

August 11, 2017

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Re: Request for Additional Information – Three Sisters Mountain Village Properties (TSMV) Smith Creek Wildlife Corridor Application - April 18, 2017 Submission

Mr. Ollenberger,

Thank you for the additional information that you provided on April 18, 2017, in response to Alberta Environment and Parks' letter dated April 7, 2017. Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) has reviewed this information, the original TSMV Wildlife Corridor Application dated January 26, 2017, and the public input that we received regarding TSMV's application. As a result of our review I am requesting the following information to assist me in the decision making process.

Please note that this letter and the TSMV response will be posted for public viewing on the AEP webpage that has been established for your application (<http://aep.alberta.ca/about-us/public-engagement/public-comments.aspx>).

1. Several of the responses that TSMV provided rely on a Resource Selection Function (RSF) model to predict habitat use of various species of animals (for example, responses to questions 3, 5 and 6 of AEP's April 7, 2017, request for additional information). Please provide the RSF model so that we can understand more fully how TSMV reached the conclusions that it has for those questions.
2. Question 6a in AEP's April 7, 2017, letter to TSMV asked how close housing and associated municipal buildings will be to the wildlife corridor. TSMV's response indicated that the exact distance was not yet known and would not be known until the land use, subdivision and development permit stages of development. The distance from the edge of the development area is important to understand because of potential displacement of wildlife from the corridor by human activity close by. Please provide approximate distances of housing and associated municipal buildings from the wildlife corridor at Smith Creek.

3. Question 9 in AEP's April 7, 2017 letter requested information regarding "Firesmart" plans for the proposed Smith Creek development and the possible impact of Firesmart activity on wildlife corridor function. TSMV's response included a brief description of possible Firesmart activity, a description of Firesmart activity at Stewart Creek Phase 3, and an indication that Firesmart activity may have a positive impact on habitat suitability for various species. This information is helpful, but does not provide AEP with the level of detail that we require to fully understand the potential impact of Firesmart activity on wildlife corridor function. Please provide a Firesmart plan for the proposed Smith Creek development, preferably one that is supported by the Town of Canmore and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. If TSMV cannot provide AEP with an actual Firesmart Plan, then as an alternative very detailed site specific information can still be provided on Firesmart activities and where these activities will occur.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By: Roger Ramcharita
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