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March 17, 1993

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Dear Ms. Ramsey:

RE: March 5, 1993 access permit request for the Moulton Falls Park to Cold Creek Campground trail segment plus other subjects covered with Ed Roberston by telephone on March 15, 1993.

1. There is risk at this time in regards to the above trail segment. The critical element is whether or not Stimson Timber will allow the trail to cross their lands. Marc Engel will contact Stimson by early April. If they agree then we need to, hopefully, get it in writing. We know that the trail could be built around the private land. We feel that crossing Stimson is the place to build this trail to serve trail users for the long term. We would not be able to control users cutting across the private Stimson land.

The other risk is funding. We may have reductions that put the Cold Creek Campground at risk. Without the campground, we would have to look at the impacts of controlling trail users from being in this site. The Cedar Falls Handicap Trail proposed project is presently at risk and affects this trail also.

I understand you have some funding for a planner but the question you must answer is, do you want to take the risk to lay out the trail at this time? We cannot make a commitment at this time to take this proposal to IAC.

2. Is your priority for new IAC projects the Silver Creek trail? We have been to IAC once. We could take it again without too much dollar investment. Our priority would be this trail ahead of trail 1 above. Maintenance budgets would be a strong factor to consider for new submittals.
3. We are pleased to be a partner during National Trails Day on June 5, 1993. The Squaw Butte trail is an outstanding project for the day. Ed said you plan on some media coverage. That's a great idea.

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Ed mentioned that you have not heard from us regarding the pre-work submittal for the trail. I checked with Marc Engel and looked in Charles North's file and we do not have it. Please submit it again to make sure we can take action as soon as possible.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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June 13, 1996

Mr. Ted Klump, President
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Dear Ted,

Thank you for sending an outline of the Chinook Trail Association's proposed roles in the next segment of the Chinook Trail, the Bells Mountain Connector. Your organization's commitment to this project is tremendous and is the key to its successful conclusion. DNR supports your Association's and the County's efforts to make this trail a reality.

Two very important issues must be addressed. This project is dependent on acquiring access rights across Stimson Lumber Company's land in Section 5. It does not appear very practical to route the trail on higher ground and longer distances around Stimson. Our concern is that users would "make" their own route across Stimson anyway. We can't, in good conscience, lead users on a trail on DNR land to the edge of private land where their natural inclination would be to cross private lands without permission. We've had some conversations with Stimson with rather unclear results. I have just sent a formal request asking them to grant a trail easement to DNR. We will pursue this vigorously.

The trail route across state lands, as you know, will require an easement or license from DNR. Once the location is approved, it will have to be surveyed and a plat produced. Until this happens, and until the question of access across Stimson is resolved, there can be no trail construction on state trust lands. Marc Engel informs me that you are aware of these requirements but I mention them here just to be sure that we are clear on these points. By the way, word I get from Charles North is that he is impressed with the trail location work that you have done.

We have informed Clark County of our desire for them to keep the Bells Mountain Connector trail segment in their IAC proposal. Hopefully, we will resolve the access issue soon, IAC will approve the project, and it will be built. The County's willingness to include this trail with their other proposals is a tremendous opportunity that we should not let pass.

Sincerely,

Jan D. Gano
Southwest Regional Manager

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June 13, 1996

Mr. Delbert F. Schleichert, Manager
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Dear Del,

I am writing in response to your May 17, 1996 letter (received May 20), regarding the proposed trail to be constructed between Moulton Falls Park and DNR's Cold Creek Campground, known as the Bells Mountain Connector or the Cold Creek Trail.

We support your efforts and those of the Chinook Trail Association (CTA) as outlined in your letter and a letter from the CTA dated May 17, to establish this trail.

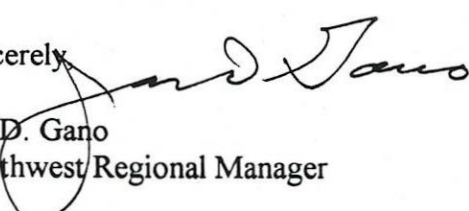
DNR supports the concept of this trail project. However, some important issues must be addressed. For this to be a viable project, access rights must be obtained for about a half mile of the trail route across Stimson Lumber Company. We do not see a practical alternative to routing this trail around Stimson. We have had some conversations with Stimson representatives with rather uncertain results. I have just sent a formal written request asking Stimson to consider granting a trail easement to DNR, (copy enclosed).

The remainder of the trail across state trust lands, some eight and one half miles, will also require an easement or license from DNR as manager of these lands. While there may be no cost for this approval, the location of the trail will have to be surveyed and a plat map produced.

Access rights from Stimson are the key to this project. It would be irresponsible on our part to allow construction of any part of this trail on state lands until access rights are obtained for the whole trail, including any sections across private properties.

It is our preference that you continue with your IAC grant application as you have outlined in your letter to me. We should assume, for now, that access rights across private will be obtained. If they are not obtainable, this segment of your grant application may have to be dropped. Let's hope not.

Sincerely,


Jan D. Gano
Southwest Regional Manager

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