

D'Argis, Krista GCPE:EX

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Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:47 PM
To: tfletcher@blackpress.ca; Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: which four mills permanently closed?

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Apologies. Mackenzie Canfor is an indefinite closure. Not permanent. I'm double checking so hold for a moment.

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Sent: September 17, 2019 12:02 PM
To: tfletcher@blackpress.ca; Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX <Dawn.Makarowski@gov.bc.ca>
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Regarding eligibility for Hammond workers, the Province will co-ordinate with WorkBC around job placement assistance and ensure that workers are linked with the government services they need.

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The Province will continue to closely monitor the situation at Hammond and on the Coast more broadly, and address further program needs as they are identified.

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Sent: September 17, 2019 10:58 AM
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Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>
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Cc: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX
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Hi,

Derrick confirmed noon.

Please drop CBC on the Coast from the schedule.

Dawn Makarowski
250 356-7506

From: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX
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We can take this

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Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca
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To go to Tom with your approval:

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Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:04 AM
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Subject: FLNR Media Request: Support for forestry workers

Reporter

Laurence Watt, Reporter
CBC - Radio West
Laurence.Watt@cbc.ca
250-861-3781 c: 622 111 1111

Deadline ASAP

Request

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Background

Recommendation

Affleck, Lindsey A GCPE:EX

From: Fraser, Sarah W FLNR:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 1:44 PM
To: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX
Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Sorry Mackenzie is indefinite

Jeremy

Yes this is correct except that the Hammond mill is not interior.

Sarah Fraser

Executive Director, Rural Development

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

> On Sep 17, 2019, at 12:19 PM, Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> Here is what we want to provide the reporter and need to ensure all is accurate - particularly number of mills closed and which ones they are:

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> Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>
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> So our four closures are:
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Fraser, Sarah W FLNR:EX
> Sent: September 17, 2019 12:05 PM
> To: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca>
> Subject: Sorry Mackenzie is indefinite
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Affleck, Lindsey A GCPE:EX

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To: GCPE FLNR Media Requests GCPE:EX; Zadavec, Don GCPE:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX; Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX; Allan, John FLNR:EX; Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX; Wood, Andrea D FLNR:EX; Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX; Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX; Winterhoff, Thomas GCPE:EX; Affleck, Lindsey A GCPE:EX; Roscoe, Lisa GCPE:EX; Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX; Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX
Subject: End of Day Media Request Report - Sept. 17, 2019

Michelle Morton - The Daily Hive - Vancouver
ISSUE: Caribou recovery - predator / wolf management
STATUS: With GCPE

Bhinder Sajan - CTV News (BC)
ISSUE: Forestry support - BC forestry GDP
STATUS: With GCPE

Vaughn Palmer - Vancouver Sun
ISSUE: BCTS bids
STATUS: With Program Area

Tina Lovgreen - CBC - Vancouver
ISSUE: New road designation
STATUS: With Program Area

Zach Hagadone - Sandpoint Reader
ISSUE: Feral hogs / pigs
STATUS: With GCPE

Liam Britten - CBC - Vancouver
ISSUE: Forestry road safety
STATUS: With GCPE

Angie Mindus - Williams Lake Tribune
ISSUE: Wolf program, predators
STATUS: With Program Area

Max Winkelman - 100 Mile House Free Press
ISSUE: Mill closures - wildfire mitigation work
STATUS: With GCPE

Steph Wood - National Observer
ISSUE: Logging around Johnston Strait
STATUS: With Program Area

Liam Harrap - Revelstoke Review

ISSUE: Sunnyside bike trails

STATUS: With GCPE

Matt Cote - Backcountry Magazine

ISSUE: Climate change / mountain biking

STATUS: With Program Area

Blair McBride - Burns Lakes District News

ISSUE: Spruce beetle

STATUS: With GCPE

Dilys Chan - Bloomberg News

ISSUE: Pine beetle

STATUS: With Program Area

Duane Radford - BC Outdoors Magazine

ISSUE: Kootenay angling regulation changes

STATUS: With Program Area

Ferris Jabr - The New York Times Magazine

ISSUE: Mother Tree Project

STATUS: With Program Area

Lindsay Newman - Moose FM (Smithers) 870 CFBV AM

ISSUE: Moose tracker app

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Conrad Thiessen, wildlife biologist, to discuss the app; it's purpose for monitoring moose populations, how the information will be used, promote its use.

Tom Fletcher - Black Press Media

ISSUE: Permanently closed mills

STATUS: Provided Background

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Laurence Watt - CBC - Radio West

ISSUE: Support for forestry workers

STATUS: Reporter Dropped

- MDD was available for the requested time. Reporter called back and dropped with no explanation.

Kiran Singh - RED FM 93.1

ISSUE: saw mill closures-forestry

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- PS Kahlon is scheduled to do the interview

Blair McBride - Burns Lakes District News

ISSUE: Lakes and Morice timber supply areas

STATUS: Provided Statement

- The information you received is inaccurate. There are no plans to amalgamate the Lakes and Morice Timber Supply Areas.

Blair McBride - Burns Lakes District News

ISSUE: BC Bid on bark beetles in Nadina RD

STATUS: Provided Statement

- The project is part of an annual monitoring process for beetles.
Last year the project cost \$50,000. The contract was expanded to include the entire district this year. Infested trees are typically cut down and then burned to prevent further infestation.
The amount of volume killed by forest pests fluctuates yearly. Between 2017 and 2018, surveys indicate that the amount of volume killed by the spruce beetle increased by approximately 24,000 cubic metres from the previous survey.
The species of beetles being monitored in the survey are primary spruce bark beetle, mountain pine beetle and Douglas Fir bark beetle.

Affleck, Lindsey A GCPE:EX

From: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 4:34 PM
To: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX
Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: News Release - Government outlines new forest worker support programs

Allison,
Here is a link to the web portal that can be included when you share the KMs and QA.

<https://forestryworkersupport.gov.bc.ca/>

Cheers,
Jeremy

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2019, at 2:03 PM, Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Also, the key messages as adjusted by Leila:

Key Messages

- **Our government is dedicated to putting workers and their families first when it comes to the challenges facing the forest sector.**
- **That's why we're taking action and providing \$69 million to support impacted workers, families and to make sure our forest communities are resilient.**
- **We're realigning our worker and community support programs to ensure that workers have access to the services they need, from training to work placement to early retirement.**
- **The old government knew that the end of mountain pine beetle harvest would disrupt the lives of forest workers, contractors and communities, but they failed to act.**
- **We know the forest sector is going through challenging transition. This transition cannot be at the expense of the workers, contractors and communities who built the industry. Our government will ensure that forests workers impacted by mill closures are supported.**
- **Our government is committed to supporting forest workers and their families. We need to forest industry and the federal government to step-up and do their part as well.**
- **We are calling on the forest industry to do its part and increase supports for impacted workers, ensure key corporate leaders are working on the industry transition and**

ensuring that it does a better job of communicating effectively with impacted workers and communities.

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Sent: September 17, 2019 2:03 PM
To: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX <Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: News Release - Government outlines new forest worker support programs

Great. Thx.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2019, at 2:02 PM, Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Allison,
As discussed, here is the long-version QA. I've also included a PDF of the announcement in case it serves any of your purposes.

David – I talked with Allison: as per your request in our your last email with Leila, Allison is going to share with directors and managers as required.

Cheers,

Jeremy Uppenborn

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From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 1:55 PM
To: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX <Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: News Release - Government outlines new forest worker support programs

Yes. Jeremy. Please share long version qa.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2019, at 1:52 PM, Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX <Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Is there a Q&A?

From: Dohan, Trish CSNR:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 1:20 PM
To: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX <Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca>; Wood, Andrea D FLNR:EX <Andrea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: News Release - Government outlines new forest worker support programs

Hi Allison/Andrea, do either of you have the q and a. John asked me if I have read them but I didn't see them here. thx

From: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:29 AM
To: Dohan, Trish CSNR:EX
Subject: FW: News Release - Government outlines new forest worker support programs

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PREM0105-001795>

From: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 10:23 AM
To: Pollard, Rachael E FLNR:EX <Rachael.Pollard@gov.bc.ca>; Park, Jill E FLNR:EX <jill.Park@gov.bc.ca>; McRobert, Brad P FLNR:EX <Brad.McRobert@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Cole, Wendy FLNR:EX <Wendy.Cole@gov.bc.ca>; Henderson, Lori FLNR:EX <Lori.Henderson@gov.bc.ca>; Rawling, Greg FLNR:EX <Greg.Rawling@gov.bc.ca>; Pressey, Josh P FLNR:EX <Josh.Pressey@gov.bc.ca>
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Brad, Jill and Rachael – thank you for supporting Ravi as he visits communities this week.

News release for your info in case you haven't already seen it: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PREM0105-001795>

Ccing others to ensure they saw this as well.

Thanks everyone.

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Allison Tripp

Manager, Executive Issues

Deputy Ministers Office

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Desk: 778-974-5876 Cell: 778-584-5091

<QA_Funding to support mill workers impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures_Sept 17_FINAL_945 AM.docx>

<2019PREM0105-001795.pdf>

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From: Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 3:44 PM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Ward, Allieren GCPE:EX; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX; Ferguson, Stephanie GCPE:EX; Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX; Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Forestry site is up and ready for final approval

Great, thanks. It should be live now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2019, at 3:36 PM, Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thx. Approved. Jeremy. Please share with program staff when it's live.

