

Nicoll, Sara ENV:EX

From: WWW ENVMail ENV:EX
Sent: March 24, 2015 10:44 AM
To: Correspondence Unit ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Conservation Land Lease

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: Greg

From: Ministry of FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 8:45 AM
To: s.22
Cc: WWW ENVMail ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Conservation Land Lease

Thank you for writing the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding a land lease agreement.

As the area in question resides within the Rocky Mountain Natural Resource District, I suggest you contact FrontCounter BC directly at: FrontCounterBC@gov.bc.ca <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/drm/>.

s.22

From:
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2015 11:38 AM
To: Ministry of FLNR:EX
Subject: Fwd: Conservation Land Lease

Hello, I have forwarded the following emails in regards to a land lease agreement^{s.22} with the province. I am looking for the specific person in which I need to speak with. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank-you,
s.22

----- Forwarded message -----

From: s.22
Date: Fri, Mar 20, 2015 at 12:23 PM
Subject: RE: Conservation Land Lease
To: "WWW ENVMail ENV:EX" <env.mail@gov.bc.ca>

Hello, Thank you for your response. As I forgot to mention where the property is located. The property is located approximately 35km West of Fernie BC and approximately 25km North of the Roosevelt United States Border Crossing. I hope this helps as to which regional office that I should contact.
Thank you for your time and patience.

Sincerely,
s.22

On Mar 19, 2015 5:37 PM, "WWW ENVMail ENV:EX" <env.mail@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Reference: 277186

March 19, 2015

s.22

Email: s.22

Dear s.22

Thank you for your email of March 11, 2015, addressed to the Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Environment, regarding a land lease agreement s.22 I am pleased to have this opportunity to respond on behalf of Minister Polak.

The topic you have raised falls under the purview of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regional offices.

As you have not identified a location, I am unable to direct you to the specific regional office to answer your enquiry. Please contact the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations directly at FLNR.MinistryOf@gov.bc.ca with this information so that they can have the appropriate office follow up with you.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Ministry of Environment

Webmaster

From: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 3:20 PM
To: Correspondence Unit ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Conservation Land Lease

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 8:00 AM
To: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Subject: Conservation Land Lease

Hello Ms. Polak,

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Any help or direction that you can provide in this situation would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Nicoll, Sara ENV:EX

From: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Sent: May 22, 2015 11:40 AM
To: Correspondence Unit ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Sheep Mountain Ranch

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Categories: Lindsay

From: Cadogan, Iris FLNR:EX **On Behalf Of** Rasmussen, Paul FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 3:18 PM
To: s.22
Cc: Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Cadogan, Iris FLNR:EX; Jasper Lament
Subject: Sheep Mountain Ranch

File: CLIFF 213533

s.22

Dear

Thank you for your March 11, 2015 e-mail to Minister Polak concerning Sheep Mountain conservation lands. As the management of these lands falls under the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, I have been asked to respond. s.22

In 1984, The Nature Trust of BC acquired the Sheep Mountain Ranch in a fee simple acquisition to conserve their conservation value. The lands were leased back to the Province for management purposes, and the Province in turn developed a "life estate" agreement with s.22 (Jack Cutts and Judy Davis). This agreement allowed Mr. Cutts and Ms. Davis to occupy the lands and run a cattle operation during their lifetimes. The agreement did not extend to heirs, relatives, or business associates. Now that both Mr. Cutts and Ms. Davis^{s.22} the life estate agreement is concluded.

In consultation with The Nature Trust of BC, the Province has determined that a new lease is not compatible with future management of this property. We will not be establishing a new agreement for grazing, cattle ranching or occupation of the site. A new management plan for the area is being developed that will focus on managing and restoring the habitat values of the area for the benefit of bighorn sheep, elk, deer and other wildlife species.

Over the next weeks and months, the Nature Trust of BC will be actively removing and deactivating infrastructure on the site, addressing fencing requirements, and developing a land management plan. I expect the land to continue to be maintained and improved for its' significant wildlife habitat values which aligns with the original purpose of the acquisition in 1984.

Thank you for your letter, and your interest in the future of this land.

Yours truly,

Paul M. Rasmussen
Regional Executive Director,
Kootenay Boundary Region

cc: The Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Environment
The Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Jasper Lament, Executive Director, Nature Trust of BC

Iris Cadogan

Regional Administrative Assistant
Kootenay Boundary Region
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Phone: 250-420-2179 Fax: 250-426-1767
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Nicoll, Sara ENV:EX

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: March 16, 2015 9:26 AM
To: Correspondence Unit ENV:EX; Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Conservation Land Lease

Categories: Greg

Hey Greg! can you send a note from ENV to the incumbent asking for location and that you have passed along to FLNR?

Thank You! Di Bohja!

Sonia Donison, Manager
Correspondence Services
4th Floor, 780 Blanshard
Tel: 250-356-9638
sonia.donison@gov.bc.ca

From: Correspondence Unit ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 9:13 AM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Conservation Land Lease

Morning Alison,

Does this mean you guys are going to be responding advising them we would need more information to answer their request? Vera seems to think the FLNR regional office and not the ENV regional office would have the info so I am not sure what action we are taking?

Thanks!

Greg
Greg Visco
250-387-9885

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 9:36 AM
To: Visco, Greg ENV:EX
Cc: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Conservation Land Lease

Hello Greg,

I'm told that we need to get more information about the location of the lease area before we can respond. I did a reverse phone number lookup and my best guess is the Kootenay-Boundary region, but that might not be where it is located.

Alison Case
Correspondence Coordinator, Correspondence Services
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

4th Floor, 780 Blanshard Street
Phone: 250-387-7285
Email: Alison.Case@gov.bc.ca

From: Vukelich, Vera FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 5:02 PM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Conservation Land Lease

Hi Alison, the query needs to go to an FLNR regional office as only regional staff would have access to the terms and conditions of a Crown land lease.

This person needs to specify the geographic location of the lease area in order for us to forward to the appropriate regional FLNR office.

Vera

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 04:24 PM
To: Vukelich, Vera FLNR:EX
Cc: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Conservation Land Lease
Hi Vera,

I'm just shooting you a quick email because I know Wendy is away until Monday and I'm hoping to get back to Greg tomorrow. Could you please advise me on whether or not this incoming would be handled by Land Tenures? I have not yet logged this one – I will log it once I've heard back from you.

Thank you,

Alison Case

Correspondence Coordinator, Correspondence Services
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
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Phone: 250-387-7285
Email: Alison.Case@gov.bc.ca

From: Correspondence Unit ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 4:07 PM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Conservation Land Lease

Hey Folks,

Can you have a look at the below email and advise if this is something FLNR can respond to? If so, I can exchange over for response. We would be sending a redirect letter in this case.

Thanks!

Greg
Greg Visco

250-387-9885

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To: Minister, ENV ENV:EX

Subject: Conservation Land Lease

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