



BULLETIN Trail & Waterway Initiative

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Rush North to Big Bend Gold



▲ Crowfoot meadows abloom with colour in July



▲ Photo op in the North Shore highlands

About the proposed route: Walking and riding through the extensive Crowfoot, Moberly and Fowler (or Grizzly) Meadows is one of the regions classic pleasures. And the recent study contracted by the Little Shuswap Indian Band reveals layers of history traversing these meadows, the shoreline of Shuswap Lake, and the valley passages up Scotch Creek. Following their aboriginal guides, surveyors, gold seekers, foresters and shephards have all claimed a layer of history on these trails.

The proposed route follows much of this traditional path, at one time part of the Big Bend Gold Rush Trail north to Seymour Arm (then called Ogden City.) Lining up with the CSRD Area F Parks Plan proposal to establish a grand circuit trail wrapping the shore line from Squilax to Seymour Arm, this route would follow that proposed trail making a detour north at Celista climbing up into the Crowfoot/Moberly meadows, then crossing to Fowler (Grizzly) Mountain, before navigating the ridgeline back down to the Grand Squilax Seymour Trail at Albas Falls Provincial Park. From here the trail would continue north along the lake to Seymour Arm Provincial Park.

From Seymour Arm, route considerations favour working out a path with the local community north along Seymour River connecting with the Ratchford-Pettipiece region. But there's still lots of work and discussion to go on that connection.

Planning Issues: Major portions of this proposed route pass through landscape under the jurisdiction and management of key interest groups, including Adams Lake Indian Band, Little Shuswap Indian Band, Private Land Owners, Forest Companies, Trappers, and the North Shore Snowmobile Club. This proposal assumes a position of looking to these groups for guidance in finding an appropriate route for non-motorized travellers to make their way north to the Gold.



▲ Crisp autumn ride toward Moberly Summit



▲ Seymour Falls beckons to the Big Bend gold

Trailhead Access: Multiple points along the planned Grand Squilax Seymour Lake trail. Crowfoot/Moberly Mountain route access via Celista.

Route Length: 70+ kilometres

Trip Options: Shorter day and multiday options throughout the route.

Potential Huts: Use of existing huts will need to be discussed with North Shuswap Snowmobile Club



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