

TO:

Premier Campbell and Minister Barisoff
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Re: Okanagan Shuswap Land Resource Management Plan (OKSLRMP)

Dear Premier Campbell, Minister Barisoff, and MLA's,

I am concerned that the implementation of parks within the OKSLRMP is being unduly delayed. This plan was negotiated by more than 30 stakeholders over a five-year period and concluded in September 2000. The Provincial Government approved the plan in January 2001.

When your government took power you promised to honour all consensus land use agreements. To date, you have broken that promise. Currently 29 of the 49 parks agreed to under the OKSLRMP have not been implemented - as per the original land use agreement. These 29 parks are distributed throughout the Okanagan Shuswap region.

In particular, Minister Barisoff has acted in concert with the Regional District of Okanagan-Silmilkameen (RDOS) to ensure that seven Goal 1 and eight Goal 2 areas within the South Okanagan will not move forward to Class A parks - as agreed to. As well, all the Goal 2 parks in the OKSLRMP have no status on the land whatsoever. This is unacceptable.

Respectfully,