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Dear Adrian de Groot:

I'm writing to invite your participation at an upcoming community meeting of the Working Roundtable on Forestry and to share your ideas on practical solutions that will lead to a stronger, more vibrant and sustainable forest industry in British Columbia for the future with the Roundtable Chair, Forests and Range Minister Rich Coleman and some members of the Roundtable.

The meeting in Smithers will be held:

Date: Wednesday, May 21

Time: 2:00 – 4:00

Location: Hudson Bay Lodge, 3251 E Hwy 16, Smithers

As you may be aware, in January 2008, Premier Gordon Campbell announced the Working Roundtable on Forestry. The Roundtable's primary focus will be on identifying conditions for the long-term success of British Columbia's forestry sector within the global marketplace. Considerations will include:

- challenges and opportunities of climate change for B.C. forests.
- remaining competitive in evolving world economies.
- the impact of innovation and technology on forestry.
- changing demographics within an aging workforce.
- issues affecting B.C.'s forests, such as the mountain pine beetle.
- changing social expectations of forests and the forest industry.
- upholding First Nations' rights.
- sustaining B.C.'s world-renowned environmental standards.

We're looking for:

- New and innovative ideas for change

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- Ideas about what needs to happen in your area for a future vibrant forest
- How do these ideas/initiatives fit into the regional and provincial forest context

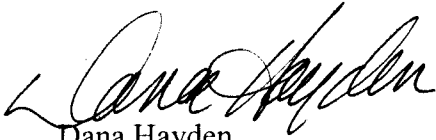
You are invited to share your thoughts with us at the meeting.

Participants are asked to provide a one-page summary of their ideas 3 days in advance of the meeting. Please confirm your attendance and send your summaries to donna.hall@gov.bc.ca by May 16. All information provided at the community meetings will be made available to the Roundtable members.

Interested members of the public can provide comments to the Working Roundtable via the website www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/Forestry_Roundtable.

We look forward to your participation.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana Hayden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D".

Dana Hayden
Deputy Minister and Vice Chair, Forestry Roundtable

Attachment(s): Forestry Roundtable Terms of Reference