

REPORT TO
MINISTRY OF PARKS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

FROM
THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA
IN REGARDS TO THE VOWELL GLACIER GENERAL
MOUNTAINEERING CAMP 1990

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October 11, 1990

Dear Mr. Tierney

I am enclosing a written summary of our 1990 climbing camp at the toe of the Vowell Glacier as per our written agreement. This summary will include photos and details of the camp. I have also included copies of all documents that passed between us in preparation for the camp.

We enjoyed thorough cooperation of the Parks branch and feel that we were successful in adhering to your agenda. We did our best to minimize environmental impact and transmitted this message quite effectively to our membership. When selecting the sites for our tents we avoided any areas with vegetation and kept to the barren gravel bars. Waste products were compacted and then transported out by helicopter.

We look forward to continued, positive, association with the Parks branch. The Alpine Club of Canada's membership would be very interested in aiding the Parks branch in any upcoming projects.

Sincerely Yours,

Brad Harrison

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April 25, 1990

Dear Mr. Tierney:

As per our discussion today I am sending a timeline and agenda for the Alpine Club of Canada's climbing camp which we intend to operate this summer in the Bugaboo Park. I have also included a copy of our helicopter schedule which has been sent to Mr. Chris Newman of C.M.H.

Our camp will be located at 7000' on flats near the toe of the Vowell Glacier. The camp will operate on a weekly basis for four weeks with a total of 40 people (32 clients, 8 staff) per week. We will be using Alpine Helicopters to fly supplies (not clients) from the Bugaboo Lodge to our campsite each Saturday commencing July 14th. The camp will actually operate July 28-Aug. 18 but I will have a skeleton staff in from July 14-21 to set-up camp and from Aug. 18-20 to dismantle camp. During the camp we will have two certified guides and a doctor each week. Mr. Newman has agreed to let us park vehicles near the C.M.H. lodge.

We will use two outhouse pits and a grey-water pit, located according to your specifications, all other garbage will be flown out and disposed of at the Golden city dump. The camp will consist of approximately 25 tents, 5 wall tents and 20 small sleeping tents. We will use propane for lights and cooking. We will have wood-stove in a drying tent and a bonfire area. The wood supply will be cut in a forestry area and then flown in. I have your radio frequency and will also obtain C.M.H.'s, this will insure communication in the event of an emergency. I have two hand-held programmable ICOM radios.

I look forward to Mr. Campbell inspecting the campsite before and after the camp and we will provide transportation for him both days. As well you or your staff are very welcome to pay us a visit during camp operations.

Could you please send a covering letter of permission and any further suggestions or questions you have. I appreciate your efforts and cooperation, without which this camp would be impossible to operate. I will work at getting some form of display (pictures, history) that we will situate at your lodge. This will include the A.C.C.'s involvement in the development of the Bugaboo area. At the end of the camp I will send a written summary to you including visitor numbers, climbs etc. If there is any further way we can assist the park please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Brad Harrison



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May 16, 1990

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RE: Letter of Authority for Bugaboo Recreation Area
Alpine Club of Canada Climbing Camp 1990

Dear Brad:

Please consider this as your Letter of Authority to conduct the Alpine Club of Canada's climbing camp in the Bugaboo Recreation Area. The camp will be located at the toe of the Vowell Glacier from July 14th to August 20th, 1990.

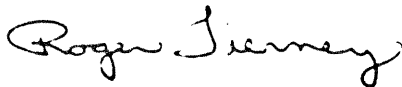
This authority is subject to the following conditions:

1. The campsite location will be agreed upon with a Ministry representative prior to construction. Including location of tents, outhouse pits and grey water pit, etc.
2. The camp will consist of 5 wall tents and 25 sleeping tents.
3. A controlled open fire will be permitted (dependant on forestry restrictions). Wood must be flown in from outside the Park.
4. Helicopter access will be permitted as per schedule to supply camp with equipment and food only. Transportation to and from site will be supplied to Ministry staff for inspection purposes.
5. The number of persons in the camp will be limited to 8 staff members and 32 clients, total 40 persons. The Alpine Club of Canada will be responsible for the conduct of these employees and clients while in the Recreation Area and Park.

