

## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

### **BULKLEY VALLEY COMMUNITY RESOURCES BOARD**

#### **SUMMER RAMP (RECREATIONAL ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN) COMPLETION PROJECT**

#### **FACILITATOR**

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB), based in Smithers, B.C., invites expressions of interest for facilitation of a RAMP process for summer backcountry recreation in the Bulkley Valley area of north central B.C.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE RAMP PROCESS**

The RAMP is an integral part of the Bulkley Land and Resources Management Plan (LRMP), and adheres to LRMP principles as well as those of existing relevant higher land use plans. The summer RAMP is partially completed. This upcoming RAMP process will seek to complete the designation of recreation zones for motorized and non-motorized summer backcountry recreation in the Bulkley Valley.

The RAMP will involve all of the major outdoor recreation clubs and associations, as well as members of the public. A selection committee is currently seeking applications from six representatives from outdoor recreation clubs/associations and six members of the public at large who wish to participate in the RAMP process.

A series of meetings of participants will constitute the bulk of the work of the process. Meetings will occur between September and December 2011.

The Bulkley Valley RAMP will contribute to an informal pilot project in the implementation of the BC Government's draft Provincial Trails Strategy.

#### **DUTIES OF THE FACILITATOR**

The facilitator will be expected to facilitate the summer RAMP process for the Bulkley TSA through consensus-based negotiation between participants who reflect a range of recreational values, with input from government agencies. Specifically:

- Call and coordinate meeting dates and set agendas.
- Preside over meetings.
- Encourage an atmosphere conducive to productive discussion. This may involve working with individual sub-tables.
- Provide regular written or aural progress reports to the chair of the BVCRB recreation subcommittee.
- Present a final recommended plan to the BVCRB to be submitted to government for discussion and action.

Prior to project commencement, the successful candidate will meet with representatives of the Bulkley Valley Research Centre (BVCRB) and BVRC to discuss the final schedule and budget.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE**

Bulkley Timber Supply Area.

#### **FUNDING**

Funding has been provided by the Real Estate Foundation of B.C., Recreation Sites and Trails BC, and the Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Grant Program. Northwest Community College is providing additional support.

#### **RESOURCES**

The following background documents are mandatory references and are available at [www.bvcrb.ca](http://www.bvcrb.ca):

- Bulkley LRMP and associated maps.
- Terms of Reference for the summer RAMP process.
- Frequently Asked Questions about the summer RAMP process.
- Process for Selection of the Recreation Access Management Plan (RAMP) Table Members.
- BVCRB Terms of Reference.
- Proposed Process for Completing the Bulkley Recreation Access Management Plan (Terje Vold).
- Current Recreation Access Agreements (CRAA).
- Memorandum to the RAMP table from FLNRO (TBA).

The proposed summer RAMP schedule can be obtained by emailing [ramp@bvcrb.ca](mailto:ramp@bvcrb.ca) . Other background literature will need to be sourced by the contractor. Government representatives will be invited to provide input as needed. Administrative support will be provided by the Bulkley Valley Research Centre. Members of the BVCRB will act at arms length, will not be members of the RAMP team, but will be available for consultation as required.

#### **SUBMISSIONS**

Expressions of interest should emphasize the contractor's suitability to perform this work. Names and contact information for two references should be included. Pricing should include an all found facilitation rate, office rate, and travel costs if required.

Submissions must be sent by e-mail to the Bulkley Valley Research Centre, Smithers, B.C., ([info@bvcentre.ca](mailto:info@bvcentre.ca)). Submissions are due by Monday, August 22, 2011.

#### **EVALUATION**

Evaluation of a suitable facilitator will be based on the following criteria:

- Proven ability to communicate results clearly.
- Credibility as an independent facilitator free of conflicts of interest with regards to the summer RAMP.
- Pricing.

#### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

Upon the successful completion of the Summer RAMP and pending funding availability the Winter RAMP process will be initiated.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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