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I represent several of the property owners on the two islands located on Lac La Hache. At present there are 18 lot owners between Crown Royal Island and Emerald Island. Currently there are 9 cabins/summer homes, 7 on Crown Royal, and 2 on Emerald. The two islands were surveyed and subdivided in 1967 (Crown Royal) and 1976 (Emerald). MCS

For many years (20 plus) island lot owners have relied on MOTI lake access/boat launches to provide access and parking for lot owners. Additionally island lot owners have utilized private property locations primarily Fir Crest Resort for parking. Fir Crest Resort has gone through a major change and is now selling strata style lots and does not wish to provide overnight parking to island lot owners.

Overnight parking has been an ongoing issue for the property owners for some time, but it has now come to a head with MOTI not allowing overnight parking at the boat launches and the with the loss of Fir Crest Resort we find ourselves in a difficult position. We have approached several property owners within a reasonable distance to the islands in hope of securing parking but this has not panned out.

What we are seeking is a permanent solution to the basic need of somewhere to park.

After careful consideration and lots of searching we believe we have found a perfect location for the island property owners to park. MOTI has approximately 30 lake access locations on Lac La Hache. Of the 30 or so access points only about 5 are used by the public to launch boats and gain access to the lake. One of the access points managed by MOTI Access #16 which is located just north of the Easy Go Ranch is ideal in that it is a very large access point it is fully fenced and does not have homes located right beside it as so many others do. This access point has never been used by the public and would only require a small amount of work to the launch site to make it ideal for parking and boat launching. We have approached MOTI and requested an exemption or permit or something to that effect to allow for overnight parking only, not camping. We have also offered to fund or do any work required to make this location functional. We received a fairly strong flat no with a threat to legally enforce the "No Overnight Parking" complete with we will be towed away comments.

It is our belief that when the government of the day back in the late 60's ,70's created the island subdivisions the highway access points were likely thought of as the logical locations for owners to park. Over the years likely in response to public complaints re camping etc on lake access points highways made it a policy to enforce No Overnight Parking. This action was likely done without any thought given to how it would affect island owners. We feel that our request is not unreasonable to utilize one location for overnight parking.

Ms. Dobson in her response to me stated that MOTI did not allow overnight parking on any of their lake access points in the province. I suspect this is incorrect and in fact on Cristina Lake near Grand Forks boat access only property owners who were facing a more difficult problem were given land by BC Parks, and MOTI donated \$100,000 for road work to help the property owners solve a long standing issue of no parking.

I hope Mr. Richmond that you may be able to provide some help or guidance for us

