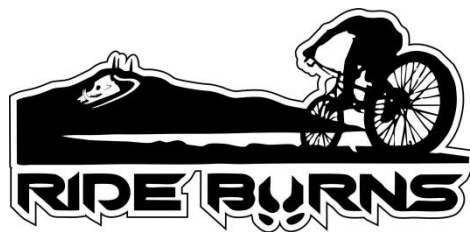


***Burns Lake Mountain Biking
Association
(BLMBA)***

Management Agreement

**Operating and Management Plan
2020**



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1.0 Introduction

Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association (BLMBA), as a not-for-profit society whose mandate is to develop a world class mountain biking trails destination in and around the community of Burns Lake, BC, intends to operate trail construction, maintenance, promotion, and stewardship of a trail network within the Boer Mountain Recreation Site (BMRS). BLMBA intends to do so by continuing to follow the *Whistler Trail Standards* and the *IMBA Trail Solutions Guide* in construction and maintenance, while mitigating risks through safety practices and risk management signage and mountain bike rider information at all trail kiosks.

While the majority of mountain bike use will start up in April or May (snow melt dependent) and will run to October or November (weather dependent), with the expanding collection of groomed trails during the winter snow season, fat biking is becoming more popular and accounts for a growing percentage of trail utilization. The BMRS is also used by recreationists during the winter months for hiking and snowshoeing.

2.0 Key Personnel – Duties and Responsibilities

The key contact for BLMBA is Patti Dubé, BLMBA President (250-692-6724), padube@sd91.bc.ca .

2020 Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association Board of Directors		
Name	Position	Duties & Responsibilities
Backhouse, Chris	Director	Social Media, Bike Camp Coach
Derksen, Kevin	Director	Marketing, Website, Bike Camp Coach
Dube, Patrice	Director (Secretary)	Secretary, Bike Camp Coach, Project Trails, Wooden structures
Dube, Patti	Director (President)	President,, Bike Camp Coach, Project Trails
Epkens, Kai	Director	Safety, Project carpenter
Epkens-Shaffer, Guy	Director (Treasurer)	Treasurer, Bike Camp Coach, First Aid
Farahbakhsh, Afshin	Director	Advertising, Bike Camp Volunteer
Grant, Heidi	Director	Registration, Insurance, Memberships, Bike Camp and Big Pig Volunteer
Mellen, Jim	Director	Marketing, Website
Philip, Mike	Director	Tool master, Tree removal, LDM Liaison
Roberts, Will	Director	Liaison with Fire Attack Base
Russell, Susan	Director (VP)	Bike Camp Coordinator, Bike Camp Coach, Newsletters
Sandsmark, David	Director	Trail master (design/layout), Work B coordinator, Bike Camp Coach, Project Trails
Stewart, Cameron	Director	Youth Advisor, Winter trail maintenance
Stewart, Laura	Director	Community Workbee Coordinator, Bike Camp Coach
Stewart, Randy	Director	Safety, Shuttles Coordinator, Wooden structures
van Zanten, Rachelle	Director	Indigenous, Liaison, Bike Camp Coach, Babes in Balance and Social Coordinator
Wilson, Logan	Director	Big Pig Kids' Events Coordinator

See Appendix 1.0 for BLMBA contact information

3.0 Services BLMBA will complete during the operating season(s)

Develop New Trail and Infrastructure

Year 1 Deliverables and Work Plan:

BLMBA plans to commence or complete the following projects in 2020.

May 2020 –October 2020 (weather permitting)

One Year Plan:

- Fine tune Hogzilla
- Finalize Wee Piggy plan
- Replace decommissioned structures
- 4 Cross upgrade
- Pig's reburishment
- Construct 200 m connection Pigasus to Charlotte's Web
- Complete rehabilitation of trails affected by harvesting
- Complete maps
- Build a trail around campsite and easy connector to Kager from campsite
- Flip signs for trail closures
- Sign on the road to indicate trails (open/closed)
- Ongoing professional development (1st Aid, PMBIA, etc.)
- Continue to pursue alternate funding for the Uptrack
- Apply for funding for maintenance
- Ongoing maintenance

Note: Ongoing maintenance of trails/structures occurs on a regular basis. Weekly and special weekend workbees are used to address these. Minor upgrades are done to trails on a regular basis (contouring/raking, etc.) after weather events. BLMBA also will maintain the “remote” outhouses.

Years 1 – 3 Deliverables and Work Plan:

- Conclude any incomplete work from Year 1

- Apply for Section 57 for new trails-
 - 10 km “Uptrack/Green Downhill Trail”- DONE IN 2019
 - 5 km “Trail to Town” (partnership with Burns Lake/Regional District),
 - Refurbishment of When Pigs Fly,
 - Inclusive/universal access trail from the cabin to Kager Lake,

- Reconnaissance, layout and GPS proposed trails.
- Pursue and apply for funding for proposed trails
- Apply for funding for When Pigs Fly Refurbishment
- Contract a local contractor to machine-build trail
- Complete Wee Piggy Skills park
- Replace decommissioned structures and upgrades
- Recreation Sites and trails to relocate main outhouse

Provide Public Information

Trail maps of the BMRS can be found at Burnt Bikes (local bike shop), many local hotels and B&B's, local tourist info centres, as well as online at www.burnslaketrails.ca. Signs indicating the location of the BMRS can be found on Highway 16 three km either side of Burns Lake, seven km east of Burns Lake (installed spring 2017), as well as either side of the 8th Ave and Highway 16 intersection. Additional signs leading up the area are in place along 8th Avenue through the Village of Burns Lake.

