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VIA EMAIL: info@bvcrb.ca

Ronald Vanderstar, Treasurer
Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board
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Dear Ronald Vanderstar:

Thank you for your letter of February 23, 2025, to Honourable Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS) and Honourable Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests, regarding your continued interest in the Bulkley Wildlife Habitat Management Areas (WHMA) and Wildlife Reserves. As Deputy for WLRS, I have been asked to respond and apologize for the lengthy delay.

As you note, in previous conversations on this matter with Nathan Cullen, former WLRS Minister, he encouraged you to engage in the Forest Landscape Planning (FLP) processes. Consistent with this advice, I would like to refer you specifically to the Bulkley-Morice FLP. The purpose of this process is to consider economic, environmental and reconciliation interests in integrated forestry planning. Comments and input to FLPs can be submitted through the web portal link found at: [Project Comments - Land Use Planning](#). Project representatives continue to be available to meet upon request.

With respect to the WHMAs in the Bulkley Valley, the Bulkley-Morice FLP will carry forward the objectives for WHMAs from the Bulkley Valley Sustainable Resource Management Plan and these will find their way into tactical-level, forestry operation plans.

Thank you for writing and sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Halls". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori Halls
Deputy Minister

pc: Honourable Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests
Honourable Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
James Cuell, Executive Director, Strategic Land Use North, Ministry of Water,
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