



Fraser Valley Regional District

PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

TO: Regional Board of Directors

FROM: Director Bogstie, Electoral Area F

HEARING DATE: January 19, 2011

RE: Second Public Hearing on Fraser Valley Regional District Official Community Plan for Hatzic Valley, Electoral Area "F" Bylaw 0999, 2010

The Public Hearing on Bylaw No. 0999, 2010 was held on January 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the McConnell Creek Farmers' Institute Hall in Mission, B.C. A brief information meeting was held prior to the hearing.

There were 35 members of the public present.

Members of the Regional Board present were:

Director Dick Bogstie, Area "F", Chairperson

Members of the Fraser Valley Regional District staff present were:

Graham Daneluz, Manager Forward Plans/Deputy Planner

Chairperson Bogstie called the Public Hearing to order at 7:35 p.m. The hearing was convened pursuant to Section 892 of the Local Government Act in order to consider Fraser Valley Regional District Official Community Plan for Hatzic Valley, Electoral Area "F" Bylaw 0999, 2010. In accordance with subsections 1 and 2 of Section 892, the time and place of the Public Hearing was advertised in the January 11th and 14th, 2011 editions of the Abbotsford Mission Times newspaper.

Chairperson Bogstie stated that the purpose of Bylaw 0999 is to adopt a new Official Community Plan (OCP) for Hatzic Valley, FVRD Electoral Area "F" pursuant to Section 876 of the Local Government Act. The OCP is a broad statement of objectives and policies which guide planning and land use management decisions. In general terms it contains policies and map designations respecting various land uses, the environment, services, public facilities, parks, hazards, resources, water and other matters. Bylaw 0999 would also establish development permit areas for the protection of development from hazardous conditions and the protection of the environment.

There were five written statements received.

Chair Bogstie called for briefs or comments from the floor.

There were four verbal comments made:

Heather Morlacci
13372 Stave Lake Road

This is just regarding, as you said, about our official public meeting here. I wanted to make some comments. The revised Official Community Plan for Electoral Area F appears to be appropriately revised from the last review of September 23, 2010, from the multi concerns voiced by community members at that time. So thanks for listening to our community issues. I have a few minor concerns. I have a concern for the map of Schedule 2 with the agriculture designation of factual data related to the past Dewdney Alouette Regional District map of Schedule 6 to Bylaw for that map of DARD was Bylaw 559-1992. On this Dewdney Alouette Regional District map of the agriculture area the front of 13361 Stave Lake Road is noted to be in the Agriculture Land Reserve, or the ALR. Now on Schedule number 2 map, the previous ALR zone of the frontage of 13361 Stave Lake Road has been removed on this map to become Limited Use status. So, I brought it to your attention to have some clarification. The copy of the DARD map showing the ALR status of 13361 Stave Lake Road now having the Stave Lake quarries located in the past DARD R3 Zone or is now 2010 on that form in the Schedule 2 map of Limited Use status. So, I'm requesting that the Fraser Valley Regional Board and Planners to check the legality of 13361 Stave Lake Road frontage to be removed from the past ALR designation of the second reading. And that's to just have the clarification to make sure because there's no resources that I was able to discover from the Agriculture Land Commission to legally be aware of when this transpired or how it transpired. So it's just to make sure our Official Community Plan is legally correct.

Regarding 7.2 Community Parks and Recreational Resources, it's to bring to your attention about a document I came across and this is for recreational resources which I'm attaching from the Wilderness Committee Educational Report Volume #06-1987 entitled Proposed Saint Benedict Seven Lakes Pocket Wilderness. This data is attached for your reference from the Westcoast Wilderness Committee or WCWC. In this document a 19 foot round size Hemlock is located in this Mount Benedict wilderness of our backwoods hiking area.

Regarding #11.2.8 which is page 109. It starts in the statement about mining activity, but I would also like to recommend adding in forestry logging projects including woodlots. They should also be applied in here for having no disturbance of riparian buffer zones. It's like we just skipped up on this and missed this from our reviews in the past.

