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Cc: [Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX](#); [Austad, Bob ENV:EX](#); [Ranson, David ENV:EX](#)
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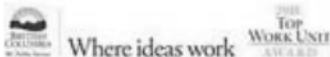
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Would we be in conflict of Interregnum if we provide this information given BCWF is considered a stakeholder?

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I can pull that together for cos.

Sent from my iPhone

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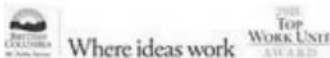
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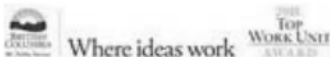
Jesse,

Thanks for your patience. As we are now in election mode, I had to consult internally regarding your request. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide the information you are requesting, or to validate the info you have provided, as a key part of the interregnum conventions are that we are to not engage with our stakeholders during this period. We would be happy to revisit this after the election. In the meantime, I would suggest that you look to such sources as the government news releases regarding the campsite expansion program and the government budget website where you will find the published Blue Book budget materials.

Regards
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Hi Jim,

Given the limited information available, here is the best I've been able to come up with. Is there anything I'm missing related to MoE, parks, campsites and COS? Links or references you can point to related to the data? My c is (250) 878-3799 if you want to call.

“Investing in Parks and Camping

- Restore funding for BC parks
- Hire additional park rangers and conservation officers
- Built new campsites to catch up with current demand
- Put BC residents first in line of campsite bookings”

| | 2017 | 2020 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| BC Parks | 49.26M | 40.68M |
| Conservation Officer Service | \$15.48 | \$19.01 |

Between 2017 to 2020, the BC parks budget declined by \$8.58M. This was due in part, to a \$10M one time grant to support the establishment of the BC Parks Foundation in 2017. Additionally, in 2017 there were significant increases in staffing including 25 new ranger positions and 5 new Community Liaison Officers. Supplementary estimates show BC Parks salary of 16,840,000 in 2017 and 16,825,000 in 2020 (not adjusted for inflation). BC Parks continue to be under-staffed; use is forecast to increase another 6% by 2022. The COVID-19 related closures of BC Parks this spring are attributable in part to a lack of staffing, particularly in the Lower Mainland.

The Conservation Officer Service (COS) budget has increased from \$15.48M in 2017 to \$19.01M in 2020. The COS supplemental estimate for salaries was \$10,352,000 in 2017 and \$13,394,000 in 2020. The increase is due in part to additional resources funded by caribou recovery. In 2018 the COS increased hiring by approximately 10 new positions, but budget clawbacks in 2019 has likely resulted in a small reduction of officers via attrition.

In 2016, there were 10,700 campsites and the former provincial government committed to 1,900 new campsites due to increasing demand. In 2017, 350 new campsites were added. In 2018, 431 new sites were added; in 2019, 594 new campsites were added and in 2020 180 new campsites were added, increasing the total to 1,555 new campsites over 4 years. With COVID-19 demand for camping has soared; the reservation website crashed when it was reopened this spring, and campsites across the province are often full before the weekend. Reservations for popular destinations are fully booked well in advance. Even without COVID-19 is it unlikely that the number of new campsites would keep up with increased demand.

While there has been some preference given to BCers this year due to COVID-19, there was never a policy shift to put British Columbians first in line for campsite bookings.

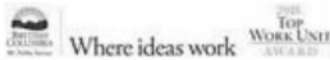
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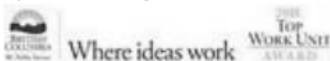
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