

Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 12:17 PM
To: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Cc: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 236228 - incoming from Sonia Furstenau
Attachments: 236228 - incoming 1.pdf

Hi Tristan,
Can you advise on this one please.

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 10:59 AM
To: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
Cc: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Subject: 236228 - incoming from Sonia Furstenau

Hi Sandra,

The attached was sent to our office from MO. Did you want us to prepare an acknowledgment? And if so, does MDD plan on meeting with Ralph Keller?

Thanks,

Eleni Gibson

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Sonia Furstenau, MLA
Cowichan Valley

February 1st, 2018

Dear Minister Donaldson,

I would like to draw your attention to the letter below, sent to me by Ralph Keller. He is deeply concerned about the conflicts between forestry and the tourism industry.

As he points out, tourism is a very important sector in BC's economy, and it's essential that we recognize this in how forest management is approached in our province.

Ralph is requesting a meeting with you to discuss this. I hope that your office will respond to his request.

Sincerely,

Sonia Furstenau
MLA for Cowichan Valley

cc:
Honourable Claire Trevena

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RE: Tourism & Forest Industry Conflicts in the Discovery Islands

January 3, 2018

Dear Green MLA's,

The Discovery Islands are British Columbia's second most valuable wilderness tourism destination (after Tofino/Pacific Rim). Tourism revenues in 2017 are expected to exceed sixty million dollars, employing over 1200 people full time or seasonally full time. Resort, lodge, and marina infrastructure is capitalized to about 1/2 billion dollars. In terms of revenue, taxation, and employment, tourism here greatly exceeds that of the forest industry. Despite this, the tourism sector here is consistently treated as a bystander when it comes to viewshed management. This attitude appears to be continuing under FLNRO Minister Donaldson.

I'm sure you know the forest industry in BC has acquired tremendous power over the last century and is able to dictate control on the landscape to the detriment of other economic stakeholders. Many forestry dependent communities have difficulty diversifying their economies because they are held captive by legislation consistently favouring the forest industry. Wilderness tourism in BC has become a valuable economic engine for the province and needs your help to protect it and the natural environment upon which we depend.

In 2013, after nearly a year of publicly embarrassing the government, the Working Group was formed with the financial and political support of former government MLA's, Liberal FLNRO Minister Steve Thomson, and JTSK Minister Shirley Bond. While in government, the aforesaid Ministers had hoped to create a tourism/forestry working group model which could be applied to other regions of BC where conflict between tourism and forestry exists. Supporting members of the tourism sector include the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce and the Cortes Island Tourism & Business Association. The forest industry was instructed to cooperate and work with tourism businesses to decrease the impact of clear cuts in high value scenic corridors within the Discovery Islands. Cooperation and concessions on the part of the forest sector was voluntary but some forest licensees chose not to participate at all.

After 4 years of meetings with the forestry sector, outcomes have fallen well short of our expectations. While there have been some successes, many important viewsheds remain highly vulnerable and will be seriously impacted over the next few years. Despite modest requests from tourism, most forest licensees have not been forthcoming with adequate reductions in VQO (Visual Quality Objective) impacts (a.k.a. talk n' log).

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Over the last decade we have seen a significant return of Humpback whales making the Discovery Islands a premier whale watching destination. Last summer, more than 50 Humpbacks and two pods of Orcas frequented our waters enabling many operators to guarantee whale sightings on tours. Whale and wildlife watching tours alone contributed about ten million dollars to the local economy. This sector is expected to grow significantly in the coming years, yet the scenery along whale watching corridors is being compromised by logging as I write this.

Discovery Islands communities are not forest industry dependent economies. Tourism and retirement are the key economic drivers today. Thirty years ago, provincial tourism revenues were one quarter the size of the forest industry. Today revenues are equal to, or exceed the forest industry at 17 billion dollars. Despite the high contribution of wilderness tourism to the provincial economy, the government still considers our needs secondary to those of the forest sector. This needs to change.

