology. Three areas are being targeted: continuing education of land managers, foresters, the public and media; conferences to examine land management practices and policies and research in conservation biology focusing on forest stewardship.

Knee Knacking North Shore Trail Run

July 13, 1991, join us in the third annual Run/Jog/walk 30 gruelling miles from Horseshoe Bay to Deep Cove along the Baden-Powell Centennial Trail, with 8,300 feet of ascents and 8,000 feet of descents. Food and refreshment will be provided along the way.

Last year 53 hearty souls met this challenge in times ranging from 5 to 10 hours. This year a maximum of 100 runners will enter the trailhead off Eagleridge Drive (Above Horseshoe Bay) at 6:00 a.m., and attempt to reach the finish line at Panorama Park in Deep Cove by 4:00 p.m. If you would like more information, and an entry form, please contact Race Director Enzo Federico at 988-0694

New Executive Director at ORC

After three years of commuting between his Victoria home and ORC's Vancouver office, Bob Peart has announced he will be leaving ORC on June 7th. The Executive Board of Directors has appointed Liz Osborn to replace Bob as Executive Director. Liz, currently Coordinator Communications and Policy, has worked with the Council for over two years. Her education includes masters degrees in Resource Policy and Planning and in Social Forestry. Besides being an outdoors enthusiast, she has extensive experience in resource management and communications.

Recreation and Conservation

Jay MacArthur, Co-chairman

Parks and Wilderness for the 90s

Thank you to so many members and clubs who sent in comments to the provincial government about Parks and Wilderness for the 90s. We received a few copies at the Federation office. It's always good to see our members' comments to the government.

If you are feeling guilty that you missed the April 15th deadline, do something about it. A short letter to the new minister responsible for parks can't do any harm. Some suggestions for your letter:

- we need more parks and wilderness protected in B.C.

- our quality of life is dependant on our province's natural beauty.

- to study all the areas proposed in the Parks and Wilderness for the 90s process.

Please write to Hon. Dave Parker, Minister of Lands and Parks and to Hon. Claude Richmond, Minister of Forests at the Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.



Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

Management Planning Process

Environment Canada - Parks Service has started to prepare a management plan for Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. A summary of preliminary public comment was recently released. Some of the comments included the desire for more campsites and more trails. Other people wanted permit systems for the West Coast trail and the Broken Islands.

To be put on the mailing list write to: Public Consultation Coordinator, Canadian Parks Service, Room 520, 220-4th Avenue, S.E., Box 2989, Station M, Calgary Alberta, T2P 3H8.

Heli-skiing Proposed in Niut Range

Coast Mountain Heli-Ski has applied to the Ministry of Lands and Parks for a licence to heli-ski in the Niut Range. This is a re-application, a previous application in 1988 was rejected after protest from the Alpine Club and the B.C. Mountaineering Club. The Niut Range is being considered as a wilderness area in the Parks and Wilderness for the 90s process. The FMCBC has proposed that no areas under consideration as a park, recreation or wilderness area should be alienated by giving heli-ski licences or other leases to commercial operators.

If you are concerned please write to Duncan Watson, Ministry of Lands and Parks, 172 North Second Avenue, Williams Lake, V2G 1Z6. Please also send a copy to the FMCBC office, c/o Jay MacArthur.

Chilko Lake Interagency Study Initiated

The Ministry of Lands and Parks, the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and the Nemiah Indian Band are doing another study of the Chilko Lake area. This is the first area to be officially studied after the Parks Plan 90 process was initiated. A public advisory team will be set up to provide assistance and advice.

The Chilko Lake area was first proposed as a provincial park in 1937, an-

other interagency study in 1976 recommended Class A park designation and in 1982 a deferred area plan recommended that the Chilko Lake area be excluded from the provincial forest so a park proposal could be completed. Since then, B.C. Parks has been working with the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources to find how mineral tenures could be managed in the proposed provincial park.

The Nemiah Indian Band has declared the area surrounding the Chilko Lake as the Nemiah Aboriginal Wilderness Preserve. It is good to see them participating in this study.

The Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. has been promoting the Chilko park proposal since 1981. A brochure with information about the park proposal is available from the FMCBC. A number of groups have supported the proposal and an informal Wild Chilcotin Coalition has been formed.

Jay MacArthur will be representing the Outdoor Recreation Council on the advisory team. He would appreciate your comments on the FMCBC park proposal. Contact Jay through the FMC, 336-1367 West Broadway, Vancouver, V6H 4A9 or call him at 987-1232.

Ramblers' Bridge Building in Strathcona Park

Interested in seeing part of **B.C.'s oldest park**, and *building a bridge*?

Join the Island Mountain Ramblers this summer and help build the **Puzzle Creek Bridge** on the **Elk River** trail in Strathcona Park on Vancouver Island.

No experience necessary, just enthusiasm!

For details on the July 12-14 and August 9-11 work parties, call **Ton De Groot or Judy Wigmore at 752-2518, evenings.**

Old Growth - A Summary

The Old-Growth Strategy Project began in 1989. Eighty delegates representing most interest groups were invited by the Ministry of Forests to discuss definitions, resource use objectives, research and inventory requirements, and criteria for selecting old-growth reserves. The project was organized into five working teams, and each was given broad terms of reference and invited to refine these into detailed objectives and work plans.

Project workshops were open to the press and held throughout the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. Information

and involvement has been available to the public through bulletins and press releases and meetings. Liaison with the Forest Resources Commission and the Round Table and other key environmental groups has been facilitated through the Interministry Management Committee (IMC). The efforts of the Old-Growth team culminated in a report to the provincial government and copies of the 13 page Summary are available from Old Growth Project office in Victoria, 598-9003. This report will be summarized in the next Cloudburst.

A SELECTION OF MOUNTAIN COURSES OFFERED FOR THE SUMMER OF 1991

BACKPACKING COURSES

All of the Backpacking courses that we offer focus on developing your environmental awareness, in addition to teaching the necessary skills for safe and self-reliant travel in our mountain regions. Course locales are chosen for many reasons, including the FMC's goal to increase public awareness of the environmentally sensitive nature of, and potential land use conflicts in, some special areas. Join one of these trips this summer and experience some of B.C.'s finest wilderness areas!

Strathcona West

A serious, high ridge traverse of eight days in the wild central part of Strathcona Park, on Vancouver Island. Truly the "Heart" of Strathcona park, this region has no comparison.

Cost \$425.00 + gst, Aug. 9 - 18

Strathcona East

Starting at Mt. Washington, we traverse from Mount Albert Edward south to the Comox Glacier following high ridges. Side trips to Red Pillar and Mount Harmston will complement this very rewarding wilderness hike.

Cost \$425.00 + gst, Aug. 2 - 11

Stein Valley

This wilderness valley is well-known as the last unlogged major watershed in southwestern B.C. and the spiritual home to the First Native People. We will lead two trips, one in each direction, between Lizzie Creek near Lillooet Lake, on the west, and the Stein Canyon where it meets the Fraser, on the east.

**Cost \$375.00 + gst, July 20 - July 28
July 28 - Aug. 5**

Chilko Tchaikazan

Situated near the high peaks of B.C.'s Coast Range, the Chilko Lake area could become a world class mountain park. The journey begins up the Tchaikazan River, then moves north through a high pass into the Yohetta Valley.

Cost \$340.00 + gst, Aug. 25 - Sept. 1

MOUNTAINEERING COURSES

Canada West Mountain School's mountain courses are all geared toward teaching safe, reliable and practical skills for the recreational mountaineer and climber in B.C. As such, we ensure that our professional instructors are up to date on the latest standards, safety practices and techniques used in mountaineering. A course in safety oriented skills needed for mountaineering can always be of benefit - give the F.M.C. a call now for more info.

Introduction to Mountain Travel

This is a four day course completely devoted to teaching all of the skills necessary for safe travel on snow and ice in the mountains. This includes ice axe and crampon techniques, belay methods, crevasse rescue skills and navigation. A must for those wanting to venture into the mountains this summer.

