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Dear prospective donor,

Help Us Secure the Mount Artaban Nature Reserve

I am pleased to inform you of an exciting, yet time limited, opportunity to protect 107 hectares (264 acres) on Mount Artaban. The Gambier Island Conservancy and the Islands Trust Fund are working together to acquire the land as a free crown grant from the Province of B.C. We are seeking financial contributions to secure this property, which is valued at \$1.2 M, and establish a nature reserve.

I hope that you will appreciate the value in protecting this attractive part of the island. You may have hiked in the area and may be more likely to do so when the nature reserve is established with a properly maintained hiking trail and signage.

The conditions of the transfer of land are that a *Land Act* Survey be registered by August 2007 and that it be established as a nature reserve. A management plan for the nature reserve, to be complete by the end of 2007, will ensure it is maintained as a conservation area. There will also be an opportunity for community and Conservancy involvement in developing and implementing the management plan.

The conditions and steps necessary to acquire and protect Mount Artaban will cost at least \$30,000. Efforts by the Gambier Island Conservancy, the Islands Trust Fund and the community have led to \$7,000 in donations and pledges and countless in-kind services to date.

The Gambier Island Conservancy is accepting donations until the end of February 2007. Unless otherwise requested, donations will be acknowledged and charitable donation tax receipts will be provided for donations of \$50 or more. Raised funds will be transferred to the Islands Trust Fund, who will use the money to fulfill the conditions and steps to form the Mount Artaban Nature Reserve.

We hope that you will want to share our enthusiasm for protecting the nature reserve by sending us a contribution along with the donation form.

For further information please contact me or our treasurer, Wolf Wiedemann, at 604-886-8901, wolfw@uniserve.com. You may also contact the Islands Trust Fund at (250) 405-5186, itfmail@islandstrust.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

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