Despite two requests, we have been unable to meet with FLNRO Minister Donaldson to explain our situation and get help. Minister Donaldson seems to have time to travel to China to further promote the export of unprocessed logs to that country yet can't find the time to speak with his own citizens. My request to you is to insist that Minister Donaldson meet with us so appropriate viewshed management of the Discovery Islands can finally take place.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Ralph Keller,
Co-chair, Tourism/Forestry Working Group
Owner/Operator, Coast Mountain Expeditions & Discovery Islands Lodge
BC Green Party Council Policy Chair (ret) under Adriane Carr
2001 BC Green Party Candidate for the North Island

Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 3:43 PM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Meeting for Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group

For our scheduling list.

Tristan

From: Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 11:46 AM
To: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: Fwd: Meeting for Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bhikha, Jaymini LASS:EX" <Jaymini.Bhikha@leg.bc.ca>
Date: December 18, 2017 at 3:58:26 PM PST
To: "Fraser, Scott IRR:EX" <Scott.Fraser@gov.bc.ca>, "Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX" <Doug.Donaldson@gov.bc.ca>, "Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX" <Douglas.Routley.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: "Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX" <Connie.Roberts@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Meeting for Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group

Hello Minister Fraser, Donaldson and MLA Routley,

Sonia Furstenau would like to set up a meeting with Robert Morales, Chief of Cowichan Tribes and the other 6 nations in the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group, as well as MLA Olsen, to discuss the treaty. Ideally she'd like this meeting in January, but of course understanding how busy your schedules are, we'll go with whatever is possible.

May I suggest we start with dates for Ministers Fraser and Donaldson, and then see what we can make happen?

Thank you,
Jaymini

Jaymini Bhikha
Caucus Coordinator
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From: Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 10:48 AM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 230252 - Minister Response - Ymir Proposed Logging - MLA Furstenau
Attachments: 230252- Letter from MLA Furstenau ; 230252 - Response.docx

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Minister,

Correspondence for your approval

Lucy

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To: Hansen, Lucy FLNR:EX
Cc: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
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Hi Lucy,

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Ryan Munroe

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Cc: Ethier, Jayne FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 230252 - Rush Minister Response - Ymir Proposed Logging

Hey Russ, I'm about to send this to MO for signature. Jason Fisher asked that take a look at his edits.

Ryan

From: Ethier, Jayne FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:10 AM

To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 230252 - Rush Minister Response - Ymir Proposed Logging

Hi there – please see below.

From: Stratemeyer Trinczek, Yana FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Ethier, Jayne FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 230252 - Rush Minister Response - Ymir Proposed Logging

Approved with attached edits (also a couple notes to drafter, if you can please send down).

Thanks,
Yana

From: Ethier, Jayne FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 9:43 AM
To: Stratemeyer Trinczek, Yana FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 230252 - Rush Minister Response - Ymir Proposed Logging
Importance: High

For Jason's approval – Chris has approved.

Thanks,
Jayne

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 4:33 PM
To: Ethier, Jayne FLNR:EX
Subject: 230252 - Rush Minister Response - Ymir Proposed Logging
Importance: High

Hi Jayne,

Attached incoming and draft response for ADM approval. The response was drafted by Russ Laroche and approved by Mike Falkiner and Ray Luchkow.

Thanks,

Ryan Munroe

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From: Tank, Chelsey FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 230252 - Rush Minister Response - Ymir Proposed Logging
Importance: High

Please see attached. Approved by both Ray and Mike.



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From: Lanceley, Nicole X FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Tank, Chelsey FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 230252 - Rush Minister Response - Ymir Proposed Logging
Importance: High

Good morning Chelsey,

Please have Mike and Ray review and approve the attached document, then please forward the approval to Correspondence and cc me.

Thank you,

Nicole Lanceley
Administrative Assistant | BC Timber Sales Headquarters

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 2:53 PM
To: Lanceley, Nicole X FLNR:EX
Subject: 230252 - Rush Minister Response - Ymir Proposed Logging
Importance: High

Hi Nicole,

I have attached the incoming and response for CLIFF 230252 for director review and approval. If approved, may you please let me know? Also, can you advise if Mike Falkiner needs to approve as well?

Thanks,

Ryan Munroe
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From: Donison, Sonia FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 8:42 AM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX; Munroe, Ryan FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: MLA - Draft Rush
Importance: High

Hey! Doesn't appear this has been dealt with yet?

Thank you—Di Bohja!

