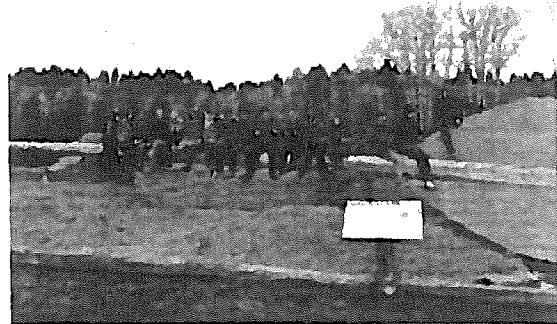


COLLEGE OF  
THE ROCKIES



ATBO students learning about environmental  
stewardship at Columbia Wetlands Outpost

November 6, 2017

**RE: Columbia Wetlands Outpost**

To whom it may Concern,

As the Course Program Co-ordinator of the Adventure Tourism Business Operation Diploma Program (ATBO) for the College of the Rockies (COTR) Golden Campus, I would like to take this opportunity to affirm Columbia Wetlands Outpost's phenomenal ongoing support to the College of The Rockies.

As an integral part of the ATBO Diploma Program, it is important for our students to be educated not just in the classrooms, but learning first hand from our local businesses. Columbia Wetlands Outpost has generously donated their time in collaboration with our teachers to host many field trips for our students, providing opportunities to learn about entrepreneurship, marketing, sustainability, and outdoor adventure skills.

One of the key tenets we teach in our Environmental Stewardship class is that people will only look after and support those natural areas that they have formed a connection to. A key benefit to adventure tourism experiences, is that they offer a chance to give people a positive and enjoyable experience in nature, and to teach them a little bit about that environment. Once people appreciate, and care about the environment, they will be more inclined to help preserve it.

Columbia Wetlands Outpost has provided a vital asset to the care and stewardship of the Columbia Wetlands through their dedication of creating a connection to, and an education of, the Columbia Wetlands when sharing the wetland with its community and its visitors.

Sincerely,

Dave Wan

Coordinator, ATBO Diploma

From: **Jesse Courteau** <[jessecourteau@gmail.com](mailto:jessecourteau@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Aug 23, 2017 at 11:35 AM  
Subject: Re: Reaching Out  
To: Mark Teasdale <[mark@columbiaextreme.com](mailto:mark@columbiaextreme.com)>

Hi Mark,

Thank you for your time in regards to our meeting this morning, it was a pleasure having a conversation with you.

As mentioned, I will be referring you on to the Kootenay & Boundary Farm Advisors for soil testing / viability concept of the field that you choose to implement your pumpkin patch / corn maze and even for the hops operation that you already have started. I will also be contacting several local farmers to see if we can't get some ground tilled up for you this fall, if the viability/feasibility makes sense to your farm.

Further, the Golden Agricultural Society would like to help in the development of your farm and encompass your visions in doing so.  
Like I had mentioned please don't hesitate to contact myself or anyone in our organization in regards to future development plans of your farm.


We look forward to working with you and hope to see your visions become a reality for our community's benefit. As to my personal opinion you definitely seem to have the community's best interest in mind, by sharing your visions with everyone and we would like to support those visions.

Once again thank you very much for your time in regards to this matter.





Best regards to you and your family.

Jesse Courteau  
President  
Golden Agricultural Society.

Wed. August 23, 2017



To whom it may concern;

My name is  my husband  and I live at   
 and we are approximately 300meters from a barn that is on Mark Teasdale's property.

We think it is GREAT that he has renovated the old barn and put it to use for Wedding's or Family reunions.

We have heard that there is some kind of noise problem when there are Weddings or Family Reunions?

We don't understand where that is coming from?

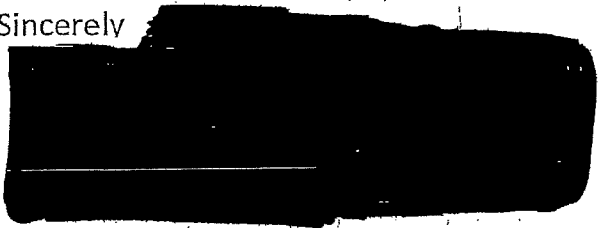
Mark has checked with us from time to time to see if things are too loud and we have assured him that we hear nothing and not to worry as we would let him know but there has not been any noise.

Our house is straight across an empty field from the barn (we can see it out our window) and we have NOT heard any noise or disturbance from any functions that have been held there.

I am a very light sleeper and believe me I hear everything.

I certainly hope people aren't trying to cause any problems for him, as it's nice to see a young man with such good ideas and is making such GREAT memories for others on THEIR SPECIAL DAY.

Thanking you for your time,  
Sincerely



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September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

RE: COLUMBIA WETLANDS OUTPOST

To whom it may concern,

Tourism is one of three primary industries in Golden and CSRD Area A, generating an estimated \$70 million annually in visitor spend on accommodation, activities, dining, weddings and events, and other incremental spend in the local economy. It is a valuable in bringing tourist dollars, and creating employment in the community.

Most of our tourism businesses are small, owner-operated businesses, all of whom contribute to the range of experiences that Golden offers as a credible vacation destination. When we lose one or more of our products, it impacts the entire industry.

Our 2016 Visitor Study indicates that 9% of visitors cite nature and wildlife, and 3% cite weddings, as their primary reason to visit Golden. Furthermore, 8% of visitors' state that they visited the Columbia Wetlands during their visit.

Columbia Wetlands Outpost (aka, Columbia Wetlands Adventures, and Red Barn) provide not only high-quality experiences, accommodation, event venue that are therefore very valuable to Golden as a tourism destination, but do so in a manner that is sensitive and respectful of the unique wetlands environment in which they operate.

As members and stakeholders of Tourism Golden, they are extremely supportive of our PR efforts; regularly hosting media and travel trade groups, which results in increased awareness of Golden as a destination, increased visitation, and ultimately a broader education and understanding of the diversity, and incredible environmental importance of the Columbia Wetlands. To lose Columbia Outpost products, and the Teasedales as supporters and advocates for the tourism industry, would be a significant blow to the local tourism industry.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanne Sweeting" followed by a stylized flourish.

Joanne Sweeting

Executive Director