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Ernest Laviolette
President, Cherryville and Area Historical Society
918 Sugar Lake Road
Cherryville, BC V0E 2G0

Dear Ernest Laviolette:

This letter is to advise you that **Kermode Lake** has been adopted as an official name in British Columbia, referring to Vernon photographer Douglas Kermode, an early advocate for the establishment of parkland in the Monashee Mountains. Kermode Lake is located just SW of Fawn Lake in Monashee Provincial Park.

As you know, your proposal to name "Kermode Lake" was endorsed last spring by BC Parks and by elected representatives of Regional District of North Okanagan. In October we also invited elected representatives of Splots'in Nation, Okanagan Indian Band, Adams Lake Indian Band and Okanagan Nation Alliance - whose traditional territories include this area - to provide advice about any pre-existing name(s) for the lake, bring forward local or heritage considerations that might have been overlooked when your proposal was being formulated, and/or comment about the suitability of adopting "Kermode Lake" at this time. To date, replies have not been received therefore their neutral response to the proposal has been inferred.

Kermode Lake is now identified in the Gazetteer of British Columbia and on the BC Geographical Names website, and will be labeled on future editions of suitably-scaled provincial and federal government maps. Adoption of this name does not prejudice legitimate claims to the land.

I trust that these arrangements are satisfactory.

Yours truly,

Janet Mason
Provincial Toponymist

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