



Friends of the South Slopes

*Dedicated to preserving the environmental integrity of the South Slopes of Kelowna
in perpetuity for the use and enjoyment of the general public*

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In support of Okanagan Trail Riders Association:

To whom it may concern:

Friends of the South Slopes (FOSS) is a society dedicated to the preservation of all lands in an environmentally responsible manor for use now and for generations to follow. In pursuit of such an endeavor we support the dedication of the Okanagan Trail Riders Association (OTRA) in their concerted efforts to achieve such a goal in the area of Bear Creek. As an organization dedicated to the support of motorized trail use they realized that the old ways of riders going where ever they wanted, without care for the environment, was not only selfish but created confrontation with other user groups.

The OTRA has established a very detailed and aggressive plan for the future. It focuses on building new, engineered, sustainable, and managed trails while decommissioning some old trails that have proven to have failed on both fronts, physically and morally. To achieve such an elaborate plan they rely on a dedicated body of volunteers. But, as can be expected, they need resources to continue their efforts. In time this effort will show that there is a way for all user groups to enjoy their activity with respect for others and the environment.

Again, the Friends of the South Slopes fully support the OTRA in seeking funds for their project.

Sincerely,

Herb Blamire (by email)
FOSS President 2009