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**Ryan McAllister**

Recreation Sites and Trails BC  
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24th December 2020

Dear Mr. McAllister,

Re: Rose Valley and Smith Creek Mountain Bike Trail Networks

This letter has been prepared to present the operating plan for the Rose Valley and Smith creek mountain bike network as per your request in the email dated December 1, 2020. The following sections are in accordance with those outlined in the email.

**Introduction**

This operation plan has been prepared by West Kelowna Trail Crew for the Rose Valley and Smith creek Trail Network. The intent of the operational plan is to provide the current plan for trail building and maintenance for the upcoming 2021 season. Any correspondence regarding this plan can be sent to Peter Glockner at [pglockner@cellartek.com](mailto:pglockner@cellartek.com).

**Public Information**

**• Information about the West Kelowna Trail Crew Society (WKTCS) is available through the club's website and facebook pages. Also Local Bike shops and Trail head signage redirect to club events and Internet presence. There are links on the City of West Kelowna's website as well as Pinkbike and Trailfork portals.**



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Closures are reported through temporary trailhead signage as well as up dates on local trail databases. ie. Trailforks. Permanent closures due to erosion, poor design or safety issues are signed and then the trail is deactivated.

### Safety Plan

Hazard Abatement is dealt with through safety briefings and then local site inspections. Trail assessments include identification of: Danger trees, Broken or failing TTfs, Fall zones and other hazards. ``Caution work in Progress`` signs are hung before work begins as well as at pertinent trailhead kiosks. After work is completed ``Caution trail changes ahead`` signage is posted. First aid kit is kept on a work site in a conspicuous area and a tool briefing takes place before any work begins. Waivers are signed and collected before any one leaves the trail head.

### Trail Day actions.

- 1.Waivers
- 2.Safety Briefing
- 3.Tool Demonstration
- 4.Explain Work Plan
- 5.Trail work signs at trailheads before and after
- 6.Before and after pictures
- 7.No trace/naturalize borrow pits
- 8.Decomissioning of old line if necessary
- 9.Remove Hazards, defunct TTF materials

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## Inspections

- **2021 Inspection Schedule: End of March/beginning of April (as weather allows), Ongoing for remainder of season with reports from club members and executive directors in charge of each network.**

## Proposed Works Smith Creek - 2021

- **Re route of upper “Holy Pail” to bypass eroded rock section and resolve up and down trail conflict with “Kid dynamite”.**
- **Re route of “Feel the love” at badly eroded twin jumps corner.**
- **Adjust camber and trail support on large sections of Travellin Man.**
- **Re build final TTF on soul train as per trail holistics report.**
- **Re align soul train climb to reduce erosion and reduce climbing grade**

## Maintenance and Remedial Work

- **Continued identification of drainage issues and remediation on all trails.**
- **Brushing and clearing of trails and sight lines.**
- **Removal of fallen trees or debris on trails.**
- **Continuous monitoring of decommission trails and maintaining erosion controls until return to natural state is achieved**

## New Works - Smith Creek (1 to 5 year plan)

- **Get approvals for and build “Summit loop Trail” above “Soul train” to top of Travelin Man.**
- **Get approvals to complete a new parking lot at Smith Creek trailhead.**

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- extend “Smith creek jump line” to road intersection with “Holy Pail” climb trail.
  - Get approvals for and build a climb trail from Talus Ridge to top of Soul Train.
  - Get approvals for and build new blue climb trail in main network.
  - Get approvals for new blue/black trail from top of soul train to new parking lot.

#### New Works - Smith Creek (5 to 10 year plans)

- Develop plan to incorporate green trail access nodes from future housing development to existing trails and trailhead.
- Link Telemark Nordic trail area through Powers Creek network to Smith Creek to Rose Valley and Bear Creek with new Connector trail network.

#### Proposed Work Rose Valley- 2021

-Reopen Duelling Banjos with modifications to adhere to RSTBC trail standards. ie new climbing section, improved turn radiuses. and sight lines.

- three new lobes on “Jabbarocky” to incorporate natural features with signage with ridearounds

-Re plant signage posts and update to new RSTBC standard

-signage kiosk north end of lake

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#### **New Works Rose Valley (1-5 year plan)**

**-get approvals for and build Blue trail above “Jabbarocky” from top of “Daze of Roses” to “Rock candy”**

**-get approval for and build climb trail from north end of lake to top of “Daze of Roses”**

#### **New Works - Rose Valley (5 to 10 year plans)**

**-Prepare plan for reroutes and possible new climb trail with development of West Kelowna Estates land around the rooster tree area.**

- Link Telemark Nordic trail area through Powers Creek network to Smith Creek to Rose Valley and Bear Creek with new Connector trail network.**

#### **Signage**

**• Identification of type, location and standard of signs. Describe any signs and structures to be put in place other than those provided by government. Note all signs, posters and structures must be approved by the Recreation Officer as per Section 15 of the Forest Recreation Regulation prior to being put in place.**

#### **Special Events**

**• • Dates and descriptions of special events (both competitive and non competitive) that are scheduled over the course of the season. (Note this is a requirement under section 16 of the Forest Recreation Regulation.) All events must ask for permission from**

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**RSTBC, who in turn, will ask for a letter of support from WKTCS. All participants will be required to pay the WKTCS a fee of \$10/participant/day up to a maximum of the equivalent of a 1-year membership in the WKTCS**

**List of Assets**

- **we are planning to spend \$2000-\$2500 in the Spring of 2021 for new hand tools and a new weed whacker. We are also planning to add a secured 10' tool storage container on site at Smith Creek if funds permit.**
- **Stihl Chainsaw**

**Volunteer versus Paid Effort**

- **Our club acts primarily as a volunteer organization with no paid positions in the club's membership. The exception being when we hired Doug Lundgren on a "by the hour" contract on two occasions to operate a donated backhoe/excavator for trail improvements.**

Sincerely,

Peter Glockner, WKTCS President