



# Integrated Land Management Bureau

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Ken Umbarger  
Okanagan Trail Riders Association  
Kelowna, BC

Dear Ken

I am very pleased to provide this letter in support of your application for funding from the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program.

The work done to date, led by OTRA, and the future work planned in the Bear Creek area is going to provide a great benefit to the recreational community of the Okanagan and beyond. It will provide enhanced riding opportunities for riders of all levels and provide increased opportunities for families to recreate together.

The work planned will also have tremendous benefits for the protection of water quality in this very important watershed.

You, the OTRA Executive, and the members, are all to be commended for the vision you have shown in developing what will be a world class example of sustainable trails, protecting both the environment and the recreation experience.

If there is anything else I can do to assist in the implementation of this initiative, please do not hesitate ask.

Yours Truly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Krogel".

Doug Krogel  
Regional Manager, Adventure Tourism  
Thompson Okanagan