May 24, 2019

Chair and Directors
Fraser Valley Regional District
45950 Cheam Ave
Chilliwack, BC V2P 1N6

Dear Chair and Directors:

The BC Geographical Names Office has received proposals from Lil’wat Nation to correct the spelling of a few features in the Fraser Valley Regional District. At this time, we are inviting comments on two proposed name changes as detailed below and shown on the attached map:

1. **Change the name of Lillooet River to “Liíwat River.”**
   - The river flows SE through Lillooet (Liíwat) Lake into Harrison Lake
   - “Liíwat River” is the Ucwalmícwts name of the feature. Lillooet is an anglicization of Liíwat (Advice from Liíwat Nation, 2018).
   - The mouth of the river is located at: 49.122.14556, -122.14556

2. **Change the name of Lillooet Lake to “Liíwat Lake.”**
   - The lake is an expansion of Lillooet (Liíwat) River, NW of Harrison Lake
   - “Liíwat Lake” is the Ucwalmícwts name of the feature. Lillooet is an anglicization of Liíwat (Advice from Liíwat Nation, 2018).
   - The approximate centre of the lake is located at: 50.24583, -122.49611

These features are within or form a portion of the boundary of the traditional territory of several First Nations and are within or near the border of local governments, so it is important to ascertain a) if there are other known traditional names for these features, and b) that the proposed names reflect the heritage values in the area.

Before considering adoption of these names, may we have your advice and comments? In particular, is there any reason why these names would not be appropriate for these features?

Adoption of these names would not prejudice legitimate claims to the land.
Please feel free to provide your comments in any format. Your response before 24 August 2019 would be appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Kind regards,

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Enclosure

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     Association of Canadian Mountain Guides  Samahquam First Nation
     Avalanche Canada - Sea to Sky  Search and Rescue - Pemberton
     BC Mountaineering Club  Skatin Nation
     BC Parks  Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
     Bridge River Indian Band  St'at'limc / Lillooet Tribal Council
     Douglas First Nation  Stewardship Pemberton
     Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC  Sto:lo Nation/ Sto:lo Tribal Council
     Klahoose First Nation  Sts'ailes First Nation
     Kwantlen First Nation  Tsilhqot'in National Government
     Laich-kwil-tach Treaty Society  Village of Pemberton
     Water Licensing - South Coast