Regarding 13.2 Riparian Areas Development Development Permit Area 2-5 under Exemptions of 13.2.2 and number (m). For forestry activities even though some watercourses may not be fish bearing watercourses, they should not be exempted from forestry. I request that Riparian Assessment Areas should also apply to such forestry logging activities to have watercourse protection re stream, spring flows and on other crown land. These watercourses should have ecological and plant life significant preservation due to the need to have such water streamside enhancement of our Crown land mountainsides. Your consideration of these added issues to clarify the OCP is appreciated.

So, I have some attachments here too, from the old DARD map and the ALR Commission map, which I'm sure you folks have the new one as well as the Saint Benedict Seven Lakes Pocket Wilderness for your reference.

Frances Storozyński
13080 Stave Lake Road

I would just like to point out that under 5.5.7 Limited Use nowhere in there does it say you can have rock quarries and yet the quarry on Stave Lake Road is in a Limited Use zone according to the colours on the map in this revised....

[Comment from Director Bogstie: "It already exists.]

Okay. So, anyway 5.5.9 paragraph – the end of it says that it should not negatively affect surrounding properties. I think that should apply whether they exist or they don't.

Thank you.

Hugh Davidson
12462 Stave Lake Road

I just want to follow up a bit on the comments on the challenges around bylaw enforcement. It concerns me a little bit that the Board's taking a view that well we could enact a bylaw, but if it's challenging to enforce it we won't. I think that law enforcement or any enforcement agency anywhere are always facing resource challenges and often have to choose which laws they are going to go after in terms of their enforcement efforts. I think a lot of the issues around quarries have been jurisdictional issues. Our fear is that the Province will drop another quarry on our heads and we won't be able to do anything about it. So, it would be nice if the FVRD had the authority to prevent that kind of stuff, but we don't, but if we did we'd have to be able to enforce it. I think we shouldn't be walking away from our legislative controls that we are able to impose even though enforcing them may be a challenge.

The other comment that I had too, just as a side note, is that my wife would have liked to have been here today, but she's at a meeting at Durieu Elementary. They are discussing the future of that school which looks like it's facing closure.

So, I think on a scheduling note, this could have been hopefully arranged a little bit better. Other than that, I think the changes that I see in the draft document are a great improvement and I thank the staff and Board members for very good work.

Thank you.

Earl Babich
10990 Sylvester Road

Unfortunately, I still have lots of editing problems with the document and I don't know how long we could be here. Maybe we'd even like to have a motion to have an editing meeting with Graham. I actually went to the Regional office yesterday, but, of course, you were busy with all the other meetings you are in. I'll just go through some of the examples of what I'm talking about.

In section 1.1(a)I've just got so many notes, but anyways, there is in Section 1.1 there seems to be an (a) and a (b) twice in this section. Under the next heading Official Community Plan there's a 1.1(a) and then (b), then Official Community Plan then there's an (a) and a (b) and a (c) and a (d) and an (e) again. So, therefore, I don't know... there's some numbering issues or some structural issues with regards to how it's written.

I have I think it was in 1.1 (e) on page 2, there's "objectives respecting matters not within the jurisdiction of the local government and I think that, especially upon the school closure information that is coming forth and I guess is planned to be decided by February 22, I would expect that this document not be finalized until the information or decision of the school closure is known because the Section 4 the school closure or everything about the school in this document should be rewritten, if there are changes made with regard to the school. I believe it's in Section 7 - the school is I think....I brought it up in the last meeting it's institutional property and I was actually asked for more discussion about institutional properties and, in fact, to have a sustainable community that would be looking for a plan, a forward thinking plan, of more institutionalized properties in this district F. Unfortunately now, with the idea of a school closure, it may actually mean that the Ministry of Education or the owner of the property, which I think is District 75, could actually have the rights to sell the property if a closure does occur and I think we need to address that in this document about the necessity of a sustainable community to have institutionalized properties such as a school.

