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Bill Steer
The Canadian Ecology Centre Foundation
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Re: GPS Instructors Package and Training

Dear Mr. Steer,

It is with great interest that I have been asked to review the new GPS instructor's package and participant's manual and DVD.

As an IT professor and one who utilizes Global Positioning System technology it very relevant that this type of training is being sought after by the public and private sectors.

It is important to note the content of both the instructor's package and participant's manual/DVD stems from a Bridges 2000, Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum writing project. It was a concept of yours at the time and you became part of the development team. I hope more teachers will utilize this curriculum resource. At the same time those involved in "first response" services and the natural resource sectors (tourism, utilities, outdoor leadership) will benefit from the certified training program and the competency test included in the package.

Certified GPS training is becoming important, much like CPR and first aid. The content and skills the Canadian Ecology Centre Foundation has put together for the national GPS certification program is exemplary. The pedagogy used highlights the relationship between the map, the compass and the GPS unit. The resources for instructors and participants are excellent, as the visuals relate to the skills and knowledge utilized by GPS.

I am pleased to put my "stamp of approval" on this resource and wish the Foundation all the best in pointing people "in the right direction" by utilizing this very important and applicable technology and these resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ken Waller'.

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