



**MINUTES – Executive Meeting of the Kootenay
Mountaineering Club -Tuesday, January 15, 2019
Castlegar Rec. Centre**

Present:

Abby Wilson, Phil Best, Tina Baldwin, Sandra Fuller, Tim Clinton, Ross Bates, Peter Oostlander, Chris Cowan, Sheila Sinkie, Jan Osborne, Peter McIver and Andrea Vowell.

Meeting Commenced at: 6:30 pm

- 1) **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve by Sheila; seconded by Phil –Agenda Approved.
- 2) **Approval of September 25, 2018 Minutes** – Motion to approve by Peter O.; seconded by Abby – Minutes Approved.
- 3) **New Business** – (Via Sandra Fuller)

- a) **Lotteries for club trips**: There was discussion about the pros and cons of the trip leaders using the lottery system for their trips. Phil expressed concern about there not being enough trips and not wanting to discourage anyone from leading trips. The bottom line is that there are not enough trips and the ones that are posted are filling too quickly.

Chris expressed concern that it wasn't fair to members who are not able to access their phones or emails during the day – as they are often the ones who miss out.

There were ideas discussed such as if there are too many folks signed up – a co-leader would be an idea to help. Also – letting those signed up know that there were too many and asking if anyone would offer to co-lead.

There was an example of Bob McQueen's recent trip in the Rossland Range where the group was split into two and the groups went opposite ways; there was also an idea of a group split with second group leaving half an hour later.

The general consensus was that as a guideline, where trips overbook / fill too quickly the leader should consider using a lottery system for that trip.

- b) **Access to tenured lands**:

There is an issue with the site chosen for hiking camp and the holder of a tenure of those lands. Sandra handed out Mr. Bell's email - he runs Golden Alpine Holidays. Given his email, the hiking camp committee has decided to change the venue of this years' camp,

however, this is only to enable us to be better prepared to deal with Mr. Bell next year. We don't want the camp participants to be "caught in the middle".

Sandra was very firm that we will not concede this issue as he is clearly wrong, given the Reasons for Judgment of Mr. Justice Groves in *Douglas Lake Cattle Company v. Nicola Valley Fish and Game Club*, which cite: "...there is an overwhelming public duty on the Crown in maintaining ownership of public roads, public lands, and public waterways, to ensure that there is access to the public and that those who wish, for their own economic interest to limit public access to roads, lands, or bodies of water be prohibited from doing so."

Sandra has been in touch with the Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia ("FMCBC") and has met with Justin regarding the emails received. We will be pursuing this, legally if necessary.

Andrea expressed concern that we will be dealing with tenure issues no matter where we go. Peter M. confirmed that KMC was advised to contact the tenure holder (Mr. Bell) as a courtesy.

Ross pointed out that the tenure holders are NOT owners and the lands are public.

New Business – (Via Abby Wilson)

a) KMC Website update:

Abby and Tim have been in contact with website developers – with focus on updating our current site. The current site will remain active while the demo site gets working on "behind the scenes". Once the demo site is up, Abby will send to the executive.

There was a general discussion regarding the costs (ongoing and upfront), and what we need the new site to be able to do.

Abby has the go ahead with the budget of \$5,000 - \$5,900 to get the new site up and running.

Tim advised that some of the executive has access to some parts – for example, Sheila can add new members.

There was discussion regarding moving over the archived materials and Tim confirmed that it depended on their format.

Abby will keep us updated on progress and costs.

b) Cottonwood Lake Support:

Abby queried whether KMC would be willing to make a donation towards the Go Fund Me efforts to purchase Cottonwood Lake. There was general discussion about what was proposed to happen to the Lake (logging) and the efforts being made to save the area from logging.

Jan expressed concern that as the current fund raising efforts are being done through a Go Fund Me page, it might not be appropriate for KMC to consider a donation until there is something formal in place. Abby advised that they are working on Society status.

There was further discussion about the impact specifically on members and members' use of the area. Phil advised that the long term plans would include hiking and biking trails.

After further discussion, it was agreed that Abby would send a letter to the KMC Membership inviting them to make a donation, should they wish, towards the efforts to purchase Cottonwood Lake.