Some trails will be closed during construction for safety considerations and those trails will be marked as closed with signage indicating construction and/or maintenance is currently in progress. Any new trails under construction will remain off all maps and informational signage until completion.

Maintain Standards

Regular pre-season maintenance will be conducted prior to opening in spring. Maintenance items identified through regular seasonal safety checks will be dealt with within one week of the reported problem, usually at the weekly Wednesday Workbees.

BLMBA club members will conduct inspections concurrent with weekly rides. Metal tags will be used to mark/identify trail features (bridges, TTFs, boardwalks). Any issues identified will be reported and scheduled for maintenance. Safety issues that are identified will be marked, or trail features may be closed/deactivated until the problem can be corrected.

Trail difficulty ratings will follow the standard familiar to public and used by BC Bike Parks, modelled after downhill ski runs: Green circle (beginner), Blue square (Intermediate), and Black diamond (Expert) will be part of all trailhead signs. Trail difficulty signs will be installed at all points where trails split indicating which direction is what level of difficulty.

Minimum standards are outlined in Schedule F of the Management Agreement.

Consider other resource values (if applicable)

BLMBA will plan, construct and maintain trails and related recreation features in a manner that is “light hand on the land”.

BLMBA will coordinate with Recreation Sites and Trails BC regarding notifications and/or referrals to the forest license holder, First Nations, licensed trappers and guides and other stakeholders whose area of interest is within the BMRA when major new trail development proposals are being considered. These comments will be kept on record, and a copy forwarded to the Recreation Sites and Trails Officer upon request.

BLMBA will conduct a Level 1 CMT/CHR reconnaissance prior to construction of new trail.

4.0 Safety Plan for delivering services

4.1 Hazard Abatement

Deadfall trees are a regular occurrence. BLMBA will use weekly scheduled club rides as opportunity to identify deadfall and other trail maintenance issues. If deadfall is not removed immediately, it will be flagged and removed within the next working week. Sections of trails will be temporarily closed if other trail maintenance issues posing danger to the public are identified and cannot be corrected immediately.

Except when proposed by the Agreement Holder, the recreation district will conduct and determine when Wildlife Danger Tree Assessments are required. BLMBA will partner with Recreation Sites and Trails in conjunction with the Burns Lake Fire Attack Base crews for removal of danger trees, as well as fire hazard abatement.

4.2 Public Safety Considerations

BLMBA will conduct its operations in the Boer Mountain Recreation Site according to the 10-year Partnership Agreement with Recreation Sites and Trails BC and the 2017 BLMBA Management Plan. In summary, BLMBA will:

- 1) Construct trail and technical features to standard
- 2) Maintain existing trail and features according to standard
- 3) Install signage to inform public of the safest use of the recreation site
- 4) Liaise with Recreation Sites and Trails BC if public safety issues arise
- 5) Take agreed upon corrective action, as soon as is practicable, if public safety issues arise.

4.3 Closures

If a closure of the area is required due to fire hazard or other natural disasters, signage on all information kiosks will be clearly posted. Spot checks will be conducted by BLMBA to ensure the closure is being followed. BLMBA will designate a director to be responsible to ensure adequate trail closure information is published and displayed.

4.4 Accident and Emergency Management

Mountain Biking is known as an inherently risky activity. Personal injury can occur while riding a mountain bike and the BLMBA has developed a number of strategies to minimize the effect of those injuries. Emergency Access Points have been marked in the field (signs and high-visibility markers) and marked on maps to indicate the best location for medical services (EMS) to access specific areas of trail within the BMRS. Access routes are brushed annually or when required to provide clear emergency access routes in the event evacuations are required.

All trailhead kiosks include a clearly marked sign that contains the phone numbers for local emergency services. All sections of trail that are identified as difficult or particular trail features that are of notable risk are indicated with standardized warning signs. The BMRS is free for public access, however, no trail bike patrol is offered by the BLMBA. Risk management signage on kiosks indicates the assumption of risk and trail safety to the public, as well as trail use etiquette and emergency services contact information. Kiosks will also be used to post additional safety information (e.g. bear awareness) related to trail usage.

BLMBA will maintain the appropriate General Liability Insurance as required by the Agreement with Recreation Sites and Trails, as well as maintain liability insurance for the *Burns Lake Bike Park* as required.

4.5 Training

BLMBA considers training of coaches, directors and members to be foundational to provision of safe training and riding in the BMRS, therefore, we are committed to on-going training and renewals of certifications as required. BLMBA held a “Wilderness First Aid” course in May 2019 (10 attendees). Some of our members are up for renewal this spring. BLMBA also hosted an *Endless Biking* coach training clinic – Professional Bike Instructor Association (PMBIA) in June 2019 (12 attendees) and completed Level 2 instructor training in another session in June 2019 (4 registrants). Several BLMBA members also have Bucking (chainsaw) Certification.