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Sent: September 17, 2019 3:26 PM
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Hi David,

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<https://forestryworkersupport.gov.bc.ca/>

The password is: s.15

Thanks,

Allieren Ward

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Confirmed. It has been moved to noon.

Also, CBC on the Coast dropped their request.

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Let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks,

Dawn Makarowski

250 356-7506

Affleck, Lindsey A GCPE:EX

From: Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 2:20 PM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Kahlon, Ravi PREM:EX
Cc: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX; Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Mackenzie media

Hi Ravi,

I secured the following interviews for you. Unfortunately nobody is available today. The following interviews are for tomorrow:

Wed. Sept. 18:

11:00 a.m. Clearwater Times, Jamie Polmateer, ph 250-674-3343

11:15 a.m. Quesnel Cariboo Observer – Lindsay Chung 250-992-2121 x 224

12:30 p.m. Moose FM – Scott Brooks 250-787-7100 (listen through the phone prompts for Scott's name)

Let me know if there are any conflicts, your schedule seems to accommodate these times.

Thanks,
Dawn Makarowski
250 356-7506

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 1:34 PM
To: Kahlon, Ravi PREM:EX <Ravi.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca>; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>; Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX <Dawn.Makarowski@gov.bc.ca>; Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca>; Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX <Glen.Plummer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Mackenzie media

Hi Ravi – Dawn is working on setting up interviews with Mackenzie media for you. She'll be in touch via email when she confirms. Cheers - David

Affleck, Lindsey A GCPE:EX

From: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 1:53 PM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: News Release - Government outlines new forest worker support programs

Is there a Q&A?

From: Dohan, Trish CSNR:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 1:20 PM
To: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX <Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca>; Wood, Andrea D FLNR:EX <Andrea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: News Release - Government outlines new forest worker support programs

Hi Allison/Andrea, do either of you have the q and a. John asked me if I have read them but I didn't see them here. thx

From: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:29 AM
To: Dohan, Trish CSNR:EX
Subject: FW: News Release - Government outlines new forest worker support programs

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PREM0105-001795>

From: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 10:23 AM
To: Pollard, Rachael E FLNR:EX <Rachael.Pollard@gov.bc.ca>; Park, Jill E FLNR:EX <Jill.Park@gov.bc.ca>; McRobert, Brad P FLNR:EX <Brad.McRobert@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Cole, Wendy FLNR:EX <Wendy.Cole@gov.bc.ca>; Henderson, Lori FLNR:EX <Lori.Henderson@gov.bc.ca>; Rawling, Greg FLNR:EX <Greg.Rawling@gov.bc.ca>; Pressey, Josh P FLNR:EX <Josh.Pressey@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: News Release - Government outlines new forest worker support programs

Brad, Jill and Rachael – thank you for supporting Ravi as he visits communities this week.

News release for your info in case you haven't already seen it: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PREM0105-001795>

Ccing others to ensure they saw this as well.

Thanks everyone.



Allison Tripp

Manager, Executive Issues
Deputy Ministers Office
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Desk: 778-974-5876 Cell: 778-584-5091

Affleck, Lindsey A GCPE:EX

From: Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 1:46 PM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: KM-QA Package_Funding to support mill workers impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures_Sept 17_FINAL

Thanks for sending David. I'll get in touch with the MO to have it sent to caucus – our team doesn't work directly with caucus.

-Leila

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 1:40 PM
To: Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX <Leila.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: KM-QA Package_Funding to support mill workers impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures_Sept 17_FINAL

Final attached. Leila. Can you get it to caucus. Jeremy. Please send to all gcpe directors and managers. Thx.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX" <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca>
Date: September 17, 2019 at 1:17:28 PM PDT
To: "Haslam, David GCPE:EX" <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: KM-QA Package_Funding to support mill workers impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures_Sept 17_FINAL

Here is the cleaned up MLA package.

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From: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 12:49 PM
To: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: New Recording - mill worker

Saved to the folder in the LAN.

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From: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 12:30 PM
To: Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX <Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca>; Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>; Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: New Recording - mill worker

Hi Karl,

Photos to follow.

Affleck, Lindsey A GCPE:EX

From: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 12:30 PM
To: Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX
Subject: New Recording - mill worker
Attachments: New Recording.m4a; ATT00001.txt

Hi Karl,

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From: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 12:06 PM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Sorry Mackenzie is indefinite

Four mills not five.

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

From: Fraser, Sarah W FLNR:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 12:05 PM
To: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Sorry Mackenzie is indefinite

Not permanent

Sarah Fraser
Executive Director, Rural Development
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

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Sent: September 17, 2019 11:57 AM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Cc: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Today's interview list (plus 2 more)

Checking and waiting on Derrick to confirm noon.

Also CBC on the Coast has dropped the interview (see below).

Dawn Makarowski
250 356-7506

From: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 11:50 AM
To: Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX <Dawn.Makarowski@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca>; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>; Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>
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Live at: 3:05 p.m.

5-7 minutes

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From: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX
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To: GCPE Comm Directors; GCPE Comm Managers; McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX; Jones, JJ GCPE:EX; Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX; Zadavec, Don GCPE:EX; GCPE Editors; Cox, Michael GCPE:EX; Copeland, Kimberly GCPE:EX; Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX
Subject: FOR REVIEW - Comm Products scheduled for Wednesday

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TIME	CORP CAL #	MIN	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
8:30 AM	95410	ENV	NYCU	Provincewide – Ocean Legacy Foundation and Surfrider Foundation turn marine debris collected from coastlines into goods	IN SYSTEM
9:00 AM	95085	EMPR	NR	Provincewide – Upcoming Columbia River Treaty community meetings	IN SYSTEM
10:00 AM	94969	FLNR	IB	Provincewide – Call for Proposals: Funding available for urban deer management projects	IN SYSTEM
1:00 PM	94680	IRR	NR	Regional – First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund announcements	RECEIPT PENDING

Linda Stagg

Senior Editor, Editorial Services
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From: Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 11:48 AM
To: 'Palmer, Vaughn'
Subject: RE: follow up to today's announcement in prince george

Hi Vaughn, I'll look into this and get back to you.

Dawn Makarowski
250 356-7506

From: Palmer, Vaughn <vpalmer@postmedia.com>
Sent: September 17, 2019 11:45 AM
To: Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX <Dawn.Makarowski@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: follow up to today's announcement in prince george

I am told that for a number of recent offerings of timber from BC Timber Sales, there have been no bids at all.

Was told that was the case with seven of 10 recent offerings.

Companies not bidding, because they cannot make the economics work with higher stumpage, regulatory costs, low markets etc.

Has that been the case?

And are the stats public on bids?

Thank you.

Vaughn Palmer

Columnist

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From: Fraser, Sarah W FLNR:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 11:39 AM
To: Stagg, Chris J FLNR:EX
Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Hayes, Sarah FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: RDP temporary reprofiling letter Sep 16

Chris

I did not receive the letter with Johns edits. As this is being signed by the minister did Johns office forward to MO? We can provide the list of addressees to correspondence. Just want to make sure this is not delayed. I did not hear back on it from Selena.

Sarah Fraser
Executive Director, Rural Development
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

On Sep 16, 2019, at 10:29 PM, Stagg, Chris J FLNR:EX <Chris.Stagg@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

John removed the contact from the draft letter and just stated that additional information will be available in the coming weeks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 16, 2019, at 3:51 PM, Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

My bad. Thank you

From: Fraser, Sarah W FLNR:EX
Sent: September 16, 2019 3:22 PM
To: Basi, Selena PREM:EX <Selena.Basi@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>; Stagg, Chris J FLNR:EX <Chris.Stagg@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: RDP temporary reprofiling letter Sep 16

Selena,
David meant to cc you on this. Looking for advice on the contact. See attached letter to go to the Rural Dividend applicants.

Sarah Fraser, MBA
Executive Director, Rural Development
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Telephone 778-698-7253
Cell Phone 250-213-5087

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 2:27 PM

To: Fraser, Sarah W FLNR:EX <Sarah.Fraser@gov.bc.ca>; Stagg, Chris J FLNR:EX <Chris.Stagg@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: RDP temporary reprofiling letter Sep 16

Sarah. The letter looks great. On the GCPE messaging I've added a few lines in red and attached MDD SN and in text below. As for the contact on program info I don't think GCPE would work. I suggest Selina Basi – cc'd – who will be implementing the programs. Selina – we'd appreciate your thoughts. This letter is going out shortly after the announcement to 331 RDP applicants

- All of you here today are unfortunately all too aware of the challenges facing our Interior forestry sector.
- Those industry challenges have resulted in job losses for many workers in communities throughout the Interior.
- Our government has consistently said we are committed to supporting you and other Interior forestry workers dealing with job losses.
- Today, I'm here to let you know what that support looks like.
- We recognize the urgency of the situation, so our government is making more than \$69 million available to implement a new approach to worker, contractor and community transition.
- To do this, we are realigning our worker and community support programs and establishing capacity to ensure that workers like you have access to the services you need, from training to work placement to early retirement.
- Our new approach includes (1) job placement coordination, (2) cost shared support for incremental early retirement opportunities, (3) short-term work opportunity creation, (4) enhanced worker training and

mental health support and (5) transition funding for communities to provide services to workers.

