



## Agricultural Land Commission Staff Report

**DATE:** September 4, 2009  
**TO:** Vice Chair and Commissioners - Interior Panel  
**FROM:** Simone Rivers

**RE:** Application # 46029  
**PROPOSAL:** To legally establish a network of Mountain Bike Trails on Crown Land near Williams Lake.

### PROPOSAL INFORMATION

**Background:** Legacy Application # D-39043  
**Received Date:** June 2, 2009  
**Applicant:** Ministry of Tourism, Sports and the Arts  
**Agent:** N/A  
**Local Government:** Cariboo Regional District

### DESCRIPTION OF LAND

**Legal Description:** Unsurveyed Crown Land located near Desous Mountain, south-west of Williams Lake.

**Civic Address:**

**Area:** .2 ha  
**ALR Area:** .2 ha  
**Purchase Date:**  
**Owner:** Ministry of Tourism, Sports and the Arts

**Legal Description:** Unsurveyed Crown Land located west of Williams Lake between Highway 20 and the Fraser River

**Civic Address:**

**Area:** .3 ha  
**ALR Area:** .3 ha  
**Purchase Date:**  
**Owner:** Ministry of Tourism, Sports and the Arts

**Total Land Area:** .5 ha  
**Total ALR Area:** .5 ha  
**Current Land Use:** Forested range.

## PROPOSAL DETAILS

### Non Farm Use

Area	Agricultural Capability	Agricultural Capability Source
0.5	Secondary	

### Surrounding Land Uses:

#### Official Community Plan

**Bylaw Name:**

**Designation:**

**OCP Compliance:**

#### Zoning

**Zoning Bylaw Name:**

**Zoning Designation:**

**Minimum Lot Size:** ha

**Zoning Compliance:**

## STAFF COMMENTS

The applicant states that having the trails legally designated serve two purposes:

1. the trails are somewhat protected from being destroyed by industrial activities
2. it allows the Ministry of Sport, Tourism and the Arts to enter into a management agreement with the local cycling club to maintain the trail network. Maintenance would consist of ensuring all blowdown is cleared, trail tread is maintained and maintenance of trail features where authorized.

The trails have been in use by mountain bikes for about 15 years and the network is about 35 km long of which 28 km is on logging roads and the rest consists of single track.

Legal establishment of the trails would put the responsibility for maintenance and enforcement in the hands of a recognized group of users. This would give other users of the land a place to direct concerns about improper use, vandalism etc.

The trails by Desous consist of 28 km of single track which is parallel to the road up to an old look out. The public can shuttle up to the top, get dropped off and ride back to the bottom of the hill.

No new trails are being proposed as a result of this application. The application will formalize the existing use which are promoted by the City of Willams Lake and Tourism BC.

In addition to mountain bikers, the trails would be used by hikers and equestrian users.

## ATTACHMENTS

39043\_ContextMap50k.pdf  
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39043proposal description.pdf  
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39043\_AirphotoMap1.pdf  
39043\_AirphotoMap2.pdf

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**Signature**

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