



# Planning for the Crown–Settlement Interface Lands

## Day 3 Workshop: Bulkley Valley Stewardsh

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BV MapChat Technical Support Group (MapChat documentation) on Valley Vision's wiki:  
[www.valleyvision.ca/mediawiki/wiki](http://www.valleyvision.ca/mediawiki/wiki)

Map Chat Project Website: [www.mapchat.ca](http://www.mapchat.ca)

### **Attached:**

BVSC Mission Statement and Charter (1 page)

Call Lake public map and table of comments (5 pages)

# Mission Statement and Charter for Bulkley Valley Stewardship Coalition

## I. Mission Statement

Our goal is to facilitate a coordinated response to development plans for the Bulkley Valley that will encourage sustainable economic development that protects environmental, aesthetic, cultural and recreational values and does not compromise opportunities for future generations.

To accomplish our goals, we will work with other community groups and residents to identify and document those features in the Valley that the community wishes to protect. By doing so, we will help to preserve local knowledge and the results of past community planning efforts, which will then be available to local planners and decision makers. We will also establish a system for providing the public with information about development plans as they are proposed. We will then work with other community groups and residents to ensure that the values we support receive due consideration when these development plans are reviewed, including by working to preserve access to Crown land.

## II. Background and Purpose

Over the last several years, during the course of the update to the Regional District Smithers-Telkwa Official Community Plan (Smithers Telkwa Rural OCP), and numerous development open houses, a number of Bulkley Valley residents became concerned that the process did not provide for adequate public response to development proposals. As a result, these residents formed an informal network to track development plans and proposals in an effort to ensure protection of the environmental, aesthetic, cultural and recreational features of the Bulkley Valley. The Stewardship Coalition is now working to formalize this network to proactively respond to development proposals and to identify, protect and expand resources for recreational and other outdoor activities.

The geographic area the Stewardship Coalition is focused on is the zone covered by the Bulkley Valley Rural Community Plan and the Crown Land directly adjacent to it. Identification of trails and other outdoor activity resources in the area beyond this zone is important in order to identify access and linkage needs. Development of trail systems and other outdoor activity resources within and outside the zone will also benefit from our activities through the establishment of a good communication network and mapping system.

## III. Objectives

1. To create a communication network for community groups and residents in order to respond to development proposals that affect their interests.
2. To continue to map information on local environmental, aesthetic, cultural and recreational features, in order to work with developers and decision-makers to promote choices that protect the Bulkley Valley.
3. To work with groups to identify potential strategic greenways and other resources for linking recreational, traditional and commuter trails through the valley and between communities.

# Place-based Assets Identified at the Call Lake workshop

*Inset map*

Bulkley Valley Stewardship Coalition

March, 2009

Not all public land shown is available for public access.