- This is for Interior forestry sector only, not the coastal sector.
- We are aware of the situation on the coast and are watching it closely, but for the time being these supports are for Interior mill workers only.

Job Placement Coordination:

- We have allocated \$2 million for a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Placement Coordination Office, which will:
- Provide fair and equitable treatment of workers impacted by permanent and indefinite closures, with a focus on individual worker needs and circumstances.
- Facilitate placement opportunities within and outside the forest sector.
- Ensure that workers are receiving needed support services – ranging from employee and family assistance programs delivered by your companies, tuition support for training programs, job search assistance and support for resume-writing services where needed.
- We are also calling on the federal government to add to the available funding, to make it accessible to more workers.

Early Retirement Bridging

- We have allocated \$40 million over two years toward a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Adjustment Program.
- Based on the early retirement coverage your employers are offering, our government will establish an early retirement bridging opportunity program for age-eligible workers impacted by a permanent or indefinite mill closure or for age-eligible workers whose position could be filled by an impacted worker from another facility.

Short-Term Work Opportunity Creation

- We are providing \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects.
- My ministry is prioritizing forest enhancement and wildfire prevention initiatives that can offer interim employment for impacted workers and contractors.

Enhanced Worker Training and Mental Health Support

- A further \$12 million will be used to fund new worker training, and enhanced community mental health support programs.

Support for Communities

- We are also providing municipalities with funding to assist workers, families and businesses impacted by change.
- Municipalities impacted by a permanent closure will be eligible to receive immediate funds of \$100,000 and municipalities responding to a publicly-announced indefinite closure will be eligible to receive funds of \$75,000, where more than 1/3 of the workforce remains in need of permanent or temporary employment.
- Municipalities responding to a shift reduction will have access to a pool of funding to provide defined services for workers and families, based on identified need.
- Additional funding will be available, including through the \$10 million Labour Market Partnerships Fund which helps municipalities transition to new economic opportunities and the Cooperative Marketing Funding Program for communities looking to further develop the tourism industry.

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Sent: September 16, 2019 1:49 PM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>; Stagg, Chris J FLNR:EX
<Chris.Stagg@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RDP temporary reprofiling letter Sep 16
Importance: High

David and Chris,
attached is a first draft letter that will go to all 331 applicants to the Rural Dividend Fund. Please review as I may not have all the context and details.

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Sent: September 17, 2019 11:27 AM
To: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX
Cc: Lachman, Kathy FLNR:EX; Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Media request: Confirmation needed - Four mills closed

Mackenzie Canfor is the 4 th interior mill. HAMMOND is also closed but considered coast and not included in today's announcement that will support impacted workers

Sarah Fraser
Executive Director, Rural Development
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

On Sep 17, 2019, at 11:09 AM, Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Sarah,
I'm looking to confirm the four mills that have closed.

Quesnel Tolko
Chasm West Fraser
Vavenby Canfor
Hammond Cedar Interfor

A reporter that has contacted us believes Fort St. James Conifex has closed as well but, as I understand it, it is an indefinite curtailment, pending sale of the mill from Conifex to Hampton Lumber, who are looking to re-tool and re-open it.

Thank you,
Jeremy Uppenborn
Senior Public Affairs and Media Relations Officer
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Sent: September 17, 2019 11:17 AM
To: Fraser, Sarah W FLNR:EX
Cc: Lachman, Kathy FLNR:EX; Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media request: Confirmation needed - Four mills closed

https://www.conifex.com/main/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/ConifexNR_HamptonJune24.pdf

From: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX
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To: Fraser, Sarah W FLNR:EX <Sarah.Fraser@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lachman, Kathy FLNR:EX <Kathy.Lachman@gov.bc.ca>; Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX <Dawn.Makarowski@gov.bc.ca>; Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: September 17, 2019 11:01 AM
To: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX; McGachie, Joanne GCPE:EX; Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Links

Photos 2:









Glen Plummer
A/Communications Manager
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
250 213-5667

On Sep 17, 2019, at 10:30 AM, McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX <Julianne.McCaffrey@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Ok, thanks. Will let MO know. :)

Julianne McCaffrey
Communications Director
Ministry of Labour

On Sep 17, 2019, at 10:07 AM, Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Not yet. Including Karl

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

From: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 9:46 AM
To: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX <Glen.Plummer@gov.bc.ca>; Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McGachie, Joanne GCPE:EX <Joanne.McGachie@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Links

Hey guys, do you have the links we can use for MHB's social media amplification?

Julianne McCaffrey
Communications Director
Ministry of Labour

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From: Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 10:58 AM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Ferguson, Stephanie GCPE:EX; Ward, Allieren GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Graphic for NR/social

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2019, at 10:56 AM, Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Looks great. approved

From: Ferguson, Stephanie GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 10:42 AM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX <Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca>; Ward, Allieren GCPE:EX <Allieren.Ward@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi David,

We're in need of a visual for the forestry workers supports news release ASAP. Allieren whipped this up based on the website imagery – look ok to you?

Thanks,
Stephanie

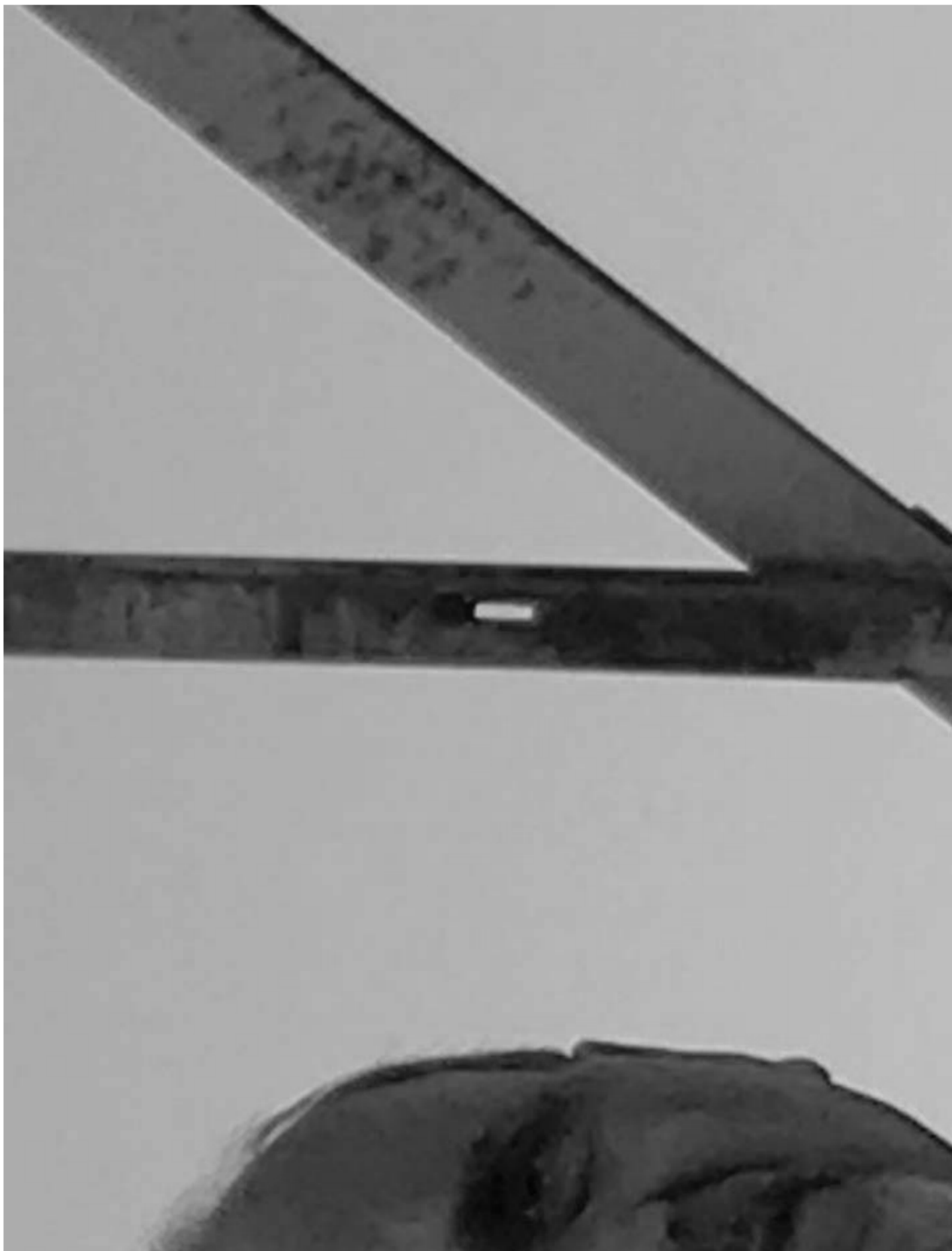
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Stephanie Ferguson
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Affleck, Lindsey A GCPE:EX

From: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 10:58 AM
To: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX; McGachie, Joanne GCPE:EX; Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Links

Photos from announcement:





Plummer
A/Communications Manager
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
250 213-5667

On Sep 17, 2019, at 10:30 AM, McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX <Julianne.McCaffrey@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Ok, thanks. Will let MO know. :)

Julianne McCaffrey
Communications Director
Ministry of Labour

On Sep 17, 2019, at 10:07 AM, Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Not yet. Including Karl

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

From: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX

Sent: September 17, 2019 9:46 AM

To: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX <Glen.Plummer@gov.bc.ca>; Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: McGachie, Joanne GCPE:EX <Joanne.McGachie@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Links

Hey guys, do you have the links we can use for MHB's social media amplification?