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6. A minimum of 2 certified guides and a doctor should be present throughout the duration of the camp. The guides and leaders shall make themselves aware of all unsafe conditions or know natural hazards in the area of use to ensure safety of clients.
7. All equipment and materials will be removed the area by August 28th, 1990. A representative of the Province will be notified so that the site may be inspected at that time.
8. Upon completion of the camp, the Alpine Club will provide a written summary of the 1990 Camp. This should include photos of the camp, details and events that took place during the camp.

Yours truly,



Roger Tierney
Zone Manager

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ASCENTS DURING ACC CAMP IN BUGABOO PARK
 JULY 21 - AUG 18 1990

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| BUGABOO SPIRE | 20 PARTIES | 95 PERSONS |
| EAST PEAK SUB 1 | 1 PARTY | 5 " |
| EAST PEAK | 1 " | 2 " |
| WEST-CENTRE-EAST PEAK TRAVERSE | 1 " | 2 " |
| THUNDERSTORM | 1 " | 3 " |
| PIGEON SPIRE | 17 PARTIES | 106 " |
| CRESCENT SPIRE | 9 " | 65 " |
| UNNAMED 9350 | 7 " | 52 " |
| UNNAMED 9250 | 6 " | 38 " |
| WALLACE | 4 " | 14 " |
| NORTHPOST | 7 " | 24 " |
| KELVIN | 3 " | 15 " |
| BRENTA | 8 " | 42 " |
| LITTLE HOWSER | 5 " | 35 " |
| BRENTA-NORTHPOST TRAVERSE | 3 " | 14 " |
| HOWSER | 1 " | 2 " |
| ARCHDUKE TRIO | 1 " | 3 " |
| TAMARACK PEAK | 1 " | 10 " |
| | | 527 PERSONS |

ADDENDUM TO THE LETTER OF AUTHORITY
A.C.C. CAMP 90-06-13

Toilets

- at least 1 m. deep below level ground.
- move toilet when it fills to 20 c.m. from ground surface.
- heap soil above level ground when filling hole in. (20 cm)

Grey water pit

- to contain grey water only. 2 meter depth with draining percolation evident.
- cover with plastic and lid.
- move pit when drainage is slowing.
- locate at least 50 meters from water course.
- grey water pit near personal wash tent.

Garbage must be removed from area at least weekly. It must be stored in closed sealed containers.

Paper garbage may be burned in a burn barrel. All burning must be done in the barrel.

Cooking tent to food storage tent must be a minimum of 5 meters.

Glenn A. Campbell
Area Supervisor
East Kootenay District
Wasa, B.C.

SUMMARY

The Vowell Glacier General Mountaineering Camp was successful in every facet. The number of completed climbs was extremely high. Virtually without exception our members were satisfied with the location, timing and service that was provided. Although we are a non-profit club a surplus is needed in order to continue operations. We were able to eke out a marginal surplus which will allow us to have future camps. I feel the enviromental impact was as minimal as possible considering the duration of stay and number of individuals attending. Club members and our radio contact with the C.M.H. Lodge were both invaluable in facilitating a rescue of two non-members off a peak in the Vowell group. Had we not been camped in the area these two individuals would have been in a very serious situation. Fine weather throughout the camp certainly enhanced our members experience.

I'd particularly like to thank Mr. Glen Campbell of B.C. Parks, Wasa and Mr. Kris Newman of Canadian Mountain Holidays, Bugaboo Lodge for their cooperation, advice and valuable input prior to, during and following our camp. We made our members very aware of their considerable contribution. Bugaboo Park recieved exposure from a diversified and wide-ranging membership. I trust this will raise the Parks profile and help to insure its continued existence.

Sincerely,

Brad Harrison