Sonia Donison
Manager
Correspondence Services
250 356-9638

From: Donison, Sonia FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: MLA - Draft Rush

Hey Ryan! See edits

Thank you—Di Bohja!

Sonia Donison
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From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Donison, Sonia FLNR:EX
Subject: MLA - Draft Rush

Hey Sonia,

May you please review my edits before I send through approvals?

Ryan Munroe

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From: Laroche, Russ FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 230252 - Draft Rush

Here is a draft for your consideration> let me know if you have questions and please either CC me or give me a copy of the final.

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:45 AM
To: Laroche, Russ FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 230252 - Draft Rush

Ok, sounds good. Thanks!

From: Laroche, Russ FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:35 AM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 230252 - Draft Rush

OK I am almost done an initial draft. Have a look (will send in about 30 mins) – rewrite as you see fit, and then let me know if you need more info.

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:15 AM
To: Laroche, Russ FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 230252 - Draft Rush

Hey Russ, I just took a look at the standard wording and fact sheet. I think with minor tweaks, I could draft the minister response and send it back to you for approval if that sounds good to you? Also, is there any additional information that might be worth mentioning to MLA Furstenau?

Ryan Munroe

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From: Laroche, Russ FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:08 AM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 230252 - Draft Rush

Hi Jasmine. Do you want me to draft a letter for Minister signing or just draft bullets as noted below? Will have this done today.

From: FLNR.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca [mailto:FLNR.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 4:00 PM
To: Laroche, Russ FLNR:EX
Cc: McLarty, Aida FLNR:EX; Ethier, Jayne FLNR:EX; Bronstein, Nancy FLNR:EX; Scarrow, Juli M FLNR:EX
Subject: 230252 - Draft Rush
Importance: High

Hi Russ,

Could you please provide draft wording/bullets to CSS at you earliest convenience or by August 10 in preparation for Minister's sig. This is a rush as it pertains to an MLA request. We are thinking more information beyond the standard wording for Ymir.

Thank you,
Jasmine

DM-CSS Referral Slip for ID:230252

2017/08/02

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Subject

RUSH Concerns regarding the proposed logging in Ymir, BC's local Quartz Creek Watershed -- drinking water and firefighting water limitations. Is our ministry aware and what is being done?

*Sent by Claire Hume, Senior Policy Advisor (Claire.Hume@leg.bc.ca)

Log Notes

2017/08/02 Incoming from MLA Sonia Furstenuau's Cowichan Valley constituency office. Russ Laroche has been identified as drafter for his involvement in the Ymir batches. CSS is requesting more than standard wording in preparation for Minister level sig.

Minister Response - sent to OPR, please provide:

1. Draft bullets or wording
2. Approved by (OPR to enter into Log Notes in CLIFF)
3. Drafter's name (OPR to complete drafter field in CLIFF)

This is due to CSS by August 10.

Referral DM-CSS -> MO-Minister

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Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: Hume, Claire LASS:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 10:36 AM
To: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX
Subject: 230252- Letter from MLA Furstenau
Attachments: Furstenau letter to MOE and FLNRO re Ymir.pdf

Hi there,

For your records, attached is an e-copy of a letter from MLA Furstenau to Minister Donaldson that will be in the mail shortly.

Best,
Claire

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Senior Policy Advisor
Green Caucus
Legislative Assembly, Room 028
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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August 2, 2017

Hon. Doug Donaldson
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource
Operations, and Rural Development
Room 248, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
V8V 1X4



Sonia Furstenau MLA
Cowichan Valley

Dear Minister Donaldson,

I have received a number of letters from community members in Ymir, BC, who are concerned about their limited supply of drinking water being further impacted by proposed logging in their local Quartz Creek watershed. One reads:

“BCTS plans to log the Ymir watershed. While I have no opposition to the notion of responsible logging, I have done research on Quartz Creek Watershed, and this plan seems extremely shortsighted. Ymir’s drinking water supply is very limited. They barely have enough water to drink. Quartz Creek is very shaded; any more heat would lead to evaporation and put Ymir in a position where it doesn’t have enough drinking water. This water is also Ymir’s firefighting water. If they don’t have enough firefighting water it is a public health and safety issue. Please help us. We have no other viable drinking water source.”

Can you please advise if this situation has been noted by your ministry? And if so, what is being done to evaluate or address the community’s concerns?