Julianne McCaffrey
Communications Director
Ministry of Labour

Affleck, Lindsey A GCPE:EX

From: Ferguson, Stephanie GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 10:42 AM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX; Ward, Allieren GCPE:EX
Subject: Graphic for NR/social
Attachments: social share-03.png

Hi David,

We're in need of a visual for the forestry workers supports news release ASAP. Allieren whipped this up based on the website imagery – look ok to you?

Thanks,
Stephanie

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Stephanie Ferguson

Digital Communications Officer | Digital Communications
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Affleck, Lindsey A GCPE:EX

From: Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Today's interview list (plus 2 more)

Listed is all of the interviews I was able to schedule today. The last two have not been added to the Minister's schedule.

12:15 pm; CHNL (Kamloops), Brett Mineer, ph 250-374-1610 (PRETAPE)
12:30 pm; Vancouver Sun, Derrick Penner, ph 604-605-2037
2:00 pm; GOAT FM (Williams Lake), Rebecca Dyok, ph 250-392-6551 x 224 (PRETAPE)
2:20 pm; Black Press, Tom Fletcher, ph 250-888-3438

3:15 p.m. Merritt Herald, Dara Hill, ph 250-378-4241
3:30 p.m. CKMQ Merritt, Michael Reeve, ph 250-508-7321 (PRETAPE)

Let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks,
Dawn Makarowski
250 356-7506

Affleck, Lindsey A GCPE:EX

From: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 10:33 AM
To: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Announcement materials
Attachments: SN - MHB_FLNRO early retirement announcement - Sept 17 2019.docx; SN_MC_PG Mayor Lyn Hall_Interior Forest Worker Transition Funding_Sept 16_DRAFT_209 PM.docx; SN_MDD_Interior Forest Worker Transition Funding_Sept 16_DRAFT_445 PM.docx; SN_Ravi Kahlon Narrative_Sept 16_1030 AM.docx; 2019PREM0105-001795.pdf; EP_Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding_Sept 16_1223 PM.docx; MA NEWS-20604.pdf; MP_Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding_Sept 16_DRAFT2 927 AM.docx; KM-QA Package_Funding to support mill workers impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures_Sept 17_1020 AM.docx

Hi Vivian,

As per David's request, attached are the comms materials for today's announcement in PG on support programs for Interior mill workers:

- Comms Plan
- News Release
- Q&A
- Media Advisory – distributed @ 240 p.m. yesterday
- Media Plan – calls being booked for MDD
- Event Plan
- MDD speaking notes
- Ravi Kahlon speaking notes for visits to:
 - Sep. 17 - Mackenzie 1:30-3:30 p.m.
 - Sep. 18 - Clearwater 8:45-10:45 a.m.
 - Sep. 18 - 100 Mile House 1:15-3:15 p.m.
 - Sep. 18 - Quesnel 6:45 - late
 - Sep. 19 - Quesnel 8:30-9:30 a.m. (Future of Forestry Think Tank - see CC entry: FLNR-95201)
 - Sep. 19 - Fort St. John 1:30-3 p.m.
- MHB speaking notes
- MC PG Mayor Lyn Hall speaking notes – confirmed as MC
- Website copy for landing page

Social media – FB and Tweets

Facebook

To make sure interior forestry workers and communities impacted by mill closures are supported, we're taking actions including:

- ✓ A new job placement coordination office that will help match up workers with new opportunities
- ✓ A bridging program to help people transition to retirement
- ✓ A new, short-term forest employment program focused on fire prevention & community resiliency projects
- ✓ New worker training
- ✓ Community support grants

<link to forestry website or news article>

Twitter

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- ✓ Job placement coordination office
- ✓ Early retirement bridging program
- ✓ Short-term forest employment program

Outstanding Items:

MLA package (KM-QA Package) – with Leila Farmer for review (Draft included here)

Cheers,

Jeremy Uppenborn

Senior Public Affairs and Media Relations Officer

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

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jeremy.uppenborn@gov.bc.ca

Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding

Media Plan

Date: 17 Sept 2019

Time: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Location: CN Intermodal Terminal, Prince George

Media Outreach:

Media outreach will focus primarily on regional outlets in communities affected by mill closures, curtailments and shift reductions. However, provincial outreach will also be made to the press gallery via the radio room, select outlets (CKNW) and radio talk shows (CBC, CHNL). We will be looking to pro-actively book MDD on various B.C. talk shows post-event from noon of Sept. 17 until noon of Sept. 18 (to be extended to print as well). PSRK will be doing Mackenzie media as he is in the community Sept. 17

Media will be invited to attend the event and call-arounds will be done to drum up the maximum amount of media attendance followed by targeted media outreach.

Announcement Summary:

The provincial government is announcing \$69 million to fund a series of measures that will support British Columbia forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in B.C. communities. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers/contractors and include:

- \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers;
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- \$12 million to fund new worker training, and enhanced community mental health support programs; and
- \$2 million to establish a new job placement co-ordination office that will track the transition and employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis.

The announcement is being made by Ministers Donaldson and Bains, with support from Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Ravi Kahlon at CN Rail's Intermodal Terminal in Prince George.

The event is to be videoed and photographed for use in social media from @BCGovNews, @DonaldsonDoug, @HarryBainsSN and @KahlonRav. Media interviews will be set up, and a provincial news release distributed.

Rollout:

Date/ Time	Task
One day prior	Media advisory and outreach to targeted media
10 a.m.-11 a.m.	On-site event with photo-op and media availability for interviews with MDD/MHB/union reps/industry rep Event includes a listen-only provincial media dial-in

Post announcement	Schedule call-in interviews with targeted talk radio and other media. Minister Donaldson to provide interviews from Sept. 17 @ noon – Sept. 18 @ noon PSRK to provide interviews with Mackenzie media
Sept. 18-21	PSRK visits impacted communities (Clearwater, 100 Mile House, Quesnel, Fort St. John, Prince George), re-announces the funding in each community and provides interviews with interested local media (call arounds prior to his visit in each community as listed below)

Media List:

Television

- **CKPG TV** – Cheryl Jahn (Reporter); 250 961-4827 / newsroom 250 563-0111

Radio

- **CBC North** – Nicole Oud (Reporter); 250 562-6701 x223, 250 917-8583
- **Vista Radio** – Brendon Pawliw (Reporter); 250 564-2524 x234, 306 530-0984
- **CFIS 93.1 FM** – Allan Wishart (Reporter); 250 617-9939

Print/Online

- **Prince George Citizen** – Mark Nielsen (Reporter) 250 562-2441 x3838, 778 281-1635
- **Caledonia Courier (Black Press – Fort St. James)** – Aman Parhar (Editor) 250 567-9258, 416 629-8491

To call and line up MDD interviews following the announcement (outside of Prince George)

Press Gallery – Radio Room: 250 387-6084

- **Vancouver Sun** – Rob Shaw (Reporter) 250 893-0841 / Vaughn Palmer (Reporter) 250 920-6677
- **Global TV** – Keith Baldrey (Reporter) 250 387-1572, 250 360-7658 / Richard Zussman (Reporter) 250 216-7328
- **Black Press** – Tom Fletcher (Reporter) 250 888-3438
- **Times Colonist** – Les Leyne (Reporter) 250 889-4138 / Lindsay Kines (Reporter) 250 380-5364, 250 812-9877
- **Globe and Mail** – Justine Hunter (Reporter) 250 220-2718, 250 857-4779
- **Canadian Press** – Dirk Meissner (Reporter) 250 984-4912, 250 418-5779
- **The Province** – Mike Smyth (Reporter) 250 812-6462
- **Liza Yuzda** – News 1130 (Reporter) 250 508-6479
- **The Tyee** – Andrew MacLeod (Reporter) 250 885-7662
- **BC Today** – Shannon Waters (Reporter) 236 882-7149
- **The Narwhal** – Carol Linnitt (Editor) 250 858-1329
- **CBC Radio-Canada** – Adrien Blanc (Reporter) 604 404-4042
- **CBC** – Tanya Fletcher (Reporter) 250 384-2685
- **CHEK News** – Mary Griffin (Reporter) 250 480-3700, 250 213-8979
- **CTV Vancouver** – Bhinder Sajan (Reporter) 250 383-2480, 250 418-5207

Talk Radio:

- **CKNW**
 - The Jon McComb Show (Morning) (Vancouver) – Pippa Reed (Producer); 778 233-7541
 - The Lynda Steele Show (Afternoon) (Vancouver) – Sara Hyde (Producer); 604 331-2838, 604 725-0810
- **CBC**
 - CBC Daybreak North (Prince George) – Robert Doane (Producer) 250 596-1856
 - CBC Daybreak South (Kelowna) – Marion Barschel (Producer) 250 469-0354
 - CBC Daybreak Kamloops (Kamloops) – Tom Popyk (Producer/Reporter) 250 861-3781 x223, 416 875-5968
- **CHNL** (Kamloops) – Brett Mineer (Host) 250 374-1610, 778 789-1664
- **AM 1150** (Kelowna) – Phil Johnson (Host) 250 861-0639

