

Memorandum of Understanding: Pineview Bike Trails Upgrade and Seasonal Access Agreement – Pilot Project



Outdoor recreation has long been a cornerstone to life in Kamloops. Developing and maintaining areas for residents and visitors to pursue their preferred activities is central to ensuring this legacy of outdoor activity and is maintained: this is a shared commitment and vision.

The Pineview Recreational Trails Pilot Project is a collaborative initiative between cycling-focused not-for-profit organizations (led by the Kamloops Performance Cycling Centre - KPCC), the business sector (led by KGHM-Ajax), and the municipal and provincial governments (City of Kamloops and the Provincial-FLNRO). Although the lands upon which many of the trails are established have a cross-section of private ownership and designated usages, there remains a shared commitment to integrating responsible recreational activities.

Central to this agreement is the seasonality of access which is required to ensure the livelihoods of local ranchers who remain reliant on, and active in, the cattle industry. It's simple, livestock are easily spooked. When under stress cows don't eat, and without a healthy appetite the cattle don't gain weight affecting both the livelihood of ranchers and the well-being of the young yearling cattle that rely on healthy mothers. Although seemingly counterintuitive, pedal bikes, on account of being quiet though fast-moving, are the most problematic and impactful.

It's understood that Kamloops's reputation for world-class riding is tied to the geography of the area; ranchlands provide for the ideal topography and venue for the iconic singletrack seen in magazines and videos alike. Responsibly managing the ranching-recreationalist interface is critical to long-term recreational use on private and public ranchlands. Without responsible participation, "riding by the rules", a continuation of the unproductive and adversarial relationship between the ranching community, whose lives are their lands, and those who see them as great areas to recreate will persist to the detriment of both parties and interests. The seasonal access and participation agreement provides recreationalists with an opportunity to demonstrate that mixed land use, ranching and recreation, are not mutually exclusive but rather complimentary if properly and responsibly managed.

This agreement is a step towards ensuring the long-term viability and legacy of ranching, one of the central land uses that has sustained Kamloops for over a century, while reinforcing the strong recreational culture of the area; Kamloops should be a destination for mountain bikers rather than just a day or re-supply stop.

The below lists the central tenants of the seasonal access pilot project agreement to which we as signatories and supporters of the document commit:

- Pilot Project – reviewable and renewable annually based upon responsible usership.
- Seasonal access to approved Pineview trails:

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- Trails on West of Kinder Morgan Pipeline will be opened starting no later than July 1st annually; once cattle have vacated the area trails will be formally opened for the season.
- The closure date will vary based upon weather conditions and livestock movements but will be no later than November 30th of each year.
- KPCC will maintain all XC trails to IMBA standards and provide trail status updates and closures on their web and social media sites.
- Commitment to reduce the spread of Noxious and Invasive Plants – CLEAN bikes before and after rides to reduce the spread of invasives.
- NO new trail building or modification of existing trails.
- Absolutely NO motorized access.
- Closure, de-commissioning and reclamation of all unsanctioned and unapproved trails.

We urge you to join the KPCC and follow their website for trail updates and to learn about how to support this initiative! By demonstrating a responsible recreational culture, mindful of private lands and the livelihoods that rely upon them, we are setting the framework for long-term recreational use.



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