On page 4 you talk about the survey results that came out from the survey of the homeowners in the area. It says that most of the residents appear to be in favour of a low growth approach to development. I know I submitted a survey for you and by no means did I have a low growth approach to development. It was probably more something that was written last time in the plan, which is now removed in the objectives, the main objectives...I think we talked about a moderate growth. In fact, the school board has brought forth, or cited information from the Regional District that says that a low growth or zero growth trend for our region is one of the factors of why the school is being closed, but

clearly in this document, if you look at the trends of I believe... it's I think... it's the Growth Strategy trends for this area, it talks about the Fraser Valley having a doubling of growth over the next twenty to thirty years and by any means I believe this document should be clearly written for the school board to realize that growth is something that we will have pressures for in this region. We will have to accommodate some people and, in fact, even a doubling of population in this area from the 1,300 people that we have now to maybe 2,500 people in another twenty years I believe is not unreasonable whatsoever. In fact, I would actually like to....(tape ends) ... accommodating housing needs primarily through in-fill development on rural and residential lands and then it would be a co-ordinated effort between the Regional District and the School Board to make sure that their information is consistent.

I also believe in the survey that I had clearly stated that high speed internet for the Valley should be deemed as an essential service for the residents of this community. I do know that the Regional District has moved forward in Boston Bar to actually, I believe, own the rights to the internet service for its residents, or at least provide the internet service to the residents and I don't think it's....I think it's unfair that 50% of our residents have high speed internet and therefore, it's a non-issue for them and the other 50% can't gain enough support for the local company, to leverage the companies to bring in the service for the few numbers that are without. I would actually like to have a map amendment or an additional map in the Official Community Plan showing every lot that has high speed internet available to it and every lot that does not have high speed internet, since I do believe this is an essential service for the valley. I had the discussion with realtors or planners recently that housing values, or homes in our area that do not have high speed internet availability cannot attract wealthier purchasers to the area, which, of course, would cause a decline in our ability to maximize our housing prices if we were to choose to sell. Speaking about maps, there's only two maps in all of the Schedules, I think it's map #9 and map #10 that do not have the boundaries, the property boundaries, on it and I think that those maps should have the property boundaries so it's consistent with all the other maps in this section.

When I go through the charts that are in Section 2, for example Table 2.2, it talks about percentage growth and I believe that these ... I believe that all the growth numbers throughout this document are made incorrectly in fact. I believe the formulas used for doing growth, whether these numbers come from Statistics Canada or whether they were done by the Regional District, the formula used was wrong. They were dividing the difference in the numbers, like for example with the total population, or here I'll take the example of people under fifteen, or what it needs, in Table 2.2, for example, it needs a change in growth columns for both ... between 2001 and 2006. What this document does is the total population growth change is 6.7%, but if you take the grouping that's under fifteen years of age, 220 of 1,245 is 17.6% and 235 of the 2006 year, 235 of 1335 total population is also 17.6%. So the actual change in growth population for under fifteen year olds between 2000 and 2006 is zero, and not 6.3 growth, because the 6.3 growth is part of the total population change and not the change in growth population and those numbers should be clarified. In other words the document is not fully understood. Also, for example, in Table 2.3, the houses

occupied by private dwellings, there's 475 home ownership occupied by private dwellings in 2001 and 525 occupied in 2006. Well, the difference is 50 and 50 divided by 475, which is the correct formula for doing percentage growth, is 10.5. Whereas the percentage growth calculation here was they took the 50 difference and they divided it by 525 to get a percentage growth of 9.5. So, when I use us as an example, every percentage growth calculation that I've looked through in this document they're using the later number as the number to divide by whereas it should be the original number to have the change in growth from the earlier time.

And then on the next page, on page 13 under Household and Family Language Characteristics, when I read this it talks about, in general, households are comprised of two or more people, which is 70% and then there's 13% of single families and there's just over one quarter of households with a single person. Well, 70% plus 13% plus 25% is over 100%.

[Director Bogstie offered that staff will review all calculations in the document.]

Okay, or I'll meet with Graham and he can set up a meeting with me another time and we can go through all my edits. Much appreciated.

I guess I do have another issue and one is with regard to the water....I see it written in one of the Sections about a water reservoir that's coming to our area and I believe that the planning stages are far enough long that we should include it in this document for the next ... I guess the document is going to be for the next eight to ten years, possibly twenty years. I believe that, based on my personal knowledge and maybe not the knowledge of everybody in the valley, but the water reservoir plan plus the additional 30 residences that may be on the water system should be included in this document before it's finalized. And it's something I think the Planning Department is not unwilling to have included, but it's just waiting a little longer until the plans are all finalized since it's been in the works for some time.

