

Kaslo Trail Alliance

Backgrounder for Pineridge Public Meeting

Thursday March 1, 2012

7 pm to 9 pm

Senior's Hall

Purpose: The primary goal of the Kaslo Trail Alliance is to build public support for a managed trail network in Kaslo and surrounding areas. The Alliance will focus on public consultation to develop a Trail Management Plan.

Members: The Alliance is comprised of the main forest tenure holders and trail user groups: Kaslo and District Community Forest Society, Woodlot 494 (Lofstedt), Kaslo Trailblazers, Kaslo Outdoor Recreation Society, Kaslo Riding Club, Kaslo to Sandon Rails to Trails, Kaslo Motorized Recreation Group.

Trail Management Plan: The Alliance will develop a Trails Management Plan that will guide stewardship, outline roles and responsibilities, define permitted uses, summarize best practices, ensure maintenance and clarify broad public promotion of trails.

Trail Use Options: The Alliance is considering three different types of trail use: Individual, Managed and Commercial.

1. Unmanaged trail Use of Crown land has the fewest restrictions. Generally, all trails on Crown land are open to the public within fairly broad legal requirements. Unmanaged trails will not be publicized, managed or used for commercial purposes but will be open for public use.
2. Managed trail Use comes with some specific rights and some restrictions. Managed trails need to be legally designated if they are to be built, signed and maintained. Legal designation requires public consultation and provides a level of protection from non-designated uses. In the Kaslo area, not all existing trails will be either publicized or designated
3. Commercial trail use can occur on both designated and non-designated trails. Public consultation is required for commercial use of trails adjacent to communities.

What we need from you: The Alliance needs your input into how trails in and around Kaslo should be used. Specific information we need is:

- What sensitive values exist near the existing trails on Crown land;
- What uses for these trails do you support: hiking / running; horses; bikes; motorized; all of these uses?
- What signage would be appropriate for these trails?
- What trails do you support being publicized?
- What trails do you support being managed?
- What trails do you support being commercial?
- What else do we need to know about?