

From: S22
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 20:38
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: our forests

Dear Premier Christie Clark,

I would like to be counted as totally against privatizing our public forests. I TOTALLY object to corporations contributing money (e.g.: five companies pony up to \$250,000 each as a contributor to former CEO of Canfor's Jim Shepard's political action group, "Concerned Citizens of BC" to pay for a blanket advertising campaign) in support of the BC Liberal election campaign.

How can the people have a voice when you only listen to big money?

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From: S22
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 08:09
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Christy Clark, STOP THE PRIVATIZATION OF PUBLIC FORESTLANDS!!!!

Christy Clark, STOP THE PRIVATIZATION OF PUBLIC FORESTLANDS!!!! If you have any compassion for the earth you would not destroy something so foolishly.

From: S22
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 08:05
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Stewart, Doug B FLNR:EX; Peterson, Dave FLNR:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX
Subject: Fwd: Privatization: Rollover of forest licences into TFLs

Dear Premier Clark,

Please read the attached email to a forests ministry staff about privatization of public forestlands, which I had intended to copy you in the first place. Thank you.

Sincerely,.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: S22
Subject: Privatization: Rollover of forest licences into TFLs
Date: 29 October, 2013 7:42:47 AM PDT
To: Doug.B.Stewart@gov.bc.ca
Cc: "Peterson FOR:EX Dave" <Dave.Peterson@gov.bc.ca>, Steve Thomson <FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>

Dear Doug Stewart,

I understand that you are one of the senior managers responsible for dealing with TFL rollover legislation, policy and related activities.

Minister Steve Thomson initially committed to consulting with the public during the summer before tabling enabling legislation. When questioned in the House during estimates debate in June, the minister deferred a full public discussion to the Fall of this year. It is now the end of October.

On the presumption that the minister actually intends to hold a full public discussion, ministry staff would likely have already prepared a discussion paper for circulation. Please forward me a copy of any discussion paper, apprise me of the details of any forthcoming public discussions to take place across the province, and indicate how as a resident of British Columbia I might participate in the discussion. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: S22
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2013 11:00
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: STOP privatization of public forestlands

Please don't allow the privatization of public forestlands!!!!

Sincerely,

S22
Grand Forks, BC

-----Original Message-----

From: S22
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2013 08:10
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; linda.larson.mla@leg.bc.ca
Subject: Deplorable forest practices

Dear Premier Clark,

I am deeply concerned about what is occurring in our public forests.

The forest stewardship plans developed by industry and government are failing to protect all forest values, despite assurances given to us when the Forest and Range Practices Act was introduced. On November 6, 2002, the Honourable Michael de Jong clearly stated:

"That forest stewardship plan and I want to disabuse anyone of any contrary notions is going to manage for those values that British Columbians have said loudly and clearly are important to them."

Despite these assurances, there is ample evidence that excessive timber-harvesting by industry and BC Timber Sales is gravely threatening forest values important to the public. I will mention two of these to illustrate my concern: wildlife habitat and old growth forests.

1. In the Boundary Timber Supply Area, where I live, the road density in wildlife connectivity corridors is more than double the level of 0.6km/sq km scientists deem acceptable for grizzly bears. Despite this deplorable fragmentation of our public forests, BC Timber Sales is proposing to auction off cut blocks in one of the last remaining areas where road density in the Boundary TSA is less than 0.6 km/km sq - Lynch Creek North.

2. On Quadra Island, Timber West has just cut down 400 year old Douglas Fir in TFL 47, even though less than 1% of the original coastal Douglas Fir remains. Timber West justifies cutting these old growth trees to make way for a logging road. How many more old growth trees will be logged before your government takes any action? This is outrageous.

Despite this flagrant abuse of public interest, you are now asking us to support a proposal to give even more power to industry and BC Timber Sales to manage our public forests. You are asking us to support legislative amendments that would authorize the conversion of volume-based to area-based tenures. The public rejected those proposals seven months ago. We will reject them again and we will continue to press for greater public accountability for the trust we mistakenly placed in government to responsibly steward our forests for our wildlife and for future generations.