Cost \$240.00 + gst

Complete Mountaineering

This course does it all! Everything from rock climbing to crevasse rescue is taught in this full seven days. Two days are spent in Squamish covering rock skills, followed by five days in the mountains putting all of the skills for mountaineering together.

Cost \$350.00 + gst

ROCK CLIMBING COURSES

*Canada West Mountain school offers a comprehensive selection of rock courses ranging from **Introduction to rock climbing**, a two day course for the beginner climber, to **Rock Rescue**, an intensive, technical rescue course. All rock courses are taught in Squamish, B.C., and are lead by professional, experienced instructors. The Mountain School is also able to arrange custom courses in rock climbing (or any mountain related courses) to suit your needs.*

Safety and Education

Brian Jones, Manager, Instructional Program

Summer is here again, after a very enjoyable season of skiing and winter activities. The courses that the FMCBC offered throughout the winter were attended quite well, and those of you that were on one or more will attest to the success of the 1990\91 winter season. No doubt the weather and snow quality didn't interfere much either!

Big changes have taken place this spring around the Federation. The Instructional Programs component of the FMCBC will now be referred to as Canada West Mountain School (a Division of the FMCBC). This will help separate the Federations' role as an organisation providing support and service for the member clubs, from that aspect of the Federation providing safety and education

courses. While adopting a new name for the instructional programs will help give the Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. a stronger image throughout the province, it will in no way adversely affect the FMC membership, or the services provided under the Safety and Education Committee.

This spring and summer will see 18 different courses offered to club members and the public, with 64 different dates to choose from. New courses offered this year are the **Movement Over Rock**, a course that is designed for those looking to improve specific rock climbing techniques, with a smaller instructor to student ratio; **Introduction to Wall Climbing** for those who are starting to contemplate big walls and aid climbs; and **Introduction to Mountain Travel**, a four day course that will focus on snow, ice and glacier skills.

Whether you are taking a course for the first time or coming back to upgrade skills in a more advanced program, there is sure to be something offered that will suit your needs. Remember, all of the Mountain Schools' courses are designed to give you the best possible educational quality (and fun!). Just give us a call at the FMC office to get a brochure, or pick one up at a local outdoor store.

This season should be a great one for mountaineering in B.C., and I look forward to seeing you out there. Play it safe, and have a memorable summer!

Thank You!

From students of the Sechelt Elementary School

Dear Brian, Ed and Simon
Thanks a lot for teaching us how to rock climb. It was a lot of fun. We'd really like to come again. We wouldn't know how to climb if it wasn't for you. Thanks again for teaching us how to climb.
Sincerely, Todd, Daniel and Steven

P.S.

You were great teachers!

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- Switzerland & Austria ■ Spain & Portugal
- Eastern Europe ■ Nepal

Biking in:

- Kootenays ■ West Coast Mountains ■ Europe

AGM Report

The AGM held June 15 was an extremely successful event for the Mountain Clubs of the Federation. Total attendance was an impressive 54, which included representation from each of the 23 member clubs that constitute the FMC, including the new clubs Westside Outdoors and Heathens. The enthusiastic participation that resulted from such extraordinary attendance allowed President Suzanne Mazoret to cover all the items on the extensive agenda before 5 pm. Highlights were the slide show presented by Jim Rutter, Executive Director and Bruce Blackwell, Advisor, reviewing the achievements of the FMC in recent years. Jon McKinnon of the Sport and Recreation Division congratulated the FMC on another outstanding year of productivity and financial stability. An impressive list of Short Term Goals to guide the Directors in the next year was ratified by the Delegates.

