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Attachments: Sheep Mountain Ranch letter to John Krebs April 28 2015.pdf

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Cc: Rob Neil; Marian Adair
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Hi John-

Please see attached.

Regards,

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Re: Management of Sheep Mountain Ranch (TNTBC #56)

Dear John:

The Nature Trust of British Columbia and its partners acquired Sheep Mountain Ranch in 1984 to conserve critical bighorn sheep, elk, and deer winter range. The fee simple land was leased to the Province, and the Province also held a life estate agreement with the vendors – Jack Cutts and Judith Davis. The Nature Trust of British Columbia understands that the life estate agreement has now ended.

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The Nature Trust of BC's priority for the Sheep Mountain Ranch is to manage it for its habitat conservation values, especially its value as bighorn sheep, elk, and deer winter range. This aligns with both the original intent of the land purchase, and with the lease agreement we have with the Province. Together with our conservation partners, we are in the process of developing and implementing a land management plan with the goal:

- to maintain or restore, to as natural a state as possible, the properties mixed forest, grassland and shrub grassland habitats that will support a diverse and rich community of native plant and animal species and contribute to a broader healthy ecological condition within the Sheep Mountain -Wigwam Flats conservation lands complex.

The Nature Trust of BC intends to work with our partners to restore and enhance the habitat values of Sheep Mountain Ranch. Going forward, The Nature Trust of BC believes that the ungulate winter range values can be maximized without grazing cattle on Sheep Mountain Ranch.

Although The Nature Trust of BC continues to maintain a biodiversity ranching program in the Okanagan, we do not intend to extend this program to Sheep Mountain Ranch.

Concurrent with the development of the land management plan, The Nature Trust of BC will be moving ahead in 2015 with removal of structures on the Sheep Mountain properties, resurveying the property boundaries and fencing removal and placement for conservation management purposes.

Best Regards,



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