Print/Online:

- **Merritt Herald** – Cole Wagner (editor) 250 378-4241, 604 880-9203
- **Kelowna Capital News (Black Press)** – Barry Gerding (Editor) 250 738-1053, 250 878-7575
- **Kelowna Daily Courier** – Ben Verkerk (Editor) / Ron Seymour (Reporter) 250 470-0750
- **Castanet (Kelowna)** – Darren Handschuh (Reporter) 250 826-5829
- **InfoNews (Kelowna)** – Adam Proskiw (Reporter) 250 718-0428

Radio:

- **CKMQ Merritt (Q101)** – Michael Reeve (Reporter) 250 508-7321
- **GOAT FM (Williams Lake)** – Rebecca Dyok (Host/Reporter) 250 392-6551 x224

For call-arounds regarding PSRK visits:**Mackenzie:**

- **Caledonia Courier (Black Press – Fort St. James)** – Aman Parhar (Editor) 250 567-9258, cell 416 629-8491
- **Macktown Buzzette** – Janice Nelson (Reporter) 250 997-5038
- **Mackenzie Times** – Jackie Benton (Editor) 250 997-6675 (weekly print)

Clearwater:

- **Clearwater Times (Black Press)** – Jaime Polmateer (Editor) 250 674-3343

100 Mile House:

- **100 Mile House Free Press** – Max Winkelman (Editor) 250 395-2219
- **CKBX Country 840 AM Radio** – Chris Adams (Host/Reporter) 250 395-3848

Quesnel:

- **Quesnel Cariboo Observer (Black Press)** – Lindsay Chung (editor) 250 992-2121 x204
- **GOAT FM (Quesnel)** – George Henderson (Reporter) 250 992-7046 x224

Fort St. John:

- **Moose FM** – Chris Newton / Scott Brooks / Tracy Teves (Reporters) 250 787-7100
- **Alaska Highway News (shares content with BiV)** – Matt Preprost (Editor) 250 271-0724, 250 785-5631
- **Sun FM/Bear FM/CJDC TV** – Myron Mayne (Reporter) 641 982-9216

Event Title: Government announces \$69 million New Forest Worker Support Programs
(Min/MLA): Minister Doug Donaldson, Minister Harry Bains, Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon

Date: September 17, 2019 10:00am	Media Market: Province-wide
Location: Northern Mat and Bridge Lot 1637 River Road Prince George, B.C.	English Media Spokesperson: Minister Donaldson
	Multicultural Media Spokesperson: Minister Bains, P.S. Kahlon

THE EVENT

EVENT

- Government will be announcing \$69 million dollars to fund a new series of measures aimed at supporting BC forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several BC Interior communities.

WHO'S ORGANIZING?

- GCPE Events

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS and THEME:

- Government is providing \$69 million to support mill workers and contractors impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures in the B.C. interior. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers/contractors. Support for impacted workers will include:
 - \$2 million to establish a new job placement coordination office that will track the transition of and assist the re-employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis;
 - \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers;
 - \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects;
 - \$12 million to fund worker training and provide and enhanced community mental health support programs.
 - Community support grants aimed at providing short term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.

VENUE DESCRIPTION

- CN Rail Intermodal Terminal, Prince George TBD

KEY STAKEHOLDERS / PARTICIPANTS

- Minister Donaldson- speaking
- Minister Bains-speaking
- Parliamentary Secretary Kahlon - speaking
- Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall – speaking (MC)
- Union reps (TBD)

LIST OF VALIDATORS FOR POST-EVENT ROLLOUT

Name	Organization	Contact
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Lynn Lindeman	Public and Private Workers of Canada (PPWC)	Cell 250 246-7022 s.22
Jon Hawkins	Unifor	s.22 Jon.hawkins@unifor.org

MEDIA INVITED?

- Yes

AUDIENCE SIZE AND DESCRIPTION / TARGET AUDIENCES

- Invited guests include local government reps, industry reps, labour reps, ministry staff.
- Media

Contacts:

David Haslam (FLNR GCPE Director)	Office: 250 952-0509 Cell: 250 361-7989
Julianne McCaffrey (LBR GCPE Director)	Office: 778 698-8964 Cell: 250 888-8074
Glen Plummer (FLNR GCPE Manager)	Office: 250 952-0559 Cell: 250 213-5667
Tim Renneberg (Ministerial Assistant - MDD)	s.17
Tristan Jones (Executive Assistant – MDD and PSK)	s.17
Dawn Makarowski FLNR Communications – Media	Office: 778 698-8395 Cell: 778 584-4823
Elena Banfield (GCPE Events)	s.17
Harrison Wicks, Plant Manager, Lakeland Mills (Onsite contact)	
Shawn Rice FLNR Resource Manager 2000 South Ospika	

Draft Itinerary:

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Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon - Post announcement narrative

I spent much of this past summer on the road in B.C. visiting forest dependent communities. Many of them are experiencing first-hand the serious challenges facing the forest industry.

They are on the front lines of this problem. I met with workers, industry and elected officials in many of the Interior communities impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures. They talked to me about what was needed to support their workers and their communities.

It's a shame that the challenges these communities are facing today was predicted years ago. In fact, the previous government talked about the possibility of 10 or more mills shutting down due to the lack of fibre. And it's a failure of their government that they didn't take steps to help the industry transform and transition during their time in office.

This government is doing things very differently. We are committed to being there for impacted workers and their communities. Minister Donaldson and I have listened to what workers and communities have told us they need to help transition to a new vision for B.C.'s forest industry.

That's why this government has just announced \$69 million to fund a new series of measures aimed at supporting British Columbia forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several B.C. Interior communities.

The funding being provided to enable resilient forest communities is a direct result of my discussions this past summer with the people who live and work in these Interior communities.

It will include \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared, early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers; \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects; \$12 million to fund new worker training, and enhanced community mental health support programs; \$2 million to establish a new job placement co-ordination office that will track the transition and employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis; and

Now, I'm heading out back on the road to talk to forestry communities because I again want their input into how the \$69 million is used to best support them and workers and families in those communities.

Our government has taken real action, but not a day goes by that I am not thinking about the workers and communities who are being affected by these closures and curtailments and I want to again listen to what they have to say.

SPEAKING NOTES

Doug Donaldson

Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural
Development

Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding

**CN Intermodal Terminal
Prince George, BC**

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019

10 a.m.

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FINAL

ADVICE FOR SPEAKER:

Summary: Minister Donaldson will provide an overview of a new series of measures aimed at supporting BC forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several BC Interior communities.

Audience and Anticipated Size:

Speaking Time: Approx. 5-10 minutes

Contact Person:

Glen Plummer – A/Communications Manager, FLNRORD – C: **250 213-5667**

Agenda:

Times are approximate:

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- Good morning, everybody, and thank you Mayor Hall.
- Respectfully, I want to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh (clayt-clay den-ay) First Nations.
- All of you here today are unfortunately all too aware of the challenges facing our Interior forestry sector.
- Those industry challenges have resulted in job losses for many workers in communities throughout the Interior.
- Our government has consistently said we are committed to supporting you and other Interior forestry workers dealing with job losses.
- Today, I'm here to let you know what that support looks like.
- We recognize the urgency of the situation, so our government is making more than \$69 million available to implement a new approach to worker, contractor and community transition.
- To do this, we are realigning our worker and community support programs and establishing capacity to ensure that workers like you have access to the services you need, from training to work placement to early retirement.
- Our new approach includes (1) job placement coordination, (2) cost shared support for incremental early retirement opportunities, (3) short-term work opportunity creation, (4) enhanced worker training and mental health support and (5) transition funding for communities to provide services to workers.
- This is for Interior forestry sector only, not the coastal sector.
- We are aware of the situation on the coast and are watching it closely, but for the time being these supports are for Interior mill workers only.

Job Placement Coordination:

- We have allocated \$2 million for a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Placement Coordination Office, which will:
- Provide fair and equitable treatment of workers impacted by permanent and indefinite closures, with a focus on individual worker needs and circumstances.
- Facilitate placement opportunities within and outside the forest sector.
- Ensure that workers are receiving needed support services – ranging from employee and family assistance programs delivered by your companies, tuition support for training programs, job search assistance and support for resume-writing services where needed.
- We are also calling on the federal government to add to the available funding, to make it accessible to more workers.

Early Retirement Bridging

- We have allocated \$40 million over two years toward a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Adjustment Program.
- Based on the early retirement coverage your employers are offering, our government will establish an early retirement bridging opportunity program for age-eligible workers impacted by a permanent or indefinite mill closure or for age-eligible workers whose position could be filled by an impacted worker from another facility.

Short-Term Work Opportunity Creation

- We are providing \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects.
- My ministry is prioritizing forest enhancement and wildfire prevention initiatives that can offer interim employment for impacted workers and contractors.

Enhanced Worker Training and Mental Health Support

- A further \$12 million will be used to fund new worker training, and enhanced community mental health support programs.

