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Jeff McKay Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board

Via Email: jeffmckay8@gmail.com

Dear Jeff McKay and the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board,

The Province is committed to modernizing the forest economy and supporting an innovative, sustainable forest sector. The Province is also committed to advancing reconciliation by strengthening partnerships and meaningful engagement with Indigenous peoples in the management of the land base and natural resources in British Columbia.

Through Bill 23, the *Forest Statutes Amendment Act*, the Province has introduced Forest Landscape Planning (FLP). FLP is intended to provide forest sector specific direction on where and how forest management activities occur at an operational level. FLPs provide direction to guide the sectors' operational planning and management activities including harvesting, road building and restoration investment.

Central to the FLP is working collaboratively with Indigenous governments to co-develop plans with the input from stakeholders, local communities, and the public at each of the various milestones of the planning process. Once complete, Forest Landscape Plans will be established by the chief forester following the recommendations developed through the FLP process.

Additional information on FLPs is available on the BC Government website.

We are exploring the opportunity to develop a FLP within the Bulkley and Morice Timber Supply Areas (TSAs). Once a FLP process is initiated, there will be opportunities for local groups to provide input.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss Forest Landscape Planning, and to answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at Tara.Dunphy@gov.bc.ca or 250-643-7127.

Sincerely,

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