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The District of Mission Tree Farm License 26 is a nearly 5000 hectare site. Since the 1950s, the District has managed this land for municipal forestry purposes. Unmonitored recreation in the area has resulted in serious safety concerns involving vandalism to parked cars, discharge of firearms, dumping, setting stolen cars on fire, and missing persons.

The municipality envisions a wilderness recreation area offering a wide range of formalized outdoor opportunities in a safe, family-oriented format. Various types of family tourism and educational activities including camping, fishing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, boating, zip-trekking, horse shoeing, and cross country skiing, among others.

LEES+Associates conducted a unique recreational feasibility study for the site to determine its recreational potential. It included an analysis of current conditions, opportunities and constraints that included issues of governance options, physical characteristics and existing use; the development of a zoning plan; a financial analysis of socio-economic conditions including expected revenues and capital costs; and a formal statement of feasibility and recommendations. After the completion of this project LEES+Associates was engaged as a consultant in subsequent stages including the development of a Recreation Master Plan.

