

Summary of Key Steps in Securing AT Land Use Interests¹

Step 1: Understanding AT Land Use Rights

Key steps: (P. 6-12)

- Know which types of tenure you hold to run your business
- Understand the rights associated with those tenures

Step 2: Identification of Land Base and Significant Values

Key steps: (P. 13-14)

Identify the land base needed to sustain your business.

- Possible sources of information include
 - Personal experience
 - Previous studies (community plans, strategic tourism plans, etc.)
 - Visitor satisfaction surveys (BC Tourism, Chamber of Commerce)
- Map areas important to business. Maps are used to facilitate discussion with other stakeholders. The best source for tenures information and map making is the Integrated Land and Resource Registry (ILRR):
 - <http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/ilrr/ILRR.htm>
 - ILRR also provides assistance in using the software. You can contact them by phone or email: 250-952-ILRR (4577), ILRRHelp@gov.bc.ca.

Step 3: Overview of Operating Environment

Key steps: (P. 15-47)

a. Land Use Planning Process

Investigate the status of land use plans in your area.

- If land use plans are currently underway who is representing commercial recreation at planning tables?
- If plans are complete, what provisions were created to ensure tourism values are maintained in your area? Do monitoring and implementation committees exist? Is it possible to become a member of these committees?
- Appendix B & C list zone definitions and current status of LUPs
- Additional information is provided on the ILMB website:
<http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/ilmb/lup/index.html>
- Detailed information on SRMPs is also available on the ILMB website:
http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/ilmb/lup/srmp/background/docs/RAG/RAG_Dec04.pdf
- Current status of SRMPs and landscape unit plans can be found at:
<http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/ilmb/lup/srmp/index.html>.

¹ References to page numbers, tables and appendices refer to: Heidt, A. (January, 2007). *Tourism Operators Guidebook on Crown Land*.

b. First Nations and Treaty Negotiations

Investigate which First Nations have land claims in your area and the status of treaty negotiations.

- How are tourism interests being represented in negotiation?
- Appendix D lists First Nations bands, locations, and current treaty negotiation status
- Further information is available on the BCTC website: <http://www.bctreaty.net/>. Information is also available through the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/arr>.

c. Status of Land Ownership and Crown Land Tenures

Investigate what other land tenures are active in your area.

- The Integrated Land and Resource Registry (ILRR) provides a GIS program which lists all tenures and land interests: <http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/irp/ILRR.htm>
- Information concerning private land can be obtained from the local land title office. Land title office contact information is listed at: http://www.ltsa.ca/ltd_contact.htm
- Information pertaining to tenures governed by the *Land Act*, including application and existing tenure information, is available from Front Counter BC. Regional office contact information is listed in Appendix E.

d. Other Interests On Crown Land

Other important interests on Crown land include: waterways, water use plans, mineral and petroleum claims, roads, and grazing rights.

Waterways

- Waterways can be divided into tidal and non-tidal waters. Jurisdiction over tidal waters lies with the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Regional office information is listed at: http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish/default_e.htm .
- Non-tidal waters are managed by the Water Stewardship Division. Information on existing water licences, applications, or any of the other areas governed by WSD is available on their website, <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wsd/>

Water Use Plans

- Water use plans, which were conducted to create a more integrated use of BC's water resources, can be viewed on BC Hydro's website at: www.bchydro.com/wup

Mineral and Petroleum Rights

Three options exist to determine if there is a claim on the property in which a AT operator is interested:

- Contact the Ministry of Energy, Mines Petroleum Resources Titles Division (see Appendix E for contact information).
- Visit Mineral Titles Online website: <http://www.mtonline.gov.bc.ca/> or the Petroleum Titles Online website: <http://www.ptonline.gov.bc.ca/>. These website

provide interactive GIS-based maps of BC, with specific information on existing and pending mineral/petroleum titles.

- Contact Front Counter BC.