- c) KMC Membership fee for couples vs individuals – we've had a request from a member to align our fees so there is equality between couples and individuals (ie: couples would pay exactly double the individual rate).

Currently, registering as couple is \$10 cheaper. The amount the club pays to FMCBC is based on individual or couple – which is reflected in the current rates.

Jan advised that this same issue was brought up at the 2016 AGM and was defeated. Given the amount paid to FMCBC doesn't increase or decrease with KMC individual or couples' fees, the executive opted not to explore this issue further.

New Business – (Via Phil Best)

- a) The current policy of anyone not successful in the lottery are automatically granted a spot in the following years' trip. This may apply to Hiking Camp and Kokanee Ski Week;

Phil expressed concern that while we call it a lottery for ski week, this is not in fact the case. If someone applies for ski week and is NOT successful, then being guaranteed a spot the following year is not a "lottery". For example, for this year, 6 of the participants are carry-overs from last year.

There was discussion how this applies to hiking camp as well. Andrea ran into the issue last year for hiking camp registrants of needing to fill spots, those spots being declined as folks wanted to be on the list for the next year. There are enough carry overs from 2018 to almost fill one entire 2019 hiking camp.

Everyone was in agreement with the concerns expressed by both Phil and Andrea. Sandra confirmed that regarding ski week, there was no policy in place and the carry overs have been a courtesy/protocol and not by any policy.

Phil Best made a motion regarding ski week that unsuccessful applicants from the wait list will not be carried over to the following year.

Motion was seconded by Sandra Fuller. The Motion was put to a vote. All present were in favour; no one opposed.

Motion passed that those unsuccessful applicants for ski week will not be carried over to the following year.

Regarding hiking camp, there is a policy in place and a hiking camp committee. However, the executive can make recommendations/directions.

Sandra Fuller made a motion to direct the hiking camp committee that its consider changing its policy to reflect that unsuccessful applicants for hiking camp no longer be guaranteed a spot in hiking camp the following year.

Motion was seconded by Ross Bates. The Motion was put to a vote. All present were in favour; no one opposed.

Motion passed that the hiking camp committee be directed to consider changing its policy to reflect that unsuccessful applicants for hiking camp will not be guaranteed a spot in hiking camp the following year.

There was some discussion regarding this after the vote and it was determined that, pending input from the hiking camp committee, there would be no carry-overs from 2019 to 2020 camp.

b) Get Executive opinion on the practice of members using the KMC mailout list for a "Common Adventure"

There was some discussion regarding the Clubs' liability for trips that were not KMC trips but "advertised" via the KMC email distribution list. Sandra advised that she will deal with this directly.

There was further discussion regarding changing up the Club's current Facebook page and a Members only page. After discussion it was decided that the current pages would be changed as follows:

- We will rename the giant FB group to "[West Kootenay Outdoors](#)" so it is no longer associated with the KMC.

- We will set up a new FB Group "[Kootenay Mountaineering Club - Members Only](#)" where members can discuss and share. There will be rules for posting in this new group and we will remove or comment on posts that do not follow the rules.
- We will also set up at FB Page "[Kootenay Mountaineering Club](#)" where admins can post updates to the general public. This page links visitors to our website to sign up as a member.

New Business – (Via Dave Heyduck)

- a) The location for the proposed Lost Lake hut in preparing for application to the Ministry;

Dave's report with photos is attached to these Minutes regarding the Lost Lake Hut.

Jan brought a map to show the location of Lost Lake. Ross expressed concern that the spot that Dave is in favour of might be subject to "snow creep". Chris liked the spot / water availability. Sandra will bring the "snow creep" to Dave's attention for his input/comment.

- b) Final pricing approval on woodsheds (propose 'T&M within budget' vs 'quoted')

As the funding for the huts comes out of the hut fund, and Justin has approved, the executive present was in favour and all in agreement with whatever Justin/Dave agree with that will work.

