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Subject: Nicola Valley ATV Club

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Re: Kettle Valley Railway

The Kettle Valley Railway is an important historic lineal monument in British Columbia. To willfully destroy such a heritage landmark is unconscionable. Facilities like the Kettle Valley Railway (KVR) are woven into the very fabric of our Province.

On behalf of the Nicola Valley ATV Club, we, the undersigned, are writing to express our deepest concerns with any decision the Province is contemplating to close, decommission or dismantle any part of the Kettle Valley Rail Bed between points south of Coalmont and towards Merritt. Our Club, consisting of over 100 Members, strenuously objects to the decommissioning of this important corridor.

As a recreational group who has travelled on parts of the KVR on many occasions, we implore the Provincial Government (our Government) to halt any plans to deactivate or decommission the rail bed and any facilities located there upon. And in fact, that the Province begins planning the rebuilding this important Tourism, Cultural, Heritage and economically significant resource.

No resources or facilities owned by the Province should ever be destroyed, removed or decommissioned without full and proper public consultation. These facilities are certainly managed by the Province, but they actually belong to its shareholders, its citizens. Consideration for these shareholders comes through open dialogue and communication. Their voice is important, and needs to be heard.

Once known throughout the World as “Beautiful British Columbia”, our Province is losing its global appeal. Such decisions as above, destroy our heritage and our recreational resources and only accelerate this fateful decline.

This Corridor serves recreational users year round, both motorized and non-motorized. It's serves as a life source to communities like Princeton, Tulameen, Granite City and Coalmont (formerly) through safe easy recreational; hiking, biking, quadding and snowmobiling access. Members of our Club have attended two recent ATVBC Events in Princeton, as well as our own Camp & Ride in Coalmont. Participants spent money in each of these communities.

Once these KVR facilities are decommissioned you will have destroyed an important resource that can never be replaced. Facilities that have been enjoyed by citizens of British Columbia for decades.

We implore you to reconsider, to respect the will of British Columbians and to develop a plan for the future of these facilities with full public communication and input. We offer our Club's willingness to participate in such a public process.

Respectfully,

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