Roads

Roads in BC fall under four jurisdictions: Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Forests and Range, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands and Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

- For information on forest road conditions, maintenance plans or deactivation notices contact the Forest district office. Contact information is located here: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/regdis.htm>
- Front Counter BC staff will be able to provide information regarding the status of MAL tenures, and any restrictions or right-of-ways on the land base.
- To gain information on proposed and existing oil and gas roads AT operators can contact the Land Status Clerks at the OGC. See Appendix E for contact information.
- Road information in GIS format can be obtained from ILRR at: <http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/ilrr/ILRR.htm>

Grazing Rights

MoFR's Range Branch develops provincial policies, standards, and procedures for managing range resources. Allocation of range rights to the livestock and AT industry is granted through grazing and hay-cutting agreements.

- For a list of current range tenures contact your district range officer. Contact information is listed on the Range Branch website: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/district_staff.htm.

e. Protected Areas

Develop a list of Provincial and Federal parks in your area.

- Information on existing provincial park use permits and the application process is available through the Permit and Authorization Service Bureau, which is a branch of the Environmental Stewardship Division of the Ministry of Environment. For permit information contact a Regional Operations Branch. Contact information is listed in Appendix E.

f. Other Tourism Businesses

Develop a list of other tourism businesses in your area.

- To determine what other tourism businesses with a Crown land tenure are in the area utilize the ILRR website or contact Front Counter BC.
- To obtain a list of tourism operators without a Crown land tenure in your area contact the regional tourism association (see Appendix E for contact information) or the local development organization (e.g., Chamber of Commerce)

g. Public Use

Identify the prominent public users in your area.

- A list of recreation associations is provided in Table 2.3

h. Forestland Tenures

Investigate the active forest tenures in your area.

- Forest district office contact information is available in Appendix A
- Forest tenures are listed in Appendix F

i. Current AAC

Investigate the current AAC level in your area.

- A schedule of DFAM TSRs can be found at:
<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/schedtsa.htm>
- Schedule for TFL TSR can be found at: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/schedtfl.htm>
- Individuals can subscribe to an email list to receive timber supply documents and AAC releases at: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/listserv/tsr.htm>
- The Public Review Process begins once the Data Package is completed. Completed data packages and other TSR documents are made available on the MFR website: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsas.htm>

j. Forest Stewardship Planning Status

Investigate the current status of FSP in your area.

- Are there annual open houses by the district at which 5 year plans are reviewed?
- FSPs identify areas within which road building, forest harvesting, and silviculture activities are proposed. FSPs do not need to show the actual locations of future roads and cutblocks
- A list of licensees is provided in Appendix F.
- More specific licensee FSP guidelines can be found at:
<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/timten/AGFSP/Documents/FSP%20Content%20checklist%20April%2015%202005.doc> (FSP content review checklist)
- <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/timten/AGFSP/documents/AGFSP%20v%201.0.4c%20Feb%2014-06.doc> (administrative guide for forest stewardship plans)

k. Site Specific Forest Plans

Investigate the occurrence of site-specific forest plans.

- The final opportunity for public access to information with respect to forestry practices is during the creation of specific site plans. These plans only have to be made available to the public. Providing an opportunity for public input is not required
- It is up to interested public to contact Licensees if they would like to view site plans. A list of Licensees is provided in Appendix F.

Step 4: Initiating Contact and Developing Relationships With Public and Neighbouring Land Managers

Key steps: (P.48)

Contact other resource users in your area.

- Make contact before concerns arise.
- When created, provide a profile of your business to other land managers.
- Make contact often.
- Be willing to create solutions and agree on operational practices.

Step 5: Building a Profile For Your Business

Key steps: (P.49-50)

Build a profile for your business.

- The profile will serve as a communication tool that will inform local communities, First Nations, other land managers, and other interested parties of an AT operator's existence and dependence on a specific land area and its resources.
- An AT operator should build a profile that describes the following:
 - Boundaries of the land area on which the AT operator is dependent, and the nature and location of all facilities and ancillary uses (including trails/trail systems);
 - Ownership of the land (Crown or private);
 - The location and nature of all wilderness recreation activities within the area;
 - Identification of access routes including roads, trails, flight path, etc.;
 - Time of year activities are conducted;
 - Nature of any facilities or improvements, and how they contribute to the operation;
 - Key features of the operating area, such as wildlife viewing sites and other viewscape locations; and,
 - Areas of significant environmental, social, and/or cultural values.