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Re Implementation and Monitoring of the Bulkley LRMP and SRMP

Dear Mr. Bell:

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) has recently been reviewing the implementation and monitoring sections contained within the Bulkley Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) and the Bulkley Valley Sustainable Resource Management Plan (SRMP). Both plans outline various commitments from government agencies regarding the implementation and monitoring of them.

The LRMP states that “The effectiveness of this plan hinges on monitoring”. The LRMP also states that relevant government agencies will produce annual monitoring reports on the status of implementation and monitoring of the LRMP objectives for the BVCRB and the public. The last report, “The Bulkley LRMP Implementation Plan and Progress Report” (ILMB), was produced in May of 2006.

According to the SRMP your agency is responsible for monitoring the following values under these plans: Biodiversity, wildlife, Wildlife Management Areas, Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, fish, water, air and the objectives associated with these values. The BVCRB requests an update as to the status of your agency’s monitoring program with respect to the values outlined above.

An effective monitoring program is a key component of both the LRMP and the SRMP. Without it, there is no way of assessing whether or not the desired results, under both plans, are being achieved.

The BVCRB looks forward to hearing from you regarding the status of your agency's monitoring program.

Yours truly,

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