Many thanks,

Sonia Furstenau
MLA Cowichan Valley

Cc: Hon. George Heyman, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

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Reference: 230252

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Cowichan Valley
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Dear MLA Furstenau:

Thank you for your letter of August 2, 2017, regarding the proposed logging operations in the Quartz Creek watershed and the concerns of the community of Ymir.

First, I would like to assure you that the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development recognizes and appreciates the concerns of the Ymir residents. Ministry staff are aware that Quartz Creek provides the only source of water for approximately 400 residents and that the watershed provides many other important values.

BC Timber Sales (BCTS) is working closely with the Ymir Community Watershed Action Team and other community members. BCTS is reviewing the concerns identified through communication with the public and will move forward in a manner that takes in to account these concerns. I understand BCTS staff met with Honourable Michelle Mungall, MLA for Nelson-Creston, to discuss the proposed operations in detail.

The proposed operations are currently in an information gathering phase. BCTS hired a professional hydrologist to complete a preliminary hydrological assessment of this drainage, which concluded changes to the flow regime, including peak flow timing and water yield, are unlikely to occur. Additionally, BCTS has three further hydrological assessment planned for this drainage and will base its decisions on the recommendations made by these professionals.

If you have any further questions regarding the development in Quartz Creek, please contact BC Timber Sales Manager Russ Laroche at 250 825-1103 or by email at Russ.Laroche@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Doug Donaldson
Minister

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Sonia Furstenau, MLA

pc: Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Honourable Michelle Mungall, MLA, Nelson-Creston
Russ Laroche, Timber Sales Manager, BC Timber Sales, Kootenay Business Area

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On Aug 10, 2017, at 1:51 PM, Hansen, Lucy FLNR:EX <Lucy.Hansen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Correspondence for your approval

Lucy

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Good morning Chelsey,

Please have Mike and Ray review and approve the attached document, then please forward the approval to Correspondence and cc me.

Thank you,

Nicole Lanceley

Administrative Assistant | BC Timber Sales Headquarters

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 2:53 PM
To: Lanceley, Nicole X FLNR:EX
Subject: 230252 - Rush Minister Response - Ymir Proposed Logging
Importance: High

Hi Nicole,

I have attached the incoming and response for CLIFF 230252 for director review and approval. If approved, may you please let me know? Also, can you advise if Mike Falkiner needs to approve as well?

Thanks,

Ryan Munroe

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From: Donison, Sonia FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 8:42 AM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX; Munroe, Ryan FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: MLA - Draft Rush
Importance: High

Hey! Doesn't appear this has been dealt with yet?

Thank you—Di Bohja!

Sonia Donison
Manager
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250 356-9638

From: Donison, Sonia FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: MLA - Draft Rush

Hey Ryan! See edits

Thank you—Di Bohja!

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From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Donison, Sonia FLNR:EX
Subject: MLA - Draft Rush

Hey Sonia,

May you please review my edits before I send through approvals?

Ryan Munroe

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From: Laroche, Russ FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 230252 - Draft Rush

Here is a draft for your consideration> let me know if you have questions and please either CC me or give me a copy of the final.

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:45 AM
To: Laroche, Russ FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 230252 - Draft Rush

Ok, sounds good. Thanks!

From: Laroche, Russ FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:35 AM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 230252 - Draft Rush

OK I am almost done an initial draft. Have a look (will send in about 30 mins) – rewrite as you see fit, and then let me know if you need more info.

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:15 AM

To: Laroche, Russ FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 230252 - Draft Rush

Hey Russ, I just took a look at the standard wording and fact sheet. I think with minor tweaks, I could draft the minister response and send it back to you for approval if that sounds good to you? Also, is there any additional information that might be worth mentioning to MLA Furstenau?

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From: Laroche, Russ FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:08 AM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 230252 - Draft Rush

Hi Jasmine. Do you want me to draft a letter for Minister signing or just draft bullets as noted below? Will have this done today.