Yours truly,

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Grand Forks, BC

From: S22
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2013 09:39
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Routley.MLA, Bill LASS:EX; jean.crowder@parl.gc.ca; Cullen@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Privatization of Public Lands

I am dismayed Madam Premier, that neither you, nor your party, got the message before the election about not privatizing BC Forest lands. It is a sell off of our legacy to the next generations and is only for your short term gains because of your government's poorly managed economic "schemes" and in particular the ineptly managed forest industry. Stop it, now.

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From: S22
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2013 19:18
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: m- Local News at Times Colonist; BC NDP
Subject: NO to more Foreign control of BC's hinterland!!! BRAVO Ben Parfitt re Premier's possible flip to give big-five forest firms about to get a windfall!

Dear Madam Premier, to quote Ben Parfitt:

"Shortly before the May election, the provincial government withdrew legislation that could have handed de facto control of publicly owned forestlands to a handful of forest companies.

"The contentious sections of the bill were dropped amid a swelling chorus of questions about why such a gift would be bestowed without any debate about what it meant for our shared lands and resources.

It took little time, however, for the government to reverse direction again. During a campaign stop in Burns Lake, Premier Christy Clark said that if re-elected, her government would reintroduce the bill because that is what "the people" wanted.

"Given that only weeks earlier the government had pulled the bill from the order papers in response to objections from First Nation leaders, environmental organizations, social-justice advocates and forest professionals, among others, the premier's choice of words was, to say the least, odd."

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From: S22
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2013 11:19
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Amendments To Forestry Act

Dear Premier Christy Clark

I have deep concerns about possible introductions of amendments to the Forestry Act. In the following letter, I have outlined these concerns. Please take note of these concerns during any considerations around changing Replaceable Forest Licences over to tree Farm Licences and the use of our public forests.

Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely S22

From: S22
To: flnr.minister@gov.bc.ca; tom.jensen@gov.bc.ca; linda.larson.mla@leg.bc.ca
Subject: TFL Rollover
Date: Mon, 18 Nov 2013 11:08:04 -0800
Hello,

I am coming to you in regards to the use of our public forests and conversations being held around turning more of our Replaceable Forest Licences over to Tree Farm Licences.

As a voting resident of this province, this concerns me because, such a conversion would place more of our public forest under TFL licences that would give exclusive rights typically associated with private ownership. Some of these rights are : the right to control access, to sell and transfer tenure, also to receive compensation for the loss of any such rights.

The Replaceable Forest Licence, being a volume based tenure, gives the right to log a set number of trees in a timber supply area but not exclusive rights to the area or to log the area.

Therefore in rolling over Replaceable Forest Licences to TFL licences it would potentially limit the public's ability to create community forests, cut firewood . It also could cut off our access to public land for recreation and hunting. As well, it would hinder the responsibility legal and ethical responsibilities to settling First Nations Land claims and protecting the environment and local jobs as TFL tenure holders would be able to claim compensation.

Five major companies controlling replaceable forests would benefit most. from such a rollover to TFL's. Interfor, Tolko, Canadian Forest products, West Fraser Timber and Western Forest products.

Public access to our forests and our responsibility to balance land use for financial profit with legal and ethical responsibilities to First nations and Environmental protection is valuable to me as a voting resident of BC.

I ask you to take this into consideration.

Thank You, Sincerely, S22 Grand Forks, BC

From: S22
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 09:21
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: You are accountable - do not privatize our public forests

Dear Christy Clark,

I do not need to re-articulate for you the issue on the table- allowing holders of TFLs to roll their holdings into TSAs- you know exactly what is at stake and what we, 'the people' are concerned about.

I am writing to proclaim myself as one of the opponents to this very short-sighted, ill-justified plan, and I will use every power I have to inform the public of your intentions and ensure that 'the people', the voters of this province, fully understand what could become of our shared resources.

This cannot move forward without full disclosure to the public about your motivations for considering this and without public consultation. These resources are our future, and you value them like they are a bargaining chip for political gain. This is despicable.

You were voted in to provide leadership, vision and hope for our province now and into the future. This proposed bill will distill power over our PUBLIC resources to a handful of powerful Timber companies. This is unacceptable.

Please show the vision and leadership you are capable of by scrapping this bill, or, at the very least, put it up for democratic, public debate.

Yours truly,

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