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Gene Runtz
General Manager
McBride Community Forest Corp
McBride, BC

Dear Gene

I would like to acknowledge and thank Kevin Taphorn and his crew of Crazy Horse Logging for opening a popular horse trail on Bell Mountain.

As a member of the Robson Valley Chapter of the Backcountry Horsemen of BC, I often ride the ski trails on Bell Mountain. Earlier this summer I was riding up an old ski trail with other backcountry members when we reached Kevin's logging operation at approximately 1km off Bell Mountain Road. The trail was cut off by debris from the logging road & too dangerous for a horse to get thru. I called Kevin to inquire if it would be possible to open the trail. Within a week he called me back to advise the trail was open.

I recently rode up the trail & found the trail to be open on both sides of the logging road & easily accessible for a horse.

The Robson Valley BCHBC trails committee also met with Kevin to discuss a possible staging area to connect with the existing trail system on Bell Mountain. Kevin was very knowledgeable of the area & willing to help in any way that he could.

The Robson Valley Chapter of BCHBC is an active volunteer group in the McBride community. BCHBC is a province wide not for profit society which is dedicated to opening up new trails, maintaining existing trails and providing increases opportunities to equestrian and all trail users from all over BC to explore and enjoy the area. We partner with community groups and all levels of government on trail projects and other initiatives.

Yours Truly



Joette Starchuck
Member of Robson Valley Chapter of BCHBC

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