4) Executive Reports:

a) President –

Sandra welcomed Peter M., Andrea and Jan on board and congratulated Jan on her position with FMCBC.

b) Vice President –

Abby congratulated Jan and advised she will continue working with Tim regarding the website.

c) Treasurer –

There was general discussion regarding e-transfers and the cost to the club of credit card/paypal transactions. Abby advised that she will discuss payment methods with IT people.

d) Secretary –

Tina has nothing to report other than the annual filing with BC Registries has been completed.

e) Membership –

Sheila advised that membership renewals have been coming in. The cut off will be February 1st and no more reminders will be sent and newsletters will also not be sent. One further renewal reminder will be sent shortly. Tim will set up a new password after February 1st.

f) Social –

Jan has a few ideas in the work for a spring social – and will be discussing with Delia a climbing presentation at the Lions Head Pub. Some other thoughts were a social at Backroads in Nelson.

There was discussion regarding venue for the 2019 AGM and that it be in Castlegar. Sandra asked Jan to pick a venue and book ASAP.

g) Huts –

Sandra has met with Susan Chow regarding a grant application for the huts. There is a plan in place to replace Grassy this summer (August). We will be looking for volunteers to help. Sandra has also met with Justin to regarding a 5 year plan regarding the huts/replacement.

See Dave's report attached to these Minutes regarding Lost Lake Hut.

h) Newsletter / Website -

Abby will continue working with Tim regarding the new website.

After January 31, 2019 those who have not renewed will no longer be receiving a Newsletter and Tim will be update the access to the site.

i) Mountaineering School -

There was discussion regarding a recent trip that was sent out to KMC Membership but “not” a club hike and the concern regarding possible avalanche danger.

There was general discussion regarding avalanche dangers and training. Tina expressed concern that there have been no courses offered for snowshoers – all have been for skiers. Peter said he would look into this and see if we can generate enough interest for a course.

Our Instagram account has doubled in size – we now have 24 followers.

j) Conservation –

Peter M has met with Peter J. The biggest concern at the moment is the tenure situation. Peter M agreed that this should be co-ordinated via FMCBC and he doesn't want to interfere with what is already in the works. Sandra advised that Peter can talk to Brian Woods on behalf of KMC.

The Retallack / Loki tenure has still not been approved.

Peter advised that he would like to schedule a meeting with the Parks people so he is kept in the loop regarding current tenures etc.

Conservation is the main outreach of our Club.

As a side note: Sandra did send the letter regarding Enterprise Creek.

k) Climbing –

Delia was not present but Sandra advised that Tawrock was grateful for the donation. There is a proposed Kiosk at the waterline trailhead and KMC has been asked if anyone would like to help.

Delia is waiting for a decision regarding an InReach locator. There is hopes that if one is purchased for hiking camp – it can also be used for Climbing Camp. Delia is still working on trying to get a Climbing Camp organized.

l) Hiking Camp –

Andrea advised that location will be moved to a new location this year – and the forms will be updated on the website shortly. The new venue is not far from the venue originally chosen. Andrea confirmed they are looking at a communication device, likely an InReach.

Sandra requested that the committee do their research and advise.

Ross Bates made a motion that information associated with Hiking Camp such as forms, dates, venue etc. be password protected and available to members only.

Motion was seconded by Sandra Fuller. The Motion was put to a vote. All present were in favour; no one opposed.

Motion passed that the Hiking Camp forms, venue information etc. be password protected and available to members only.

There was general discussion that information could be left on the site that the Club does have a hiking camp but all other information be put in the members only section and password protected.

m) Trail Access –

Chris advised work will be done on the trails to Mt. Beattie and White Queen. CBT has a deadline of March and Chris expects to put in an application for \$20K from CBT and another \$8K from forest protection. We don't have Provincial approval yet for the work. Chris hopes that CBT will come through with the funds and noted that White Queen is outside the Park.

Everyone congratulated Chris on a job well done.

n) Winter Trips

Peter advised that winter trips were going well. There have been 7 "last minute" trips posted recently. There were 56 winter trips last year; 72 this year with 300 participants; 4 trips have been postponed and 2 cancelled.

Regarding the Kokanee Ski trip – Ken has stepped aside and Phil is taking his place. Phil has met with Ken and will be developing an information guide for future leaders.

Andrea commented on a safety and concerns for members going into the back country unprepared for avalanche hazards and queried the Club's liability for such events. There was discussion about our insurance in this regard.

Andrea expressed concern that when snowshoeing in avalanche terrain – folks should heed good practice and have a beacon and shovel.