Support for Communities

- We are also providing municipalities with funding to assist workers, families and businesses impacted by change.
- Municipalities impacted by a permanent closure will be eligible to receive immediate funds of \$100,000 and municipalities responding to a publicly-announced indefinite closure will be eligible to receive funds of \$75,000, where more than 1/3 of the workforce remains in need of permanent or temporary employment.
- Municipalities responding to a shift reduction will have access to a pool of funding to provide defined services for workers and families, based on identified need.
- Additional funding will be available, including through the \$10 million Labour Market Partnerships Fund which helps municipalities transition to new economic opportunities and the Cooperative Marketing Funding Program for communities looking to further develop the tourism industry.

WHAT WE'RE ASKING INDUSTRY TO DO

- We are asking industry to stand with us and step up to support the worker programming I've outlined here. We want industry to be partners in this.
- Company approaches to closures and curtailments have varied, and we need to work together to create a uniform, fair and organized response those impacted by closures.
- I'm standing here today and asking all Interior forest companies to step up and throw your support behind these initiatives.

- Our government is committed to supporting the people impacted by this change, but we need to forest industry and the federal government to step-up and do their part as well.
- Thank you.

EMCEE NOTES

Lyn Hall

Mayor, Prince George

Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding

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Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019

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Speaking Time: Approx. 1-2 minutes

Contact Person:

Glen Plummer – A/Communications Manager, FLNRORD – C: **250 213-5667**

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- Good morning, everybody.
- I think you all know me but, for those of you that might not, I'm Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall and I'll be your emcee this morning.
- Thank you all for being here with us today on the traditional territory or the Lheidli T'enneh (clayt-clay den-ay) First Nation for this incredibly important announcement for Interior forest sector workers, their families and their communities
- As mayor of a city where forestry is a major economic driver, I know just how difficult it is for some of the families, workers and businesses being impacted by these market-driven reductions in production.
- We know how hard community transition teams are working to get the **right supports** in the **right places** in each impacted community.
- And I want to recognize the efforts of everyone involved in these community transition teams – you are doing great work.
- With that said, I would like to welcome Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to come and provide some remarks on help for impacted forest workers.

[Minister Donaldson provides remarks]

- Thank you, Minister Donaldson.
- That is some incredible news and I know it's welcome by everyone who has been impacted by recent mill closures and curtailments.
- Minister of Labour Harry Bains is also with us today and I'd like to welcome him to come and say a few words.

[Minister Bains provides remarks]

- Thank you, Minister Bains.
- These jobs are indeed important to families and communities in the Interior.
- We appreciate you and Minister Donaldson coming here today with this good news for the Interior forest sector workers impacted by these mill closures and curtailments.
- And I also want to recognize and extend my appreciation to Ravi Kahlon who is here with us, today.
- Ravi is the Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.
- Ravi – I know you’ve been pounding the streets in impacted communities over the last couple of weeks, talking with municipal and Indigenous leaders, industry, unions, impacted workers and other stakeholders.
- I want to recognize your work on the ground and say that I look forward to continued conversation with you about longer-term solutions and community transition supports.
- With that, I’d like to thank you all for being here, today.
- Before you all leave, Glen, did you have something to pass on?

[Glen Plummer provides info on media availability.]

SPEAKING NOTES FOR

MINISTER HARRY BAINS

MINISTER OF LABOUR

**NEW FOREST WORKER
SUPPORT PROGRAM**

CN Rail Intermodal Terminal
1637 River Road, Prince George

September 17, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Speaking length – 3 minutes

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EVENT DETAILS & LOGISTICS

Event: New Forest Worker Support Program

When: Sept 17, 2019 at 10 a.m.

- Minister requested to arrive by 9:40 a.m. for pre-brief
- Minister Donaldson to speak on the details of the new program and investment, as well as an overview of new measures aimed at supporting forestry workers impacted by mill closures in B.C.'s Interior
- Minister Bains to follow and speak 2-3 minutes re-emphasize the value and commitment to the forest sector why this matters for workers and communities around the province.

Where: CN Rail Intermodal Terminal, 1637 River Road, Prince George

Contact: Onsite person: Elena Banfield (GCPE Events)
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Key Participants:

- Minister Donaldson- speaking
- Minister Bains-speaking
- Parliamentary Secretary Kahlon - speaking
- Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall – speaking (MC)
- Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson – speaking (TBD)
- West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris – speaking (TBD)

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EVENT DETAILS:

Media Attending: Yes

Audience: local government reps, industry reps, labour reps, ministry staff.

Event Context: Government is providing \$69 million to support mill workers and contractors impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures in the B.C. interior. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers and the supports include:

- \$2M for a new job placement coordination office that will track the transition of and assist the re-employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis;
- \$40M for a cost-shared early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers;
- \$15M for a short-term forest employment program focussed on fire prevention and community resiliency projects;
- \$10M for worker training and community mental health support programs; and
- Community support grants aimed at providing short term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.

Mill Closure/Curtailment Summary

- Currently, there are 24 mills that have adjusted their output through indefinite or temporary curtailments and shift reductions.
- There have been four permanent mill closures.
- More than 6,000 workers are being affected across 23 communities.

Mill closures and curtailments are primarily the result of impacts to timber supply as a result of the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) and related fire losses. The MPB outbreak in B.C. began in the early 2000's with impacts peaking in 2005. By 2012, MPB had killed 53% of merchantable pine forests in the B.C. Interior.

British Columbia's forest industry is facing difficult times. In the Interior, the end of the pine beetle cut, lower prices for lumber, and back-to-back catastrophic wildfire seasons have led to a number of sawmill closures. This has created hardship for workers and uncertainty for the communities that depend on forestry for their livelihoods.

For more than a decade, industry experts predicted the mountain pine beetle epidemic would result in multiple mill closures. Despite this, the previous government failed to take the necessary action to help workers, industry and communities adapt. This failure to act has compounded the difficulties forest workers and communities are facing today.

Logistics notes: Theatre style set up with a riser, podium. Minister to be seated in the front row.

Clothing: Business casual.

ITINERARY: TBC

8:00 a.m.	GCPE events arrives onsite for event set up with CN Rail representative
9:40 a.m. Pre-brief	<p>Pre-brief with stage guests, led by Elena Banfield GCPE Events Location: TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minister FLNR Doug Donaldson• Minister LBR Harry Bains• Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon• P.G. Mayor Lyn Hall (MC)• Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson (TBD)• West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris (TBD)• Union reps (TBD)
10:00 a.m.	Event begins. MC P.G. Mayor Lyn Hall welcomes everyone, introduces Minister Doug Donaldson
10:05 a.m.	Minister Donaldson makes remarks, announces \$69 million in funding
10:15 a.m.	MC thanks Minister Donaldson and introduces Minister Bains
10:17 a.m.	Minister Bains makes remarks
10:22 a.m.	MC thanks Minister Bains and introduces P.S. Kahlon
10:24 a.m.	P.S. Kahlon makes remarks
10:29 a.m.	MC thanks P.S. Kahlon, introduces Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson (TBD)
10:31 a.m.	Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson speaks (TBD)
10:36 a.m.	MC thanks Mayor Atkinson, introduces West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris (TBD)
10:38 a.m.	West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris speaks (TBD)
10:43 a.m.	Media availability
11:00 a.m.	Event concludes

PARTICIPANT INTEL:

P.G. Mayor Lyn Hall (TBD)



Mayor Lyn Hall has been an active member of the Prince George community for over 30 years. He and his wife Lorrelle are the parents of twin daughters, both of whom graduated from UNBC.

Hall began his political career as a School Trustee on the Prince George School Board. He spent 10 years on the board holding various positions including vice-chair and chair. In 2011, he ran and won a seat on Prince George City Council. In 2014 and 2018, he ran successful campaigns for Mayor of Prince George.

Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson (TBD)



Joan moved to Mackenzie with her husband Jim and two sons in 1997; both sons and her husband work in the local forest industry. She professes to recognize the importance of maintaining a strong forest economy, said publicly that she is concerned with the current provincial forest model that puts her community's forest future at risk due to fibre supply and says her community is in crisis after three wood products operations closed in Mackenzie.

Joan, once recognized as Volunteer of the Year in her community, was acclaimed as mayor in 2018, but has been a member of council since 2007.

West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris (TBD)



Ray is a professional engineer and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the University of New Brunswick. He assumed the role of Pres/CEO of West Fraser as of July 1, 2019. Ray joined the company in 1997 and has served in several executive positions since on both the Alberta and B.C. operations.

West Fraser has more than 50 locations throughout B.C. and Alberta in Canada, and in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida in the United States. B.C.'s operations currently account for 34 per cent of the company's total lumber capacity – 7.2 billion board feet – with Alberta supplying 23 per cent and the USA 43 per cent.

