



ARCS: 292-30
File: FNR-2017-73000 and FNR-2017-73022

October 27, 2017

Sent via email:

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. Your requests are for:

FNR-2017-73000

Copies of all fire investigation reports, incident response reports, hand written field notes from responding personnel, witness names and contact details and any/all other documents or information that pertains to structural protection and fire loss at and around Pressy Lake - North Bonaparte Road, Pressy Lake Road, Shore Crt, Rayfield Road, Thompson-Nicola, BC V0K 1E0. (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/19/2017 To 09/05/2017)

FNR-2017-73022

Records regarding Structural protection units to be set-up at Pressy Lake for the Elephant Hill forest fire, including any records regarding direction to the BC Wildfire Service to set-up Structural Protection Units at Pressy Lake. (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/19/2017 To 09/07/2017)

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Please find enclosed phase one of your request. Additional records are being processed and will follow under separate cover as soon as they are available. Some information has been withheld in the enclosed records pursuant to section(s) 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 14 (Legal advice), 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement), 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations) 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), 21 (Disclosure harmful to the business interests of a third party) and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

Please note that on October 27, 2017 the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development has, in the interest of public disclosure, provided the enclosed records to Pressy Lake residents affected by the wildfire.

Consistent with section 6 (duty to assist) of the Act, in order to provide a comprehensive response, portions of the proactive release package may be relevant to your request for records, and have been included in your enclosed response package.

In addition to further records forthcoming in a phase 2 response to your request to FNR-2017-73022, please note you will also be receiving records through your associated FOI request submitted to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSS-2017-73023).

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of five business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact John Wilson, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-5854. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604 660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1 800 663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250 356-5854.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

John Wilson, FOI Specialist

On behalf of Ken Bejcek, Manager
Resource Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250 387-5629 Fax 250 387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.