Peter M indicated that the Club would not be liable – however, we want to practice safety at all times.

Phil and Peter will look at upcoming trips to see where they are heading and see what the danger looks like.

Sandra suggested a blurb that that if going into avalanche country to keep safety in mind.

Phil emphasized that we need to balance trip safety with good practices.


o) Summer Trips –

No report, however the same applies as with the winter trips to balance safety and good practices.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:33 pm by Sandra
Seconded by Tina

These Minutes are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability.

DATED: February 10, 2019



Tina Baldwin, Secretary

David Heyduck – For Executive meeting Jan 15th, 2019

Two key issues for discussion and exec decision...

- 1) We need to set a location for the Lost Lake area hut. This will secure the area, allow us to apply for non-motorized use and move forward with our '5 hut' planning over the next 5 years.
 - I propose the MountainView site and welcome feedback/opposition/suggestions on this location
 - The location could be amended after the application is made but it would be optimal to have it decided at the time of application
 - My decision (MountainView) is based on the following:
 - o Stunning views, perched on a ridge at 1841m
 - o Away from known party sites at Lost Lake (annual May 24 group etc)
 - o Solid and flat build site
 - o Not easily accessed by sleds or quads
 - o May support wind power turbine
 - Challenges met as follows:
 - o Exposed: hut orientation is key, with sheltered porch/entry
 - o Limited outhouse sites: Composting toilet, Elevated barrel system outhouse or Longer hike to outhouse
 - o Difficult access: Quad to lake, then hike 300m/50m vertical to service. Heli firewood or pellets for heat
 - o No water: Provide frame pack and jugs for summer use (300m/50m hike to lake)

MOTION: To approve the MountainView location. If denied or more time required, email discussion and email vote to follow

- 2) Woodshed final pricing. Can I have the woodshed kit built within the proposed budget and invoiced to KMC/Ministry on a T&M (time and material) basis? Or does KMC require a formal quote from the company building the woodshed kit? I intend to have my shop build the woodshed kit, then I will take over with KMC volunteers to transfer and install in the mountains
 - a. **Fit, finish, accuracy and features** are all subject to interpretation of the contractor and could be ignored to keep the cost down, or emphasized to improve the overall level of quality. Construction in this day and age usually leans to 'cheap and fast' but I have a strong preference for quality and workmanship.
 - b. **T&M within the proposed budget** is safe for KMC because we have a cap, but also offers some flexibility for the contractor with less administration.
 - c. A **fixed quote** will likely be at the budget value and the contractor will aim to stay at or under budget to prevent loss. It's safe for KMC but usually more expensive
 - d. The Ministry is impartial as long as KMC conducts its business in a way that supports its initiatives and follows some best practice and code of ethics.

EXEC: T&M with a project cap – OR - Fixed quote? Motion required?

Thanks everyone.

Dave

From: David Heyduck dave.heyduck@gmail.com

Subject: Lost proposal - Please review prior to meeting

Date: January 15, 2019 at 10:46 AM

To: KMC Executive Mail Distribution List executive@kootenaymountaineeringclub.ca, Reeder, Bruce bruce.reeder@usask.ca



Hi everyone,

Unfortunately, I will be absent from tonight's meeting. Sandra kindly agreed to fill in for me :)

The larger issue is the Lost Lake area hut location. We need to provide a location to the Ministry so that they can initiate the application and secure our presence in the Lost area. I have tentatively selected a location for the hut (from 2 possible sites) and have attached photos and maps for your review.

I believe the Mountain View site is the best option for the remarkable views, the remoteness and the flat, rocky build site. It's a rugged location that I don't mind servicing year after year and I think it stands for all that we are as a Mountaineering club. I intend to design the hut around the views, sunrise and sunset specific to that location.

If you have a moment to review the photos before the meeting, this would be helpful.