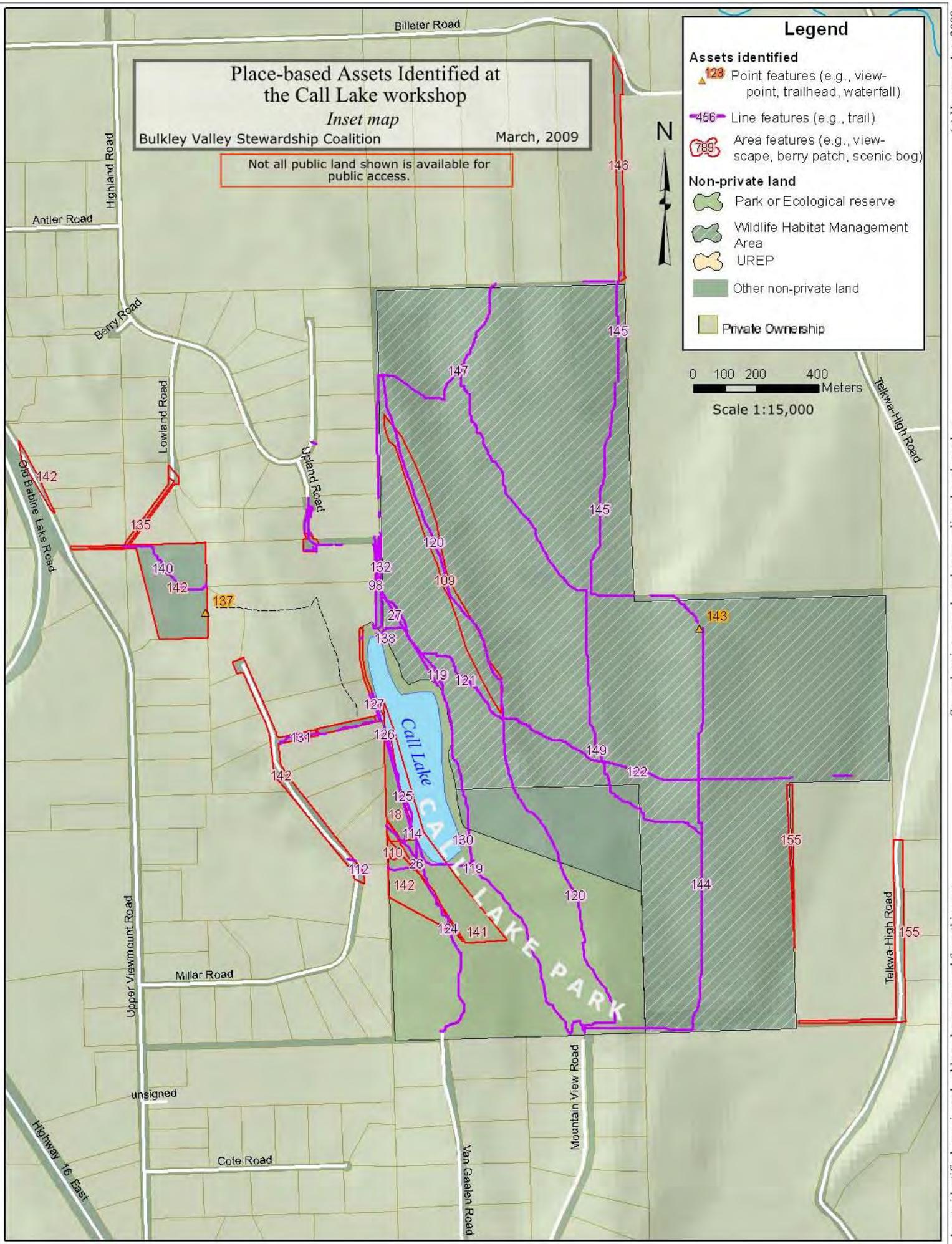
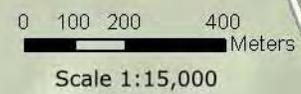
### Legend

**Assets identified**

- ▲ 128 Point features (e.g., view-point, trailhead, waterfall)
- 456 Line features (e.g., trail)
- ⬭ 789 Area features (e.g., view-scape, berry patch, scenic bog)

**Non-private land**

- 🌿 Park or Ecological reserve
- 🌿 Wildlife Habitat Management Area
- 🌿 UREP
- 🌿 Other non-private land
- 🏠 Private Ownership



Assets identified on private land have been removed from this map. Some drawings may have been re-aligned or cleaned-up. (c) Hesperus Arts 2009

**USE OF MAPCHAT -- CAVEAT**  
DRAWINGS REFERRING TO PRIVATE LAND

*During MapChat-based workshops, participants may draw features on portions of maps covering private land. The drawing of a feature covering private land does NOT imply that members of the public have any right of access to the parcel or parcels concerned. Drawings pertaining to private land are recorded only so that, IN THE EVENT OF FUTURE SALE OR REZONING, planners will be alerted to the opportunity to connect trails, negotiate access, purchase at market rates, or otherwise pursue the public interest. Provincial and local government planners will keep maps recording information about private land separate from those recording information about public lands, and they will keep such information confidential except for legitimate planning purposes. Public versions of MapChat results are normally be stripped of comments on private land. Names of commenters are also removed.*

