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Sept 18, 2018

From: Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (“BVCRB”)
CO Bulkley Valley Research Centre
Box 4274, Smithers, BC. V0J 2N4

Re: Proposed Transfer of Authority of S.17 (WHMAs) & S.16

Dear Len,

During our January 2018 meeting, Anne Hetherington, co-administrator of the Skeena Region Conservation Lands Program, presented to the BVCRB your request for support transfer authority from the Lands Act to the Wildlife Act for Bulkley Valley conservation land parcels (File 39585-20 WHMA Transfer). Subsequently, you attended our March 2018 meeting and answered questions and provided clarifications to assist the board with their decision.

The Bulkley Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) and subsequent documents provide the best currently-available summary of consensus public values for the Bulkley Valley. The BVCRB is a volunteer group representing a balance of 12 diverse community perspectives. Since 1998, the BVCRB has served as a steward of the land-use direction articulated in the LRMP.

We have reviewed the information you have presented. We understand that these zones were designated through the LRMP and subsequent processes to conserve a variety of values. Ministry staff have told us that they cannot implement effective conservation of these values under the current regime. We understand that the new regime would provide increased ability to apply for conservation funding and to enforce effective management strategies, but would otherwise not impact current direction for the parcels of land. The BVCRB agrees that transfer of authority is consistent with LRMP direction and intent.

Sincerely yours,

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

Karen Price (PhD)
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board