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(letter delivered by email)

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Re: Grizzly and Habitat management in the Bulkley Valley

Dear Cam Bently and Tara Dunphy,

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (CRB) was approached by the Cattlemen's Association to help with an issue regarding loss of cattle by predators, specifically grizzly bear on Crown Land grazing areas.

The ranchers recognize the importance of maintaining a relatively safe environment for both cattle and for wildlife, including predators. Among the options explored over several meetings, were non-lethal ways and means of reducing attractants for predators in areas used for grazing, while also maintaining landscape connectivity, habitat and prey for bears.

Everyone acknowledges that this is a complex issue involving hereditary lands, bear biologists, Conservation Officers, Crown Land Range planning, prey abundance (other than cows), Lands tenures and forest planning. Rather than bringing this issue to one or more of the agencies involved, we see this as an opportunity to bring these aspects together to collaboratively develop options that reduce conflict both currently and long-term. The CRB and the Cattlemen's Association ask if the Cassiar-Stikine Resource District could help bring these factors together to develop a greater understanding of the problems as well as some area-specific management. The objective would be to keep both a healthy grizzly population and lower or eliminate predation of livestock. Problem areas identified include the community of Evelyn and the Blunt Forest Service Rd.

We request an initial information meeting with WLRS regional bear biologist Karine Pigeon, in order to help better understand the current situation with Grizzly Bear and local/regional harm reduction. Being able to with Provincial experts on harm reduction would be very helpful, and we would appreciate suggestions on how to best work collaboratively.

Please contact us through [info@ BVCRB.ca](mailto:info@BVCRB.ca)

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