Cheers,
Dave

David Heyduck

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KMC Lost Lake Cabin site comparison

Oct 28, 2018

Mountainview - Coords: 49.354725, -117.30536 Elevation: 1841 m

Pros: Epic 360 degree views of the mountains and lake
Away from the usual party sites
Nice flat rock site, solid footing
Less likely to be accessed by sleds
Possibly windy enough for a wind turbine for power

Cons: Right on top of a standard uptrack route
Exposed, no shelter
Challenging site for a standard outhouse
Challenging to access for servicing
No summer water source close by

Waterfront - Coords: 49.35657, -117.305855 Elevation: 1780 m

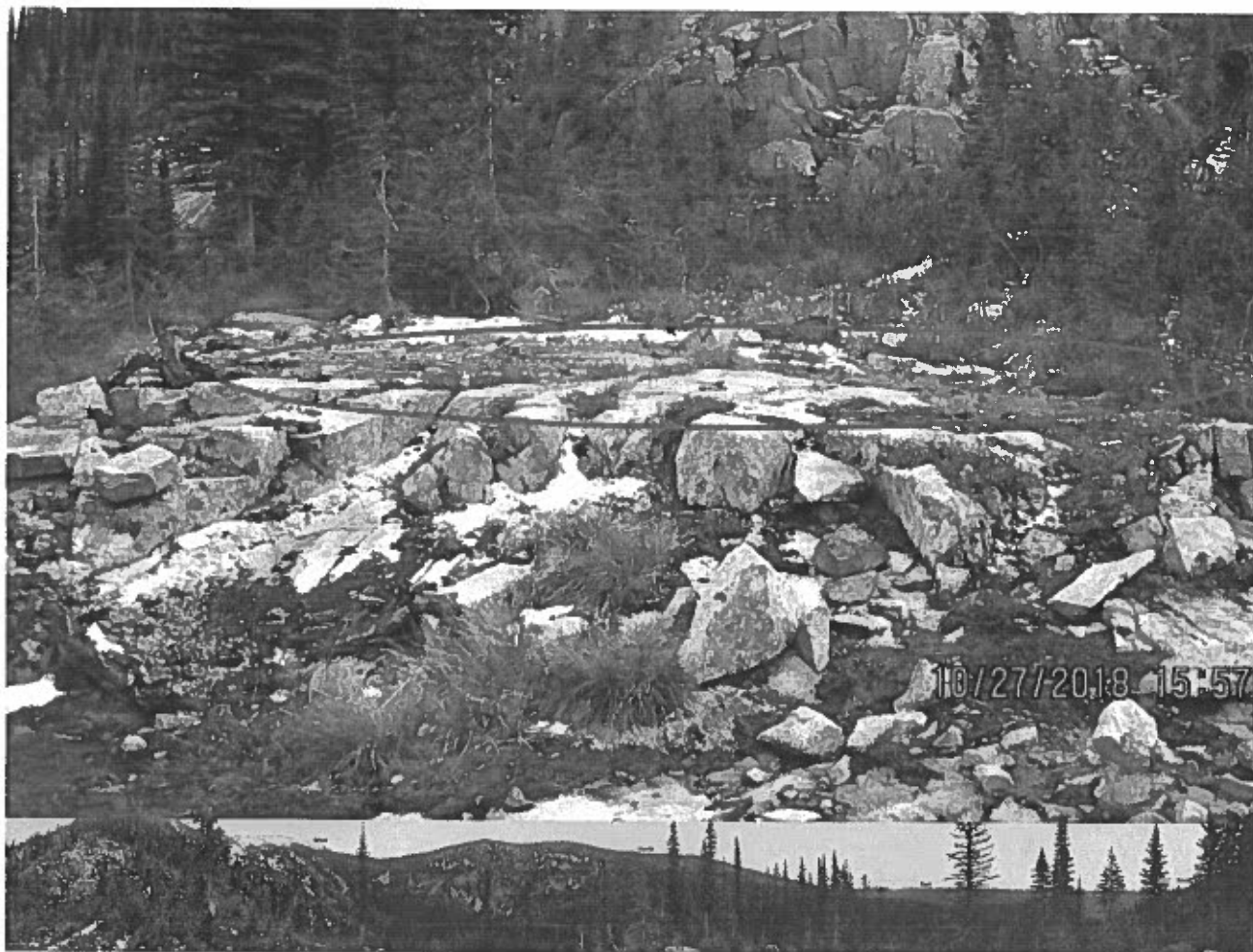
Pros: 180 degree view of the lake and mountain
Very short skin to the cabin after decent
On the water, great summer destination
Water available during summer
Easier to access for servicing

