



**Ministry of Sustainable
Resource Management**

Building B.C's Investment Climate – From the Ground Up

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From the Ground Up: Building B.C.'s Investment Climate



Land Use Planning Across B.C.



Five Steps to Certainty

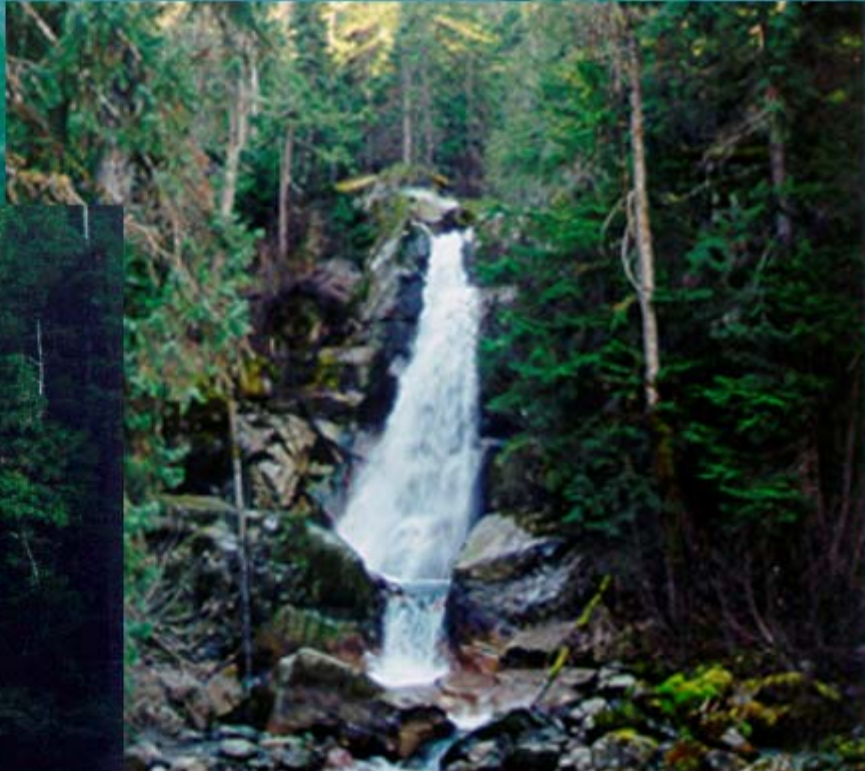
- Access to Land
- First Nations Accommodations
- Security of Tenure
- Improving the Business Climate
- Access to Markets for our Products



Muskwa-Kechika Pre-Tenure Plans

- Signing 2 more pre-tenure plans this week to explore potential gas deposits
- MK potential gas deposits worth \$16 billion
- Pre-tenure plans are a framework to manage gas activities to maintain environmental and First Nations values





Central Coast Land and Resource Management Plan

- No harvesting in candidate protection areas and option areas
- On schedule for table completion by December 31, 2003
- Informed by the best science from Coast Information Team



Southern Rocky Mountains Management Plan – Benefits

- Confirms economic opportunities
- Clarity for communities and industries to resolve land-use conflicts
- Increase certainty for access to Crown land and resources
- Open and transparent process



Southern Rocky Mountains Management Plan – Heartlands

- Stimulate investments in mineral, tourism and forestry
- Contributes to doubling B.C.'s tourism industry by 2010
- Supports the revitalization plan for the forest industry





8 Peaks Recreation Plan – Economics

- Timber supply maintained
- Potential Capital Investment:
\$21.4 M
- Jobs Created: 109 person yrs
in 5 years
- Provincial Employment Income:
\$3.6M
- Provincial Revenue Increased:
\$600,000



8 Peaks Recreation Plan – Key Outcomes

- Investment certainty for the development of a new heli-ski product
- Enhanced economic stability for Blue River
- First Nations economic development - joint business venture with the heli-ski company to run a remote lodge



B.C. Resorts Task Force



Cabinet Decisions

- Muskwa Kechika
- Central Coast
- Southern Rocky Mountains Management Plan
- 8 Peaks Recreation Plan



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