



Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council
Conseil Canadien des Distributeurs de Véhicules Hors Route

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Recreational Infrastructure Canada

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council (COHV), I would like to extend my support for the Okanagan Trail Riders Association (OTRA) in its application to Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RinC) program for trail development in the Bear Creek Recreation Site.

The Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council is a national, nonprofit, trade association representing the responsible interests of ATV and off-highway motorcycle manufacturers, distributors and retailers. One manner in which these interests are put into practice is through COHV's grant program to provincial and national OHV rider federations that implement the Guiding Principles of OHV Development.

These Principles state that every OHV Rider must:

1. Know how to obtain appropriate training, education and information related to the safe operation of their vehicle.
2. Know how to reduce the operational impact of their vehicle on the natural environment, other recreational enthusiasts and the community at large.
3. Know with certainty that they have permission to enter and use every riding opportunity they choose to access.
4. Know the laws, obligations, and expectations associated with the entry and use of every riding opportunity they choose to access.
5. Know how they have contributed their fair share to the cost of creating and maintaining every riding opportunity they choose to access.

Through the COHV grant program, OTRA received \$18,755 in 2007 to GPS inventory trails and \$50,000 in 2008 to develop and manage portions of Bear Creek. Both projects met all proposed objectives and success measurements, monies were spent in an appropriate and well-documented manner, and reports were informative and delivered in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate in contacting me.

Sincerely,

Oksana Buhel
Manager, Rider Federations