

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,  
ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Release Agreement")**

**BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT YOU WILL WAIVE OR GIVE UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE FOR NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT OR ANY OTHER DUTY OF CARE, OR CLAIM COMPENSATION FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

**I AGREE (Initial)**

**I AGREE THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT SHALL APPLY TO MY PARTICIPATION IN WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES UNTIL APRIL 30, 2026**

**I AGREE (Initial)**

<b>Name</b>	Last	<b>WAIVER WILL BE COMPLETED IN PERSON</b>		First
<b>Address</b>	Street			City
	Country	Postal/Zip Code	Email (optional)	Age

**TO: WHITEMANTLE HELI-SPORTS INC., BUTE INLET LODGE LTD., 49 NORTH HELICOPTERS LTD., 49 NORTH HELICOPTERS MAINTENANCE LTD., ALBA AVIATION LTD., HOMALCO FIRST NATION, ALTUS MOUNTAIN GUIDES LTD., NOOTKA WILDERNESS LODGE LTD., WAY WEST WATER TAXI LTD., and HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, and each of their respective directors, officers, employees, guides, agents, independent contractors, contractors, subcontractors, representatives, successors, assigns, other guests and participants (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Releasees").**

#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this Release Agreement, the term "**wilderness activities**" shall include all activities, accommodation (including the lodge), transportation, events and services provided, arranged, organized, conducted, sponsored or authorized by the Releasees and shall include but is not limited to: skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, hiking, snowshoeing, mountaineering, rock climbing, ice climbing, expeditions, trekking, glacier travel and other forms of backcountry travel; tidal and freshwater fishing; rental or use of skis, snowboards or other equipment; demonstrations; orientation and instructional courses, sessions and classes; loading, unloading and travel by or movement in or around helicopters or other aircraft, boats, snowcats, snowmobiles, ski lifts and gondolas, motor vehicles, and other vehicles; camping or overnight stays in the outdoors; and other activities, events and services in any way connected with or related to wilderness activities.

#### **AVALANCHE AIRBAG SYSTEM**

The Avalanche Airbag System ("AAS") consists of a backpack integrating an airbag system which is inflated by manually pulling an activation handle. Once inflated, an AAS may assist in keeping a person caught in an avalanche closer to the surface, thus potentially increasing the chances of survival. The AAS may not always inflate and may not protect the user against trauma during an avalanche.

#### **ASSUMPTION OF RISKS - AVALANCHES, ALPINE TERRAIN, WILDERNESS TRAVEL, WEATHER, ETC.**

I am aware that wilderness activities involve risks, dangers and hazards. Avalanches occur frequently in the terrain used for wilderness activities and may be caused by natural forces or by persons travelling through the terrain. I acknowledge and accept that the Releasees may fail to predict whether the alpine terrain is safe for wilderness activities or whether an avalanche may occur. The terrain used for wilderness activities is uncontrolled, unmarked, not inspected. Participating in wilderness activities involves many risks, dangers and hazards in addition to that of avalanche, which include, but are not limited to: cornices; crevasses; cliffs; ice caves; trees, tree wells and tree stumps; bodies of water; strong currents; cold water; variable or unknown water depths; drowning; rocks; boulders; forest deadfall; holes and depressions on or below the snow surface; variable and difficult snow conditions; snowcat roads, resource roads, sled tracks, and road banks, fences, and other man-made structures; access to snowcat and helicopter pick up, drop off, and landing zones; snow immersion; impact or collision with other persons, vehicles or objects; encounters with domestic or wild animals; loss of balance or control; slips, trips and falls; becoming lost or separated from one's party or guide; equipment failure; incomplete warnings or instructions; travel by helicopter over mountainous or alpine environment; helicopter crashes; being struck by rotating helicopter blades and tail rotors; mechanical malfunction of helicopters; pilot error; infectious disease contracted through viruses, bacteria, parasites, and fungi which may be transmitted through direct or indirect contact; allergic reaction; death; personal injury including but not limited to sprains, strains, shock, stress, nausea, food borne illness, diarrhea, burns, cuts, abrasions, fractured or broken bones, impalement, hypothermia and hypothermia, loss of limbs, frostbite, sunstroke, sunburn, dehydration, illness, soft tissue injuries, neck, head and brain injury, paralysis, psychological injury, other injury to the body; transportation accidents; negligent first aid; negligence of other persons, including other guests; and **NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES**. I **UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM OR WARN ME OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES**.

Communication in the alpine terrain is difficult and in the event of an accident, rescue and medical treatment may not be available. Alpine weather conditions may be extreme and can change rapidly and without warning, making travel by foot, helicopter, snowcat, or snowmobile hazardous.

#### NOTICE TO SNOWBOARDERS AND TELEMARK SKIERS - INCREASED RISK

Unlike alpine ski boot/binding systems, snowboard and some telemark boot/binding systems are not designed or intended to release and will not release under normal circumstances. I understand that as the boot/binding system is a non-release system, the system will not reduce the risk of injury during a fall and will increase the risk of not surviving an avalanche.

I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS, AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES, AND I AGREE I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS, AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM. I FURTHER AGREE MY PARTICIPATION IN WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES IS PURELY VOLUNTARY AND I ELECT TO PARTICIPATE DESPITE THE RISK.

I AGREE  
(Initial)

#### RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of the Releasees allowing me to use the lodge and participate in wilderness activities, I hereby agree as follows:

1. **TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may in the future have against **THE RELEASEES** and **TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in Wilderness Activities, **DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 337, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES**. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM OR WARN ME OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF PARTICIPATING IN WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES;

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2. TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any property damage or personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in wilderness activities;
3. This Release Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity;
4. This Release Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Release Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of British Columbia and no other jurisdiction;
5. Any litigation involving the parties to this Release Agreement shall be brought solely within British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of British Columbia; and
6. If any provision of this Release Agreement is held by a Court to be unenforceable, then such provision will be modified to reflect the Participant and Releasees' intention. All remaining provisions of this Release Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as drafted.

In entering into this Release Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of wilderness activities, other than what is set forth in this Release Agreement.

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND I AGREE TO THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT. I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES. I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT I AM SIGNING THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY.

Witness Signature
Print Name of Witness
Print Name of Parent/Guardian if participant is under 19

Signature of Participant
Date
Signature of Parent / Guardian if participant is under 19