I'll just step down to see if someone else has to speak.

The Chairperson called for the third and final time for comments; hearing none, declared the Public Hearing for Bylaw 0999, 2010 concluded.

Mr. Babich approached the microphone again.

Earl Babich
10990 Sylvester Road

As you were discussing earlier is that I would still like a sentence written in this document regarding the formula to be created for monies from the I guess the gravel pits, the resource regions to be paid to the Ministry of Transportation so we can have direct compensation for our roads. Our roads are not suitable to

walk on as they were maybe five to ten years ago with all the heavy trucks and things that are on the road. I know I have young family and we can't bike on the road any more safely and we can't walk on the road safely and if we need the Province to pay for sidewalks or wider roads to accommodate the trucks or even limit the trucks to a certain route through our District, then these are all things I would like to be recognized in this document.

Now that I'm thinking about it ... I do have another issue in Chart # 4.2. Again, I think I brought this up in the last meeting and it was not recognized. I do not like the term Limited Use for any designation of any properties. I would like to see if there could be another name used for this property. And on Table 4.2 it states that a minimum parcel size for Limited Use property is eight hectares. And I know from, I would think, the six neighbours surrounding my property that there's zoning already for many of those properties to be R1 properties, which is I believe two hectare parcels and if those zonings are in existence then they should already be drawn out of the Limited Use area and should be given a new designation. For example, I have a property I guess one north of mine or two north of myself they are under eight acres or near eight acres, which would only be four hectares but they are still drawn as Limited Use which has a minimum parcel size of eight hectares. So I believe there needs to be a new category drawn for parcels that are under eight hectares currently and are still colour coded on our map #2 in the brown Limited Use colour. There needs to be a distinction between any parcels in the Valley that are under eight hectares that are coloured brown versus any ones that are already subdivided underneath eight hectares that are still in that area. I also believe that Limited Use sounds like it has a negative connotation to it and I would like to see if we could come up with a better word for that.

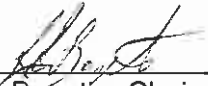
I have something more... I just have to find it. I guess I read I think somewhere on page ten the idea that many of our children or people that have been growing up in our community have been moving away from the family home. Therefore, that's why there's considered a smaller growth in our area, which is also one of the reasons the School Board has cited that our school is possibly in a closure situation. Again, I want to state that my belief is that without the new technology such as high speed internet to the Valley, and without the school, we will then be causing a larger amount of families to be moving away from our region and I do not believe that is what we want as a community plan. I think that we should put the necessary provisions in place to make sure that we can attract families to the region and support the school and support perhaps executive style people to our area that could be good neighbours.

About the lots...I know there's recently been two lots subdivided into five acre parcels south of my residence and both of them are still considered into the Limited Use designation. So, therefore, again, there's just another two examples of properties that should be excluded out of that connotation. It says minimum parcel size of eight hectares. We need a new designation for properties that are already under the minimum size for Limited Use.

Thanks for your time.

The Chair Bogstie declared the Public Hearing for Bylaw 0999 concluded at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dick Bogstie, Chairperson

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January 19, 2011

Fraser Valley Regional District
Planning Department
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Chilliwack BC V2P 1N6
Email: planninginfo@fvrd.bc.ca

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Official Community Plan for Hatzic Valley, Electoral Area "F" – Bylaw No. 0999, 2010

BC Timber Sales (BCTS) recognizes the importance of developing an official community plan and would like to commend the Fraser Valley Regional District for the time and effort they have put forth on the Official Community Plan for Hatzic Valley, Electoral Area "F" – Bylaw No. 0999, 2010 (OCP). Following BCTS' review of the OCP, some general concerns have been identified.

The OCP boundary includes approximately 1500 ha of Crown land, which is part of the Province's "working forest". BCTS has invested planning funds in this area to help identify forest development opportunities (short- and long-term) required to ensure the successful achievement of BCTS' strategic goals:

1. Is a high performing organization with skilled, motivated and proud people.
2. Provides a credible reference point for costs and pricing of timber harvested from public land in B.C.
3. Provides a reliable supply of timber to the market, through open and competitive auctions – subject to meeting the requirements of cost and price referencing stated in Goal 2.
4. Maximizes net revenue for the Province – subject to the requirements of cost and price referencing stated in Goal 2 and supplying timber for auction stated in Goal 3.

