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File: 16660 Recreation Management/Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society

RE: Tumbler Ridge Geopark Expression of Interest

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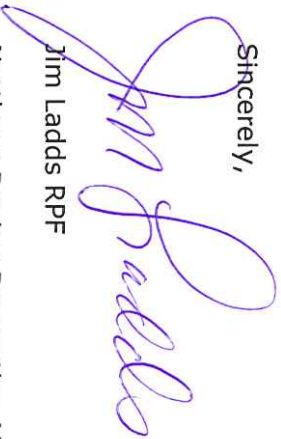
To whom it may concern:

Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC) has partnered with the Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society (WNMS) since April 1, 2009. The WNMS has done an exceptional job at developing and managing recreation trails in the Tumbler Ridge area that promote healthy living and provide access to many outstanding and unique geological and heritage features.

In my role as the Northern Interior Regional Manager for RSTBC, I have had the pleasure of viewing many outstanding recreational, cultural and biophysical features in northeastern British Columbia. The proposed Tumbler Ridge Geopark would contain many impressive archaeological, paleontological and heritage values, but what adds to the uniqueness of the area is the high number of accessible viewing and educational opportunities in close proximity to each other and the community of Tumbler Ridge. The WNMS and the Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation are to be commended for your hard work and commitment in managing, maintaining and promoting these excellent facilities.

The development of a geopark in the Tumbler Ridge area will undoubtedly contribute to economic diversification in the area and expand upon the significant opportunities for public education, research and scientific exploration found in this unique corner of our province. On behalf of RSTBC, I am pleased to offer our support in your Expression of Interest in developing the proposed Tumbler Ridge Geopark.

Sincerely,



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