

ACCESS BRITISH COLUMBIA*

{ A society for access and stewardship of British Columbia's Crown lands }

MISSION STATEMENT

The "Access British Columbia Society" is committed to responsible use of crown lands for industrial, commercial and recreational purposes. It is dedicated to provide leadership and support to members, other organizations and affiliates to promote access policies and practices to ensure continued and mutual use of these lands.

OBJECTIVES:

*To develop access policies that allow traditional recreational uses for berry picking, fire wood harvesting, wildlife viewing, exploring, hiking, fishing, hunting, camping and industrial uses such as trapping, mineral, coal, oil and gas exploration and forest harvesting.

*To raise funds to meet the objectives of the Access British Columbia Society.

VALUES and BELIEFS:

*We believe that deliberate destruction of Forestry and Mining industry roads is detrimental to protecting our forests, wildlife and water sheds and denies British Columbians access to these lands for recreational and other purposes.

* We believe that Forestry, Mineral exploration and Mining development roads should be maintained adequately for the benefit of all citizens.

* We believe that denial of access to crown lands impedes economic and social activities in British Columbia.

*We believe that Parks, Protected Areas and Wilderness policies that preclude industrial and recreational activities affect our long term prosperity

*We promote access maintenance to ensure multiple uses of Crown lands.

*We believe that open access and diverse use management offers resource protection that accommodates the present and future growing recreational users.

*We believe that 14% of British Columbia presently set aside in Parks and Protected Areas is excessive. Therefore many of these areas must be returned to productive use.

PRINCIPLES:

*Respect the rights and values of other resource users.

*Respect rules and regulations to ensure the safety of all users that enhance recreation, while minimizing environmental impact.

*Provide solutions to problems arising from access development for recreational and other uses.