Given the importance of the area to BCTS, it is our expectation that we will continue to operate in this area if the OCP is approved. Consequently, if the OCP is approved, BCTS would like to develop a formal information sharing process with the Fraser Valley Regional

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District for this area to ensure that concerns regarding propositions by both parties are discussed and mitigated, if practicable.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the contents of this letter further, please feel free to phone (604.702.5731) or email (Stacey.Gould@gov.bc.ca) me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Gould".

Stacey Gould MScF, RPF
Planning Forester
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BC Timber Sales
Chinook Timber Sales Office

Graham Daneluz

From: Lynne Fry [lynnefry@telus.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 16, 2011 12:10 PM
To: Graham Daneluz
Subject: OCP

Hi Graham:

I am writing this to express my opinion on some of the changes to the OCP. Recently the school district has decided that they will be closing Durieu Elementary School this next school year. The decision to change moderate growth to minimum growth is not a wise choice. As I had brought up during our meetings if we do not see some growth we will see our school closing, and Hatzic Prairie Store struggling. Are we going to lose our store next. This may cause families with young children to move closer to town and families with young children may not choose to buy out here since there will no longer be a local school for their children to go to. I know years ago when we bought out here I would not have bought here if my children had to be bused that far. This may also create more growops and bring more crime to our area. It saddens me to have seen over the past 28 years how our community has changed and not for the better. We used to have a very caring and close-knit community spirit. I am not sure why you made the changes you made there was a few people not wanting much growth but there were also people wanting growth. I felt the scale was pretty balanced toward more growth so why are these people who want some growth being ignored.

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Graham Daneluz

From: Lynne Fry [lynnefry@telus.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 16, 2011 6:56 PM
To: Graham Daneluz
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An small area of McConnell Creek wants to have the option to subdivide and we are told No, but yet a few people on Timbercove want to subdivide down to 5 acres and they get just like that. I felt the scale was pretty balanced toward more growth so why are these people who want some growth being ignored.

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Which we know where all the people are going to be that night, as the school closing is a very heated topic.

These are a few issues that need to be reconsidered as years ago when the ALR was put in, many up here in McConnell Creek area felt our properties should never have been put in the ALR in the first place as the land and climate and growing season was not favourable for agriculture, only Hatzic Prairie should have been in the ALR.

Thank you for taking the time to reconsider some of these issues.
Lynne Fry

Graham Daneluz

From: robert taylor [bobmary@netscape.ca]
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2010 1:20 PM
To: Graham Daneluz
Subject: fvrđ plan

As a consequence of having a 15% tax hike thrust upon us I would prefer that all work related to the plan be terminated until the costs are presented to the taxpayers. In addition I would prefer any other plans in progress and all other activities whatever they may be should cease until the costs are presented to the taxpayers.

Regards Robert Taylor

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FRASER VALLEY REG. DISTRICT.

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Sincerely,
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POCKET WILDERNESSES, VANCOUVER AREA

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Proposed: ST. Benedict-Seven Lakes Pocket Wilderness



Sonny Lake, northeast of Deroche, B>C> Canadian Forest Products (CanFor) plans to eventually clear cut all the forest shown in this photo.

Photo credit: Joe Foy

A chain of pocket wildernesses linked together by unlogged forested ridge top corridors, the St. Benedict-Seven Lakes area is a necklace of diamonds in the rough, just waiting to be discovered. Right now most of the Pocket Wildernesses that make up this 20 kilometre Y-shaped network, are seldom visited. That will soon change. When the old trapper trails which crisscross the area are cleared, marked and linked together, the St. Benedict-Seven Lakes Pocket Wilderness will become one of the Lower Fraser Valley's premier recreational destinations.