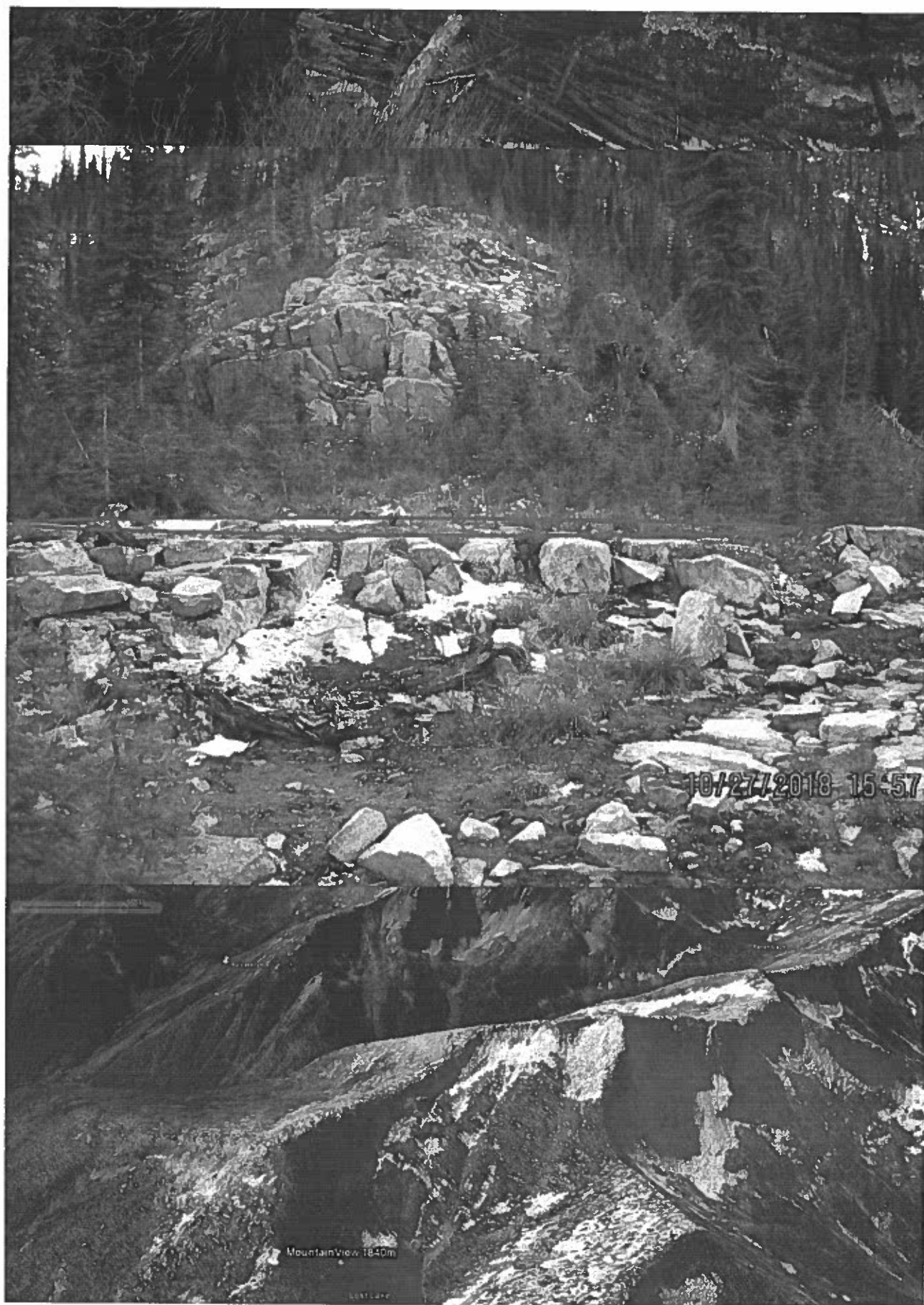
Cons: Very close to the main site/party crowd
Will be accessed by sleds
Live trees will need to be removed to provide a view



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Lost Lake