Also passed were the Policies:

- ☐ Mechanical Access Policy
- ☐ Heli-Licences Policy
- ☐ Commercial Flightseeing Policy
- ☐ Access Policy for Instructional Program
- ☐ Internal Communication Policy
- ☐ Certification Policy

* Set of four Access Policies available upon request from FMC

These motions were carried:

"To retain Doane Raymond Pannell as auditors for 1992"

"To adopt Financial Statements as presented"

"To Adopt 1991/1992 Budget as presented"

"That the FMCBC consider this year to be a year of Membership Promotion. This promotion will focus on the FMCBC as a provincial organization and include the promotion of member Clubs, the promotion of Individual Memberships and the encouragement to communities to create new clubs"

"That the FMCBC Associate Membership Fee be set at \$100 Dollars per year"

"That the Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. (FMCBC) is opposed to the mandatory certification of volunteer trip or activity leaders, organizers or co-ordinators."

The FMCBC recognizes that individual organizations, businesses, or clubs may choose to have an internal approval mechanism for their own leaders and organizers.

The FMCBC believes that the mountaineering community should operate on the traditional basis of self-determining their standards and requirements.

The FMCBC also believes that the government of the Province of British Columbia should not attempt to impose arbitrary standards which would restrict volunteer led organizations, or attempt to impose requirements where these volunteer groups would require Park Use Permits."

"That approval is given to the FMCBC Board of Directors to meet with Mount Washington Ski Resort Ltd. to discuss and develop a proposal that the FMCBC contract the delivery of outdoor recreation programs at Mount Washington, B.C."

"The member clubs of the FMCBC authorize the Board of Directors with approval of the ACC, BCMC, and SRA to transfer title of the Smoke Bluffs land to the Squamish Municipality, at no cost to the Municipality, to create the Smoke Bluffs Recreational Area provided that suitable covenants are in place to ensure that recreational access to the land for the purpose of hiking and climbing is maintained in perpetuity."

The Executive of the Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. as nominated at the AGM and elected to the Board on June 19 at the Directors' meeting is as follows:

President: Suzanne Mazoret

Vice-President: Beth Wark

Treasurer: Simon Anderson

Secretary: Joy Davidson

Regional Directors:

George Evanoff (Prince George)

Rita Holmes (Kootenays)

Judy Wigmore (Vancouver Island)

Directors:

Bruce Blackwell, Doug White, Karin Rolfes, Judy Needham, Len Dudley, Larry Lowden.

Continuing to act as chairmen, co-chairmen, and advisors are:

Alastair Foreman,

Safety and Education Committee

Blair Mitten and Gabriel Mazoret

Trails Committee

Roger Freeman and Jay MacArthur

Recreation and Conservation Committee

Gerry Burch, Advisor

Farewells

Thanks and appreciation for their contribution to the Federation is extended to the following: John Randall, former Treasurer and President of the FMCBC will be returning to England with his family in the very near future. His experience and leadership in the organization will be missed but we wish him and his family well.

Rick Davies, Director, is reluctantly resigning from the Board due to heavy volunteer and personal commitments elsewhere.

Simon Anderson has stepped down from the Treasurer position. A new baby helped in this decision but fortunately for the Federation, he will continue as a Director.

Erling Grenager is also leaving the Board after one year. Fortunately, Erling will continue with the FMCBC, but at the Committee level.

Thank you to everyone who made the 1991 AGM such a success.

Sara Kammerzell

Manager, Member Services

FMC Meetings

Board of Directors

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm:

July 17,

August 21

September 18

October 16

November 20

December 18

Safety and Education Committee

Wednesdays at 7 pm:

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

Trails Committee

Mondays at 7 pm:

July 29

September 9

October 21

November 25

Recreation and Conservation Committee

Mondays, at 7:30 pm:

September 9

October 7

November 4

December 2

Delegates

Island:

Saturday, November 16, 9-5

Mainland: September 18 7 PM

Smoke Bluffs Committee

All meetings will be held Monday 5:30 - 7 pm, Rm 336, Sport BC. Changes to this schedule may occur depending on the need to respond to initiatives or inquiries from the Squamish City Council.

August 26

September 23

October 28

November 25

(will be submitted after the AGM (probably Monday, June 17))

FMBC Party!

Directors, Instructors, Staff, Volunteers, Members and course participants are invited to celebrate with us Saturday, September 28, 8 PM ANZA Club. Watch for details in the next issue.