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> Chris/John - As the topic has come up again, I want to take this opportunity  
> to again suggest we meet to discuss long term plans. I never heard back from  
> either of you since sending my note to you in October. I don't think it is  
> practical or productive to only meet with one person at a time, yet our  
> long  
> term agreement with the Heathens commits to an annual meeting. If a field  
> trip or weekday meeting is not possible, perhaps we'll need to arrange an  
> evening or weekend meeting.  
> As for the toilet, I do hope you realize I am not trying to throw road  
> blocks in the way. You guys do great work and we appreciate your  
> dedication  
> and commitment. However, we must do proper planning so we can defend any  
> decision that is made and ensure the park is protected properly.  
> I look forward to hearing from you.  
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> Thank you  
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> Hello Andy, no intention of appearing to ignore you, which would not be the case. Crest Creek issues are of a great concern to me, having an involvement with the area for more than twenty years as a climber and steward (custodian). The reason you did not receive any further correspondence from me regarding the topic of a long term plan for Crest Creek and the wish by the climbing community to install a toilet facility at the Mud Creek parking lot, is that quite simply, this was to be the pursuit of the Heathens Club. Having said that, all relevant parties concerned must get together to formulate a directive and continue with proactive dialogue. Apart from my recent and lengthy immobility due to an injury, I am available at anytime to work towards realistic solutions for Crest Creek, but I would not wish to proceed without the Heathen's full involvement. Although I have not been involved with the majority of trail development at Crest Creek, and had no involvement in the most recent development of trails and climbing routes the Heathen's have undertaken at the eastern portion of the Crest Lake powerline corridor, any of my involvement, has been and will be to ensure that any 'sanctioned' development and construction of facilities will be to 'Parks' specifications and standards, such as the case with the footbridges, parking areas, and older main trails. This would apply to any future installations, such as an approved toilet facility.

I think that working towards a long term plan should not be made as complex as some may have reason to wish or believe. Having worked co-operatively in the past with your office, I think we can move along as soon as we can meet