

From: Claudia Schwuchow
Subject: Amendment to the Forest Stewardship Plan
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To: Dave Ripmeester

Re.: Amendment to the Forest Stewardship Plan

Dear Mr . Ripmeester,

On January 08, 2013 I have received notification of PIR's amendment proposal to the Forest Stewardship Plan. On January 10, 2013 I received documents regarding the background information leading up the propose information. For the last 2 evenings I have read through documents such as the LRMP, the LUP, HLPO Analysis, CRB meeting minutes and the Ecosystem Adjustment Proposal. I am not a Forester – industry standards, jargon and acronyms are foreign territory to me.

In order to understand all of the implications that the proposed amendment may pose I would like to suggest a public meeting/open house, were questions, answers, explanations and visual aids will lead to more informed comments. At a minimum I would like to see a longer comment period on this topic.

My interest in this proposed amendment is with the possible implications to all core ecosystem areas, as mentioned in:

Ecosystem Adjustment Proposal – The Ecosystem Amendment Process – 2012 Revisions: 'The References here are specific to the Quick core ecosystem proposed amendment, however, the principles and proposed process could apply to the entire ecosystem network.'

I live in the Glacier Gulch/Kathlyn Creek area. The residents/water license holders have formed a group (2005) and applied to the government (2007) for a Community Watershed designation to protect their domestic water supply. At this time we are nearing the final stages of approval. We are wondering, if and how – in the long run – the proposed amendment to the Forest Stewardship Plan could affect *'the protection of water for human consumption in watersheds. ('The FRPA, appendices 2,3, 4 from the December 2000 BLRMP high level plan order, the BVSMP and the Bulkley LUPs all provide important legal directions, context and strategies (e.g. water, ecosystem network) for management of forest resources consistent with public and legislated expectations. These Plans should be referred to during forest management plans. – Bulkley LRMP OSBG').*

If a public meeting/open house is not a possibility I and representatives of the Kathlyn Creek Watershed Group would like to meet with you to discuss the consideration and integration of watershed (domestic water supply) protection into any possible amendment to the current Forest Stewardship Plan.

Sincerely,
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