Seven pristine mountain lakes, semi-alpine parkland, big-tree forests and many access points combine to create a unique wilderness resource. Terepocki Pocket Wilderness in the northern section is the big-tree sanctuary, with numerous large cedars and one hemlock that measures 19 feet around. Sonny Lake in the southern portion is an untouched wilderness bowl. The waters of Sonny mirror hills

covered with acre after acre of untouched old growth forest. Bonzai Lake with its strange little-tree forest is near the middle section. The lakes, hidden in their own pockets, are seven beautiful gems.

Like any necklace, the St. Benedict-Seven Lakes area is fragile. Once broken, it loses much of its beauty and value. Logging threatens the St. Benedict Wilderness in both the northern and southern sections. Negotiations are underway and the Pocket Wilderness Coalition hopes to see this unique wilderness resource gain the protection it deserves. In the Maple Ridge Forest Service Office are plans that show future logging in Terepocki and Sonny Lake Pocket Wildernesses. Let them know your concern.

Access

Access may be confusing as routes are unmarked and road systems are complicated and unsigned. The PWC intends to change all this in the coming summer with road signs and marked routes to the lakes. For now, topographic map 1:50,000 scale 92 G/1 and a compass are mandatory equipment just to find your way in the car. Access points are in several different road systems...

1. Lost Creek road system

From Mission City go east on Highway No. 7 for 6.4 km., turn left onto Sylvester Road. Follow the paved then good gravel road 17 km to a small parking lot just north of Murdo Creek in Davis Lake Provincial Park. Walk back south across the bridge and pick up the trail leading to McKay Lake and the top of Mt. St. Benedict. This is the south of the corridor. There is no trail from here on out. Use caution. The route will be marked soon.

Back in the car, using a map, continue on the moderately rough logging road north, then southeast up a tributary of Lost Creek. Park when the going gets too rough and walk for one hour up an old road then through the open forest to the mushroom-shaped Bonzai Lake, not named on the topographic map.

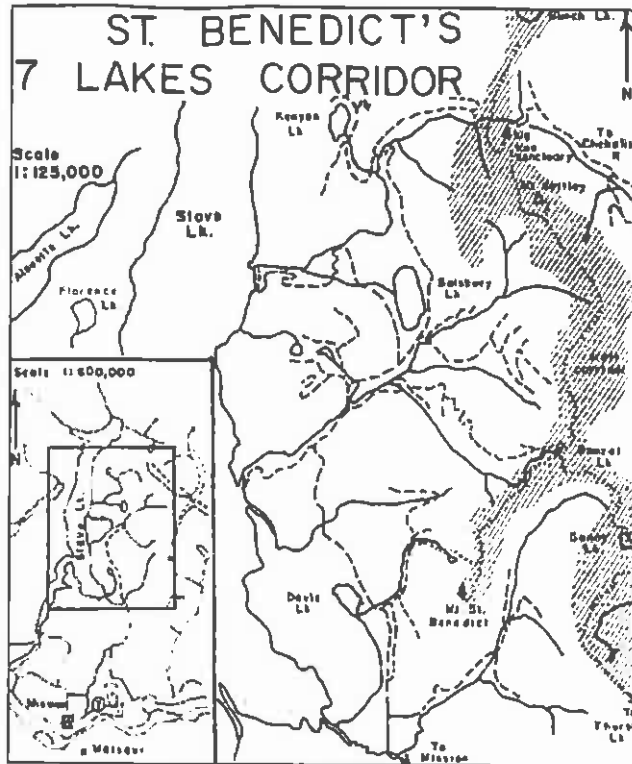
Back in your car, backtrack to a road that runs near the eastern shore of Salisbury Lake. Continue around to the north side of the headwaters of Terepocki Creek. Park and walk south to the mouth of the north-south aligned valley below Mt. Kettleby. This is a big-tree sanctuary.

2. Norrish Creek road system

From the village of Dewdney, take the Hawkins Pickle Road, which is paved but soon turns to moderately rough gravel where it becomes the Norrish Creek Forest Road. Using your map, locate Rose Creek Road and travel up it until it becomes too rough. Walk along the road to near its end then navigate up the slopes through open forest and salmonberry to Thurston Lake, the southern end of the Pocket Wilderness network in this area.

