

January 2004

Ministry of Forests

FOREST RECREATION REGULATION

The Forest Recreation Regulation updates legislation around the delivery model for the Ministry of Forests recreation program, revising sections to reflect current management policy and adjusting the language in places so that it is consistent with the Forest and Range Practices Act.

The regulation governs ministry recreation sites, trails and interpretive forest sites. The ministry works with a range of partners in the management of forest recreation sites and trails.

The Forest Recreation Regulation establishes the formula for setting user fees at ministry recreation sites. It also specifies rules of conduct for persons using sites and trails—everything from pet control to vehicle operation—and provides the authority for enforcement officers to order any person disregarding the rules to leave.

People may propose building, restoring or maintaining B.C. Forest Service recreation sites and trails, as well as other trails and recreation facilities on Crown land that aren't part of the ministry recreation program. The Forest Recreation Regulation sets out the approval procedure people must follow when submitting trail or recreation facility proposals. Criteria for safety, environmental protection and appropriate usage must be met, along with approval tests.

Some construction, rehabilitation or maintenance activities are small enough in scale that they do not require the same level of authorization. These are activities such as marking a route with directional indicators like ribbons, or clearing minor amounts of brush.

The Forest Recreation Regulation also identifies the public notification requirements for establishing an order to regulate or restrict recreation use on Crown land. Public recreation orders are established for specific areas to manage conflicts between recreation users, or to protect a recreation or range resource.

-30-

Contact: Don McDonald
Communications Director
250 387-8486