SPEAKING NOTES

- **Thank you Mayor Hall.**
- **I want to begin by saying that behind every productive business and viable industry, in fact, driving their success and sustainability...**
- **Is a workforce that is also, at the same time, contributing to the social fabric of their communities...**
 - **Workers who coach hockey and lead girl guides or boy scouts;**
 - **Or that serve on school committees and volunteer in local service clubs like the Rotary.**
- **And let's not forget, it's workers that built B.C.'s forestry sector...**
- **That built an industry that has fueled our economy for decades.**
- **And now it's these same forestry workers who are suffering in the wake of historic job losses, particularly in B.C.'s Interior.**
- **Our communities, B.C. businesses and their workers are strong and resilient, innovative and industrious...**
- **But even still, they need a helping-hand sometimes.**
 - **And that's what today's announcement is about...**
 - **It's about working with industry to provide a helping-hand.**
- **Because when an industry like forestry takes a downturn, family supporting jobs and wages become threatened.**
- **And in turn, communities like Prince George, Mackenzie and so many others with deep roots in forestry, also suffer.**
 - **Young workers need family supporting wages to make ends meet or they leave to find work elsewhere.**

- **Today's announcement helps prevent the hollowing-out of rural communities hardest hit by the curtailments and closings.**
 - **It supports impacted workers, their families and the communities that are their home.**
 - **It helps provide incentives for early retirement so that we can retain workers with a long career still ahead of them.**
 - **And it provides training, job placement assistance and mental health supports for those reeling from job losses.**
- **Because our government believes that our purpose is to make life better and easier for people in the province.**
- **And because it's not lost on us that forestry is an important economic driver in B.C. and our industry is in crisis.**
 - **That log costs and market conditions...**
 - **Trade sanctions and timber supply issues caused by things like wildfires and beetle infestations...**
 - **Has led to market uncertainty and instability...**
 - **As well as operational slow-downs and shut-downs...**
 - **And they are having real, tangible and personal impacts.**
- **It matters.**
 - **It matters to those working or benefiting from the forestry sector – and let's be clear – that's all of us in B.C.**
 - **This is not just a rural problem, it's merely where the impacts are most often, or most profoundly seen.**
 - **So, let me also be clear: it matters to your government and we're all working together to find solutions.**

- Stealing from a June headline in the Vancouver Sun, we all recognize that there is no quick fix to our forestry situation.
 - It was created over time and without an eye towards the future or how to mitigate the impacts to come.
 - Today we are investing for both today and tomorrow.
- And I am glad to have our ministry help deliver solutions and provide direct support to help sustain family-supporting jobs.
- I'm glad mayors like Lyn and Joan are here (TBC), because they see the direct impacts on friends and neighbours in their communities.
- And perhaps nowhere is it more greatly felt or recognized than in Joan's own family, since her husband and sons work in forestry.
- Let me add that I'm happy to be part of something that even the B.C. Council of Forest Industries president said is needed:
 - A systematic, collaborative approach to the industry's transition by industry, government, First Nations, communities and workers combined.
- And since Ray is here today (TBC), I'd like to say that I'm grateful too for the support of industry leaders like West Fraser.
 - He once said that their past and future success is built on the strengths of their people and that together, they're driven to deliver a better today than yesterday as a company.
- Lastly, I'd like to offer thanks to my cabinet colleague for allowing me to aid in his forest worker support plan; it is important work.
- I know Minister Donaldson shares my concern for the health and prosperity of the industry and its workers...
- Because like me, he has first-hand working experience in forestry.

- And maybe it's because of my forestry roots or that I began my career in sawmills, that I feel so proud of today's announcement...
 - But today we outlined how we'll help workers continue to participate and be proud of their forestry jobs;
 - And when they can't work, providing additional supports to help them get back on their feet and back to work;
 - So that like me, while working in a mill, they too can build a good and stable life, family and future in this province.
- Be assured that while standing up here, we're also standing along side our forest industry partners and shoulder-to-shoulder with the people working in forest industries who are worried or have been impacted by mill closures or curtailments.
- We understand how important these jobs are to you...
- To your families, your communities and to the province.
- They're important to us too.
- Thank you.

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Office of the Premier
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations
and Rural Development

Government outlines new forest worker support programs

PRINCE GEORGE – The provincial government has announced \$69 million to fund a new series of measures aimed at supporting British Columbia forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several B.C. Interior communities.

The Interior forest industry has been reducing production in an effort to adjust to the end of the mountain pine beetle harvest and the devastating 2017 and 2018 fire seasons.

“The previous government knew that the end of mountain pine beetle harvest would disrupt the lives of forest workers, contractors and communities, but they did little to prepare for this inevitable transition,” said Premier John Horgan. “While the forest sector must reduce surplus milling capacity to remain competitive, it cannot do so at the expense of the workers, contractors and communities who built the industry. Our government will ensure that forest workers impacted by mill closures are supported.”

Horgan and Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, met with the chief executive officers of the major Interior forest companies to set out measures to support forest workers in the months and years ahead. Those measures include:

- \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared, early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers;
- \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects;
- \$12 million for workers to access skills training, and for employer and community grants for training;
- \$2 million to establish a new job placement co-ordination office that will track the transition and employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis; and
- Community support grants aimed at providing short-term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.

“The Province is committed to supporting the people impacted by this change, but we need the forest industry and the federal government to step up and do their part as well,” Donaldson said. “I’m hopeful that the Interior forest sector recognizes that the new industry that will arise from this transition will need skilled, experienced workers to produce new forest products that can compete in global markets.”

Donaldson called on the forest industry to increase supports for impacted workers, ensure key corporate leaders are working on the industry transition and ensure that it does a better job of

communicating effectively with affected workers and communities.

“The forest industry and its workers have built the success of the industry and bolstered B.C.’s economy for decades,” said Harry Bains, Minister of Labour. “I am pleased that my ministry can help deliver solutions that provide direct and tangible support to workers impacted by current challenges in the forest industry and that will help sustain family-supporting jobs in communities that are home to the industry and its workers.”

Quotes:

Ravi Kahlon, Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development –

“Over the summer, I met with workers, industry and elected officials in many of the Interior communities impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures. The \$69 million our government is providing to support impacted workers and families and enable resilient forest communities is a direct result of my discussions with the people who live and work in these Interior communities.”

Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training –

“We’re ensuring that impacted forestry workers and their communities have access to retraining and supports they need to assist them with this transition. We’re providing funding for skills training programs and employer and community grants that will give people the new skills they need to prepare for sustainable employment and good family-supporting jobs.”

Ray Ferris, CEO, West Fraser –

"We appreciate the Province recognizing these supportive measures needed for impacted workers as industry adapts to declining timber supply. This funding for workers' support aligns with our efforts at West Fraser to ensure continuing employment and opportunity for our hard-working employees and their families as industry works together with government on longer-term solutions to our current challenges."

Gary Fiege, president, Public and Private Workers of Canada –

“The Public and Private Workers of Canada stands with the provincial government today. In doing so, we recognize the value of what is being offered to the people of rural British Columbia. It was through communication, co-operation and compassion with and for the affected forestry workers and the communities they call home that relief will be forthcoming. We will continue to work to save jobs, but have to be realistic with the situation at hand and help people transition in a changed landscape. This funding announced today is just a start in the effort needed to accomplish this transition.”

Gavin McGarrigle, western regional director, Unifor –

“Taking this step to support workers and their families is the right thing for the B.C. government to do. Forestry workers are facing enormous challenges across the Interior right now and we know that with the right supports for these workers and with the right investments by corporations, the forestry sector can rise to meet these challenges and be a vital part of our sustainable future.”

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations
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Sept. 16, 2019

MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Prince George; teleconference

PRINCE GEORGE – Media are invited to join Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development; Harry Bains, Minister of Labour; and Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon for an announcement about helping B.C.'s Interior forestry workers affected by mill closures.

Event Date: Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019

Time: 10 a.m. (Pacific Time)

Location:
CN Railyards
1637 River Rd.
Prince George

Media unable to attend are invited to dial in and listen to the announcement.

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Subject: Re: Links

Ok, thanks. Will let MO know. :)

Julianne McCaffrey
Communications Director
Ministry of Labour

> On Sep 17, 2019, at 10:07 AM, Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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> Julianne McCaffrey
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Cc: McGachie, Joanne GCPE:EX; Ferguson, Stephanie GCPE:EX; Ward, Allieren GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Links

Hi folks,

Plan is for the Premier to share a news article once one is up, on social channels.

We're trying to get the forestry worker supports website up as soon as possible, but as discussed, spinning a URL up in less than 12 hours is not an easy task.

Hoping to have that up soon. David, once it's good to go, we'll send to you, and then I suggest we add the link to the NR (even though the NR has already gone out).

Best
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Do you have additional comm materials you can share? It looks like there might be some overlaps with some of our WorkBC programs . . .

Thanks!

