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Subject: Comments on proposed logging in the Quick and other core ecosystems

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To: Alan Baxter , Dave Ripmeester

Hello Alan and Dave,

thank you for the opportunity to comment.

1. The comment period is so short as to make meaningful public comment impossible. Not everyone reads the local paper, and I am not aware of other efforts to inform the public about this plan. The ad in the paper contains no information about the consequences of approving this proposal.

The plan should be postponed until public information sessions and meetings on the long term consequences of this plan can be held.

2. There is a great haste about this proposal. Since there certainly is no shortage of logs to cut in the district, PIR needs to explain to the public why they wish to log this particular area now, and why they have completed at least some layout work before this plan was even discussed. In the light of the implications of the plan, the suspicion that this is a case of strategic logging to cement a status is hard to avoid. PIR has in the past acted quickly to log to the boundaries of the Babine Mountains Park to prevent any future expansion of the park. In this instant, the objective could be continued logging access to core ecosystems without any need for public discussion, and before a possible change in government next spring.

PIR needs to address this issue publicly. Until then, the plan should be postponed.

3. Core ecosystems are a vital part of the Bulkley LRMP and have contributed greatly to the consensus between the parties. From the comments I have read and the information available to me as a non-forester, the function of the Quick core ecosystem will be compromised by PIR's logging plans, and the proposed offset is equivalent neither in size nor in productivity. Besides the ecological impacts, there would be an impact on the integrity of the LRMP because no further public notice would be required before logging in other core ecosystems. This should not be taken lightly. It would hollow out the LRMP to a degree that makes it meaningless.

This plan should not go ahead until the issues raised here have been addressed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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