

To the Galiano Island Trust Committee,

The occurrences of wildfire, landslide or other disaster at the north end of Galiano are much better managed when emergency vehicles and residents can find alternate routes for emergency access. The offer of passage through Crystal Mountain Society lands to join Devina Dr with Porlier Pass at Spotlight Cove will be of great community benefit for situations such as emergency response and evacuations. The direct route will enable us quick access to the many people who live in this area.

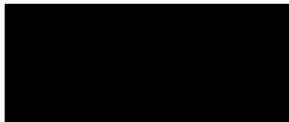
Current alternate routes through private land have no maintenance commitments. Crystal Mountain Society's agreement to maintain this statutory right of way means that the community can rest assured that when needed the road will be able to accommodate even the largest of our vehicles.

The society has agreed to investigate the possibility of installing a fire hydrant 'standpipe' for access to water in the event of fire. This could be located on CM Lot 9 at the end of the Devina pond system. Currently none exist in this immediate area.

The wildfire mitigation offered through ecological management plans should be encouraged.

I understand that a rezoning is in process and hope that this will happen quickly and that this right of way will be secured, as recently there have been instances where access to North Galiano has been blocked.

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