3. Chehalis River road system From Sasquatch Inn on Highway No. 7 (also the turn off for the Hemlock Ski Development) head north up the good gravel Chehalis Road system. After crossing Statlu Creek bridge stay at the fork. Using a map locate South Statlu Road and take this road to access the logging roads that approach So Lake. Several overgrown roads may be walked to within one half-hour of lake. From the end of the roads its easy bushwack to Sonny Lake.

Access to the St. Benedict Nets Wilderness should be improved vastly by the end of summer, 1987.



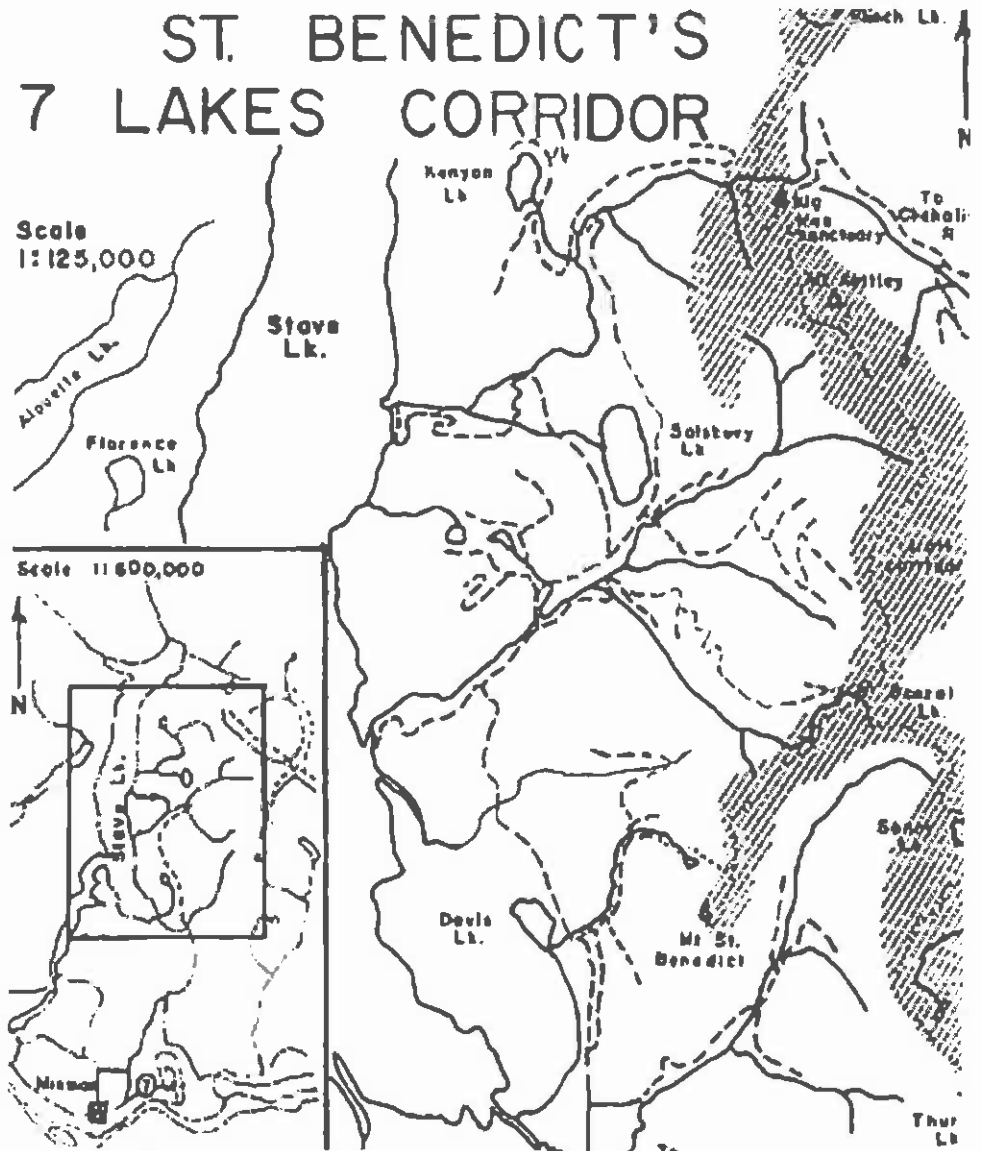
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Below is a map with Davis Lake and Salsbury Lake identified.