From: FLNR.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca [mailto:FLNR.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 4:00 PM
To: Laroche, Russ FLNR:EX
Cc: McLarty, Aida FLNR:EX; Ethier, Jayne FLNR:EX; Bronstein, Nancy FLNR:EX; Scarrow, Juli M FLNR:EX
Subject: 230252 - Draft Rush
Importance: High

Hi Russ,

Could you please provide draft wording/bullets to CSS at you earliest convenience or by August 10 in preparation for Minister's sig. This is a rush as it pertains to an MLA request. We are thinking more information beyond the standard wording for Ymir.

Thank you,
Jasmine

DM-CSS Referral Slip for ID:230252

2017/08/02

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<i>Branch Rsp:</i>	TOP-BC Timber Sales	<i>Drafter:</i>	Russ Laroche
<i>MLA:</i>		<i>Electoral Dist:</i>	

Subject

RUSH Concerns regarding the proposed logging in Ymir, BC's local Quartz Creek Watershed -- drinking water and firefighting water limitations. Is our ministry aware and what is being done?

*Sent by Claire Hume, Senior Policy Advisor (Claire.Hume@leg.bc.ca)

Log Notes

2017/08/02 Incoming from MLA Sonia Furstenu's Cowichan Valley constituency office. Russ Laroche has been identified as drafter for his involvement in the Ymir batches. CSS is requesting more than standard wording in preparation for Minister level sig.

Minister Response - sent to OPR, please provide:

1. Draft bullets or wording
2. Approved by (OPR to enter into Log Notes in CLIFF)
3. Drafter's name (OPR to complete drafter field in CLIFF)

This is due to CSS by August 10.

Referral DM-CSS -> MO-Minister

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Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: Hume, Claire LASS:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 10:36 AM
To: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX
Subject: 230252- Letter from MLA Furstenau
Attachments: Furstenau letter to MOE and FLNRO re Ymir.pdf

Hi there,

For your records, attached is an e-copy of a letter from MLA Furstenau to Minister Donaldson that will be in the mail shortly.

Best,
Claire

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August 2, 2017

Hon. Doug Donaldson
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource
Operations, and Rural Development
Room 248, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
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Sonia Furstenau MLA
Cowichan Valley

Dear Minister Donaldson,

I have received a number of letters from community members in Ymir, BC, who are concerned about their limited supply of drinking water being further impacted by proposed logging in their local Quartz Creek watershed. One reads:

“BCTS plans to log the Ymir watershed. While I have no opposition to the notion of responsible logging, I have done research on Quartz Creek Watershed, and this plan seems extremely shortsighted. Ymir’s drinking water supply is very limited. They barely have enough water to drink. Quartz Creek is very shaded; any more heat would lead to evaporation and put Ymir in a position where it doesn’t have enough drinking water. This water is also Ymir’s firefighting water. If they don’t have enough firefighting water it is a public health and safety issue. Please help us. We have no other viable drinking water source.”

Can you please advise if this situation has been noted by your ministry? And if so, what is being done to evaluate or address the community’s concerns?

Many thanks,

Sonia Furstenau
MLA Cowichan Valley

Cc: Hon. George Heyman, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

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Reference: 230252

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Dear MLA Furstenau:

Thank you for your letter of August 2, 2017, regarding the proposed logging operations in the Quartz Creek watershed and the concerns of the community of Ymir.

First, I would like to assure you that the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development recognizes and appreciates the concerns of the Ymir residents. Ministry staff are aware that Quartz Creek provides the only source of water for approximately 400 residents and that the watershed provides many other important values.

BC Timber Sales (BCTS) is working closely with the Ymir Community Watershed Action Team and other community members. BCTS is reviewing the concerns identified through communication with the public and will move forward in a manner that takes in to account these concerns. I understand BCTS staff met with Honourable Michelle Mungall, MLA for Nelson-Creston, to discuss the proposed operations in detail.

The proposed operations are currently in an information gathering phase. BCTS hired a professional hydrologist to complete a preliminary hydrological assessment of this drainage, which concluded changes to the flow regime, including peak flow timing and water yield, are unlikely to occur. Additionally, BCTS has three further hydrological assessment planned for this drainage and will base its decisions on the recommendations made by these professionals.

If you have any further questions regarding the development in Quartz Creek, please contact BC Timber Sales Manager Russ Laroche at 250 825-1103 or by email at Russ.Laroche@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Doug Donaldson
Minister

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Sonia Furstenau, MLA

pc: Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
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