COMMENTS FOR CALL LAKE ASSETS

| Number | Discussion          | Chat Time         | Comments and Replies   |
|--------|---------------------|-------------------|--|
| 18     | bv_asset_inventory  | 18:30:25 07-10-08 | [bv1 18:30:25 07-10-08]: How this area of private land is developed will greatly affect visual enjoyment of park.  |
| 19     | bv_asset_inventory  | 18:34:15 07-10-08 | [bv1 18:34:15 07-10-08]: This is a section of private land that breaks the continuity of public access around lake. If an opportunity occurs in future (rezoning, sale, covenant etc) to add this as public, or a right of way, it would greatly enhance use of park for public.                   |
| 26     | bv_asset_inventory  | 18:41:26 07-10-08 | [bv1 18:41:26 07-10-08]: This is the more logical location to have put public access to Call Lk, based on road, topography and linking to an existing trail off Van Gaalen Rd (part of original trail around lake). If opportunity occurs, this should be added as a public right of way.          |
| 27     | bv_asset_inventory  | 18:49:32 07-10-08 | [bv1 18:49:32 07-10-08]: This is the more logical place for public access from Billeter Rd to Call Lk and Park. It is on dry ground (according to contour) as opposed to current right of way which is through bog. Likewise the right of way from Millar Rd is unmarked and up/down a steep hill. |
| 35     | bv_asset_inventory2 | 23:21:56 08-10-08 | [bv15 23:21:56 08-10-08]: Highly used river put in/take out for anglers and paddlers/boaters.  |
| 98     | bv_asset_inventory3 | 17:47:26 11-10-08 | [bv22 17:47:26 11-10-08]: So, is it still open for redevelopment if someone does come forward?<br>[Reply by bv21 17:48:16 11-10-08]:<br>Subject to whatever happens with the OCP the answer is yes   |
| 109    | bv_asset_dec13_08   | 19:53:14 13-12-08 | [bv13 19:53:14 13-12-08]: Viewscape along this ridge is very valuable. Accurately drawn.   |
| 110    | bv_asset_dec13_08   | 20:00:48 13-12-08 | [bv13 20:00:48 13-12-08]: Viewpoint from the end of the trail on VanGaalén Road. Juniper grove on south facing hillside. Accurately drawn, except for accidental finger. Winter and early spring deer habitat.   |
| 111    | bv_asset_dec13_08   | 20:04:26 13-12-08 | [bv13 20:04:26 13-12-08]: Grove of dense clematis. Needs to be GPSed.  |
| 112    | bv_asset_dec13_08   | 20:12:15 13-12-08 | [bv13 20:12:15 13-12-08]: Trail connects Millar Rd to VanGaalén Trail. Approximate location, needs to be GPSed.  |
| 114    | bv_asset_dec13_08   | 20:18:20 13-12-08 | [bv13 20:18:20 13-12-08]: Potential trail connecting Mountainview Trail and Upland Road. Needs to be GPSed. Crosses three private properties.  |
| 119    | bv_asset_dec13_08   | 20:19:28 28-01-09 | [bv24 20:19:28 28-01-09]: This trail is the cleared fenceline, put in for cattle along edge of private property and along lake and bog. Heavily used by hikers and adjacent snowmobilers.  |
| 120    | bv_asset_dec13_08   | 20:28:41 28-01-09 | [bv24 20:28:41 28-01-09]: This is the main, ridge-top trail that follows the edge of the rare ecosystem (steep sw-facing slope)and starts near Mountain View Rd and finishes near Hyland Rd. Excellent views. (IR)   |
| 121    | bv_asset_dec13_08   | 20:33:19 28-01-09 | [bv24 20:33:19 28-01-09]: Connector trail from ridge to lake and fenceline trail. (AH)   |

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| 122    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 20:36:33 28-01-09 | [bv24 20:36:33 28-01-09]: This trail connects to Telkwa High Rd, but I'm unsure of exact location. (AH)  |
| 124    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 20:47:47 28-01-09 | [bv24 20:47:47 28-01-09]: This is the remnant trail from Van Gaalen Rd along west ridge. The original trail followed the west ridge and had expansive views of town side and Babine Mtns. It was possible to walk both the east and west trails along ridges and connect them until the houses were built on west ridge top. Now the trail ends a short distance from Van Gaalen but there is still a good view at end. It also leads to lake via a fork. (AH)   |
| 125    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 20:50:18 28-01-09 | [bv24 20:50:18 28-01-09]: This is the trail along west side of lake, from Van Gaalen Rd. It ends at private property, which is the only block from circumnavigating the lake, except for crossing bogs at each end. (AH)   |
| 126    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 20:51:27 28-01-09 | [bv24 20:51:27 28-01-09]: This is only private property which includes the lakeshore, and prevents a continuous trail around lake. (AH)  |
| 127    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 20:55:24 28-01-09 | [bv24 20:55:24 28-01-09]: Further comment on this private property is that it would be good to try to negotiate a right of way or add to park if future rezoning opportunity   |
| 130    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 21:00:01 28-01-09 | [bv24 21:00:01 28-01-09]: This is where lake is accessed from fenceline trail. It is boggy in summer and would be a good place for a small boardwalk or viewing platform as in summer it is hard to see lake from solid ground. (AH)   |
| 131    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 21:10:58 28-01-09 | [bv24 21:10:58 28-01-09]: This is an official public access to lake, but is not very usable by public as it is very steep. Also it appears from map that the adjacent land owner has used it to put a driveway up steep slope. Suggest Parks discuss this with landowner and possibly negotiate swapping land on r/w for the piece that extends to lakeshore. Another question is: can public use the driveway where it is on the public right of way? Also can r/w be added to in width or brushed out to make it usable as a public access? It would be good to discuss in the context of more detailed park and access planning. (AH) |
| 132    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 21:17:31 28-01-09 | [bv24 21:17:31 28-01-09]: This is another official public right of way to lake, done at time of subdivision, and unusable by public in summer because it crosses a bog. Good example of owner simply carving off outer edge of least usable land to minimally comply with Lands Title Act sec 75. Because this is unuseable, an alternate needs to be found. (AH)  |
| 132    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 21:17:31 28-01-09 | [bv24 21:17:31 28-01-09]: This is another official public right of way to lake, done at time of subdivision, and unusable by public in summer because it crosses a bog. Good example of owner simply carving off outer edge of least usable land to minimally comply with Lands Title Act sec 75. Because this is unuseable, an alternate needs to be found. (AH)  |
| 135    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 21:26:27 28-01-09 | [bv24 21:26:27 28-01-09]: Public right of way. (AH)  |
| 137    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 21:28:48 28-01-09 | [bv24 21:28:48 28-01-09]: View point   |
| 138    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 21:32:00 28-01-09 | [bv24 21:32:00 28-01-09]: Suggested location for a boardwalk across bog to connect east and west side of park. (IR)  |