I found this map on the Western Canada Wilderness's webpage. I had no idea the protected area in this zone. I am shocked

They give detailed hiking info. I doubt it if any vehicle is safe if left on the side log the target shooting in the area.

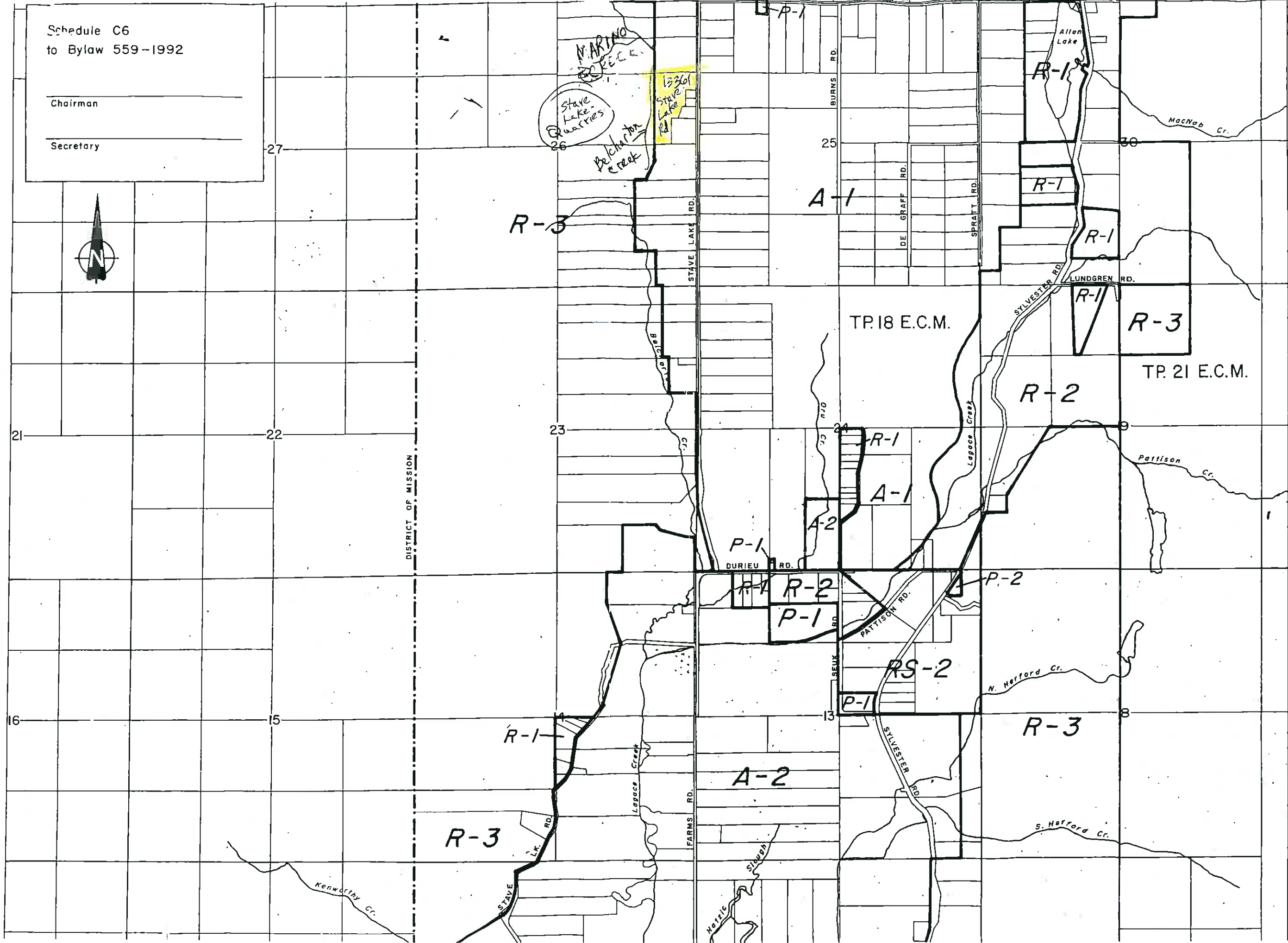
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