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Film Activity Letter  
RE: THE REVENANT

This letter will provide further detail for inclusion with our application to film a portion of the feature film with the working title THE REVENANT. The location requested in this application is a small area of old growth timber with reasonable access off the Squamish River main logging road. This movie is based on a true story of a trapper in the early 1800 and for this scene we have been looking for a 1<sup>st</sup> growth forest. These forests are no longer easy to locate with any kind of reasonable access outside of the few Parks that have preserved them. For the few that know of this area it is locally known as the "Derringer Forest".

### **Scene**

The scene to be filmed here is about 1 of 5 trappers that is mauled by a grizzly bear, with walking scenes prior and scenes after with the injured trapper. We will not be using a real bear at this location.

### **Cast / Crew size & film equipment**

The cast will be 5 (2 extras may also be added TBC). The crew will vary in size as follows

- scene blocking: approximately 15 to 20 people with hand held camera system
- cast rehearsals: approximately 30 to 40 people with similar camera system
- shoot period: approximately 60 to 70 people with full camera systems including possibility of hand portable jib-arm and grip equipment as well as an animatronic bear

### **Animals**

As mentioned there will be no real bear at this location however the scenes after the bear attack do have a Mule in them. This animal's role is basically stationary, ie more of a prop.

### **Access**

The area of forest we propose to use is within an easy walk of approx. 200m of an existing spur logging road, about 1 km off the Squamish main road. We would require clearing a fallen tree off the existing trail system for easier use of the trail. Vehicle parking could be accommodated along this spur road which does not show any recent logging activity.

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### **Sanitation & Garbage removal**

We will have at all times will any work is done on location suitable toilet facilities as well as garbage collection and containment. All garbage will be removed from the area on a daily basis to help limit the unintended attraction of wildlife.

### **Communications**

We will contact any current logging/ contracting companies utilizing the Squamish Valley road to ensure we have safe passage for our vehicles. We will adjust our access as required with either radios and correct call-in protocol and/ or a convoy where practical.

### **Dates**

The following dates are what is currently scheduled, however to ensure we have the ability to adjust we would ask for occupancy as required from July 29 thru Nov 15 2014

- scene blocking July 29 & 30 2014
- cast rehearsals September 3,4,5 2014
- shoot period Oct 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30 2014

### **Mitigation measures**

From previous visits to this area it would appear that public use is minimal, however in anticipation of visitors it is our intention not to occupy the existing public parking area along the Squamish river road, or the majority of the trail system leading from this parking area. Our filming area would occupy 1 acre of the forest where we would need control over other users. Along the trail trail we do not anticipate any need for mitigation, however for any staging of people and equipment near the filming area we are considering a slatted wooden platform system to accommodate equipment storage and any tent shelter space. The actual filming area may require some ground protection TBD, to prevent damage during the rehearsal periods, for a more natural look during the filming period. Once filming is complete an assessment can be made as to what if any further ground reclamation is required.

### **Attachments:**

- 1) 1:50000 map with location & access information overlays
- 2) photograph of location

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