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| 140    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 21:51:07 28-01-09 | [bv24 21:51:07 28-01-09]: Potential, general area for a future trail r/w to link Call Lk Park with Eco Reserve, view on ridge top and access from Viewmount Rd. Area has series of steep ridges so terrain is consideration, and ideally would cross multiple private lands, or could go more direct over one, but be steep in parts. (AH)  |
| 141    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 21:57:16 28-01-09 | [bv24 21:57:16 28-01-09]: Very sensitive viewscape from Call Lk and park. This area has high value because it is close to town and developed area, but is a pocket wilderness area where currently you couldn't see (as of summer 08) any development. Development on this hillside would have a high, negative visual impact on park users   |
| 142    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 22:00:13 28-01-09 | [bv24 22:00:13 28-01-09]: Visually-sensitive area as it is a major viewscape from town and along Hwy 16. It is specifically mentioned in Smithers OCP draft as being a community asset and that development should have visual-impact sensitivity (draft Smithers OCP 2008)   |
| 143    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 22:04:38 28-01-09 | [bv24 22:04:38 28-01-09]: Viewpoint on ridge, along steep west-facing slope. (IR)   |
| 144    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 22:08:39 28-01-09 | [bv24 22:08:39 28-01-09]: Good ridge trail, parallels main Call Lk ridge, through Wildlife Habitat Management Area (CL) and goes to viewpoint. (IR)   |
| 145    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 22:13:12 28-01-09 | [bv24 22:13:12 28-01-09]: Trail from a viewpoint, along old cutline to public right-of-way, through Wildlife Habitat Management Area. (IR)  |
| 146    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 22:14:48 28-01-09 | [bv24 22:14:48 28-01-09]: Public r/w connecting CL Wildlife Habitat Management Area to Billeter Rd. (IR)  |
| 147    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 22:16:43 28-01-09 | [bv24 22:16:43 28-01-09]: Trail. (IR)   |
| 149    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 22:26:00 28-01-09 | [bv24 22:26:00 28-01-09]: Trail. (IR)   |
| 154    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 22:37:48 28-01-09 | [bv24 22:37:48 28-01-09]: This is a piece of Crown Land (Wildlife Habitat Management Area) that is completely isolated by private land. Whenever an opportunity arises through rezoning etc in future, there should be public access, preferable usable and in logical or multiple locations. High wildlife values, and has trails. (AH)<br><br>[Reply by bv24 20:48:34 30-01-09]:<br>I erred in calling this a land-locked piece of Crown Land. Closer examination shows a right of way. |
| 155    | bv_asset_dec13_08 | 22:41:50 28-01-09 | [bv24 22:41:50 28-01-09]: This area is an important connectivity area between two CL Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and the forest cover is important to maintain. Also value in connecting for public trails between. (AH)  |
| 213    | bv_asset_tatlow2  | 22:17:26 22-01-09 | [bv33 22:17:26 22-01-09]: 1 Yes; 2 Entire length of Bulkley River from Telkwa to Smithers; 3 Viewing, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, etc.; 4 More than 10; 5 101 or more; 6 6 or more; 7 Very important; 8 Yes, mostly through their governments; 9 Yes   |