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Sunbeam Creek ECOLOGICAL RESERVE # 39

MANAGEMENT AND STATE OF RESERVE

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Person(s)</u>
2006/06/10	<p>Checked access situation to area of reserve from the southeast via a trail up the southeast ridge of Teare Mountain adjacent to reserve - not quad accessible, possibly snowmobile accessible</p> <p>Checked state of reserve signage</p> <p>General state - only south boundary area checked this trip, no problems seen except 1 missing sign</p>	<p>Art Carson</p> <p>Barb Janzen</p>

GENERAL COMMENTS

The main purpose of this trip to the reserve was to determine the situation regarding a quad trail observed ascending toward the same general alpine area as ER #39 via a long ridge extending southeast from Teare Mountain, an alpine area just outside the reserve to the southeast and contiguous with the alpine areas inside the reserve. For this reason the reserve was accessed on foot via this long route and only the southern area of the reserve could be inspected in the one day available. Local knowledge suggests that this trail was the result of a BC Government employment-providing program of some sort in the 1970's or 1980's. The official trailhead was at Little Falls on the Holmes River but a more recent logging road network intersects the trail in several places and this road system is currently being used for de facto access. Another quad trail bypasses a locked gate on Little Falls Pit Road by which these logging roads connect to Highway 16. It was discovered that the trail has been upgraded for quad use approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up to the treeline on Teare Mountain but there is no quad access to the alpine at present. There are no known terrain features which would be likely to prevent further upgrading of the trail to the Teare Mountain alpine in future; however there is a bit of rugged country between Teare Mountain and the reserve which may still prevent access into the reserve from this direction by quads if this trail is completed. It is not known who is doing this work.

The sign mentioned above, which had been on a wooden post supported by a rock cairn, had vanished along with its post. The cairn was scattered. I have spare signs and will replace it.

REPORT COMPLETED BY: Art Carson DATE: 2006/06/10

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ACTIONS NEEDED

1 sign needs replacement; new one available.

RESEARCH

Dates Details _____ Person(s)

EDUCATION

Dates Details _____ Person(s)

Total number of hours spent 9 in year from May 1 to April 30.