# APPENDIX 1

# **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, NL**

# REGISTERING OF UNDERTAKING

# NAME OF UNDERTAKING:

Trout River Pond Area ATV Trail

# PROPONENT:

(i) Name of Corporate Body

Mogul Road Trail Committee

(ii) Address

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(iii) Chief Executive Officer

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#### THE UNDERTAKING;

# (i) Nature of the undertaking

Creation of an ATV Trail for use by residents of Trout River and others to provide access to the Back Country. The trail is meant for ATV's and Oversnow vehicles only, access will be for cutting of firewood, hunting, fishing, cabins, hiking. The proposed trail would connect with an old mining road created for the purpose of getting materials and supplies to backcountry for mining exploration before the creation of Gros Morne National Park..

# (ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for the Undertaking

Prior to the formal establishment of Gros Morne National Park residents of `Trout River and others were allowed access through "The proposed Gros Morne National Park" to connect with an old mining road (Mogul Road). The National Parks act deems the use of ATV's a non- conforming use and access has been denied subject to severe fines for noncompliance. To avoid possible backlash by the community because of denied access we have with Parks Canada staff identified an option with minimum impact and footprint to replace the previous connection to the Mogul Road. The road if approved will significantly reduce the use of ATV's on bogs and marshes at all times but especially during hunting season. Approval of this trail will protect a relationship which took 30 years plus for Parks Canada to develop with the people of Trout River who perceived access to traditional areas was being denied to them.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING:**

# (i) Geographical Location:

Approximately 5KM South West of Trout River on local forestry road, (referred to locally as "Adams Road") and outside the boundary for Gros Morne National Park and near the local landfill. UTM 417966:5476844 connecting to the Mogul Road at UTM 419558; 5475619 approximately 2Km in length.

## (ii) Physical Features:

The propose route is on an existing footprint which was previously the cut boundary for Gros Morne National Park (Boundary was changed and land returned to the province in 84/85, and then to the Community of Trout River for a pasture.). The area also is an approved area for cutting firewood by permit from the province. The terrain is high ground and very little is bog or marsh.

(iii) Construction (if applicable):

> Construction will be minimal. The construction that is required will include the use of a small backhoe to be used primarily for grubbing, levelling and some ditching.

Work includes:

Grubbing, ditching, some levelling, placing of culverts (small streams going from bog to bog), Possibly placing a small bridge across one stream (to be avoided if possible). Only one of the streams might have any use by fish.

(iv) Operation:

A trail to be managed by Volunteers as per the aforementioned committee .

(v) Occupations:

> No specific or designated occupations this is strictly a volunteer operation from conception to completion and the operation. Our volunteers include equipment operators, forestry techs, Resource conservation tech"s financial / business administration with committed support from Gros Morne National Park and access to their professional staff and resources

(vi) **Project -Related Documents:** 

> Attached are copies of Topographic map showing the location of The proposed route and its location to the community of Trout River and Gros Morne National Park.

#### APPROVAL OF UNDERTAKING:

SCHEDULE: Start work on trail immediately approval is received (Spring) and completed by October 30, 2012

FUNDING: Support from Parks Canada, Local fundraisers, explore further options if approved

Date 29/01/12

Signature of Chief Executive Officer

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