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Key Messages:

- **Government is taking action and providing \$69 million to support impacted workers and families and enable resilient forest communities.**
- **Through cost-shared retirement bridging programs delivered by the Province and forest industry, we want age-eligible workers to be able to exit the industry comfortably and to be able to remain in their communities.**
- **Retirement bridging can create vacancies for younger workers, providing a stable career path in the forest industry while the industry adapts to declining mountain pine beetle harvests and transitions to higher-value production.**
- **Fibre constraints prevent our forest companies from growing the volume of their production, but it doesn't stop them from innovating and finding new ways to increase their revenues by growing the value of what they produce.**
- **Over the coming years, we expect a significant transition to higher-value products, engineered products, wood composite products and industrial wood pellet production.**
- **Although the future forest industry will be smaller than the capacity that had been built-up to process mountain pine beetle timber, it will remain a significant part of B.C.'s economic base and the backbone of many rural communities.**
- **The previous government knew that the end of mountain pine beetle harvest would disrupt the lives of forest workers, contractors and communities, but they did little to prepare for this inevitable transition.**
- **While the forest sector must reduce surplus milling capacity to remain competitive, it cannot do so at the expense of the workers, contractors and communities who built the industry. Our government will ensure that forests workers impacted by mill closures are supported.**
- **The Province is committed to supporting the people impacted by this change, but we need to forest industry and the federal government to step-up and do their part as well.**
- **We are also calling on the forest industry to do its part and increase supports for impacted workers, ensure key corporate leaders are working on the industry transition and ensuring that it does a better job of communicating effectively with impacted workers and communities.**

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Funding General:

1. How is the Government helping interior forestry workers?

- The programs and supports that we are offering – an investment of \$69-million – will offer workers and communities various supports such as:
 - \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared, early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers;
 - \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects;
 - \$12 million for workers to access skills training, and for employer and community grants for training.
 - \$2 million to establish a new job placement co-ordination office that will track the transition and employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis; and
 - Community support grants aimed at providing short-term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.
- We're taking quick action to offer urgent supports to help forestry workers gain new employment.

2. How many Interior forestry workers and are impacted?

- We're currently looking at approximately 700 workers in 4 Interior communities that have been impacted by permanent closure, 1,000 workers in 13 Interior communities that have been impacted by indefinite curtailments or shift reductions, and 728 more that have experienced (are experiencing) some impact resulting from temporary curtailments.

3. What supports are available for Indigenous people?

- In addition to all of the aforementioned supports such as an early retirement bridging program and skills training supports, the federally-funded Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ISETS) providers are an important network available to support Indigenous peoples impacted by mill closures.

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Who Qualifies:

4. What are the eligibility criteria for workers and contractors to access the funding?

- Eligibility criteria and information about the application process will be made available to workers and companies next week.

5. Will downstream businesses and workers that are indirectly impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures, suppliers, etc., qualify for any of the funding?

- The program will be available to eligible applicants that have been actively employed in the forest industry. This support will allow these workers to remain in the communities where they live, reducing potential economic impacts to other businesses in their communities.

Early Retirement Bridging:

6. Government is providing \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared early retirement bridging program. How much is industry providing for this program?

- The split between government and industry contributions will vary from individual to individual as there are numerous factors that must be considered on a case by case basis. As there are multiple companies involved, it is not possible at this time to determine how much industry as a whole is providing. Industry and government are committed to working together to make the program as seamless as possible in providing support to workers.

Skills Training

7. How much of the funding is going to be use for skill training and retraining supports?

- As part of the \$69 million in funding, the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training is committing \$12 million over two years to support impacted forestry workers to get the support and skills training they need to find meaningful employment.

8. Do workers have to be on EI to qualify?

- Programs are not restricted to EI-eligible workers.
- Eligibility criteria and information about the application process will be made available to workers and companies next week.

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9. How will this \$12 million help forestry workers now out of jobs?

- The \$12 million in support will offer a suite of skills training and supports that can provide assistance to workers and impacted communities.
 - The **B.C. Employer Training Grant program** allows employers to offer training for a new hire or to upskill existing employees.
 - The **Skills Training for Employment program (STE)** targets vulnerable or under-represented groups, including older workers, by assisting them to prepare for sustainable employment.
 - The **Community Workforce Response Grant program (CWRG)** provides funding for skills training to support urgent labour market needs of communities and/or industries. My ministry is currently working with the communities of Clearwater (Vavenby), Quesnel and 100 Mile House to assist in addressing the forestry sector impacts.
- Impacted workers may also wish to access **interest-free student loans** if a return to post-secondary is an option.

Job Placement:

10. Will the new job placement co-ordination office be part of the WorkBC offices or will it be a stand-alone entity?

- The job placement co-ordination office will be a standalone entity within the Ministry of Labour but will align and co-ordinate with the programs and services provided by WorkBC. The job placement coordination office will have dedicated resources to support interior forest workers that are currently impacted, whereas WorkBC services could provide additional support where needed.

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Support for Communities:

11. Given that a number of the mill closures are permanent, what are you doing to support impacted workers and communities over the long-term?

- Funding is in place to provide community support grants aimed at providing short-term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.
- Earlier this year, the Province asked industry, labour, Indigenous and non-Indigenous community leaders to work together to develop a new vision for the Interior forest industry at the regional level.
- This is not a Victoria-imposed solution. It is a locally-developed vision for the future based on local timber supply areas.
- Government will support communities and workers to find their place in the future of the forest industry. Value-added wood products are the future of B.C.'s forest industry. This period is difficult as the industry undergoes transition, but this is a time of transition as the industry moves towards generating higher-value, instead of higher-volume production. We are moving ahead with taller wood building construction, and we're going to do more to encourage local companies, municipalities and Indigenous Nations to use engineered wood products for their projects.
- The industry has renewed itself in the face of challenges before and will do so again. Together we can build a forest industry that creates thousands of good-paying jobs for local workers and Indigenous Nations and supports communities for generations to come.
- Change is never easy. There are no quick fixes. If we're going to find solutions that work for everyone, we need to roll up our sleeves and face up to the challenges together.

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Support for Coastal Workers:

12. The funding is aimed at Interior forest workers. Will you be doing anything for impacted workers in the Coastal forestry sector?

- The situation in the Coastal forest sector is different from what is happening in the Interior. The issues in the Interior are directly attributed to impacts from the mountain-pine beetle. The situation in the Interior has been anticipated and industry and the former government had known this was coming. The layoffs and impacts are widespread in the Interior and many of the jobs that have been impacted will not come back.
- The situation on the Coast is different, in that there is currently a curtailment, and an ongoing strike. The Coast is undergoing a period of policy adjustment, and government staff continue to work closely with industry stakeholders to support them through this period. There is not the same period of industry rationalization occurring in that part of the sector. We will continue to watch the situation closely and take additional action as needed.

13. If coastal forest workers are not eligible, what supports are you providing for the workers like the ones in Maple Ridge who were recently laid off?

- We will co-ordinate with WorkBC around job placement assistance, ensure that workers are linked with the government services they need, and ensure that workers are assisted as necessary with resume development for those that have not needed a resume in many years.
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Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Media Request: RED FM - saw mill closures-forestry

Yes

Tim Renneberg • Ministerial Assistant • Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
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Subject: Re: USW Media Release
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Hi,

apologies...here is the latest draft.

Jessie

From: Uppal, Jessie
Sent: September 17, 2019 10:03:22 AM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX; eric.kristianson@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Fw: USW Media Release

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UNITED STEELWORKERS RESPOND TO BC GOVERNMENT FOREST WORKER ANNOUNCEMENT

For Immediate Release
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The USW will continue working with the BC Government on the future of our industry and forest policies that are in the interest of forest workers, our communities and put BC first. For too long the forest companies had their way, and that has brought us to where we today.

The United Steelworkers represents over 12,000 forest workers in British Columbia.

For more information:

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- We are taking a different approach. We are bringing together industry, labour, First Nations and communities to strengthen our forest-dependent communities.
- And our approach is focused on making sure supports are in place for workers and their families – that’s what we’ve been doing and what we’ll continue to do.

20. Didn’t the Opposition call on your government to act on some of the supports you’re announcing back in June? Why did you wait until September to act?

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Sent: September 17, 2019 9:46 AM
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Subject: Links

Hey guys, do you have the links we can use for MHB's social media amplification?

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From: Joshi, Shruti GCPE:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 9:16 AM
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Cc: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Smith, George PREM:EX; Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Messaging for Red FM Interview

Just to remind all, the interview is for Thursday, September 19.

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Ravi – I understand you're doing a RED FM interview at 945. Attached is the QA and your narrative for road trip we put together for you.

Here are the show details:
Show: Harjinder Thind Show
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Subject: RE: MR + Surrey workers Q

Yeah. Mine was based on that but more updated

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That's been updated:

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Funding General:

1. Is this new funding?

- We are reallocating funding from other areas to ensure urgently needed supports are in place for impacted workers and their families. Our government will ensure that forests workers impacted by mill closures are supported.

2. Why are you making this funding available to forestry workers when you haven't provided supports to workers in other sectors that have similarly faced job losses?

- There has not been another industry in British Columbia where significant job loss of this nature has been experienced.
- Job loss in the forest sector is unique, as forestry is the main source of employment for many Interior communities.
- Given the scope of this issues, I'd really like to see additional support from the federal government. Earlier this year, the feds were quick to respond with support for aluminum and steel workers. B.C.'s Interior forestry sector needs that kind of federal response and the workers and their families need it now.
- We appreciate the measures the federal government announced in 2017 as part of its Softwood Lumber Action Plan, but more needs to be done.

Who Qualifies:

3. What are the eligibility criteria for workers and contractors to access the funding?

- Eligibility criteria and information about the application process will be made available to workers and companies next week

4. Will downstream businesses and workers that are indirectly impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures, suppliers, etc., qualify for any of the funding?

- The program will be available to eligible applicants that have been actively employed in the forest industry. This support will allow these workers to remain in the communities where live, reducing potential economic impacts to other businesses in their communities.

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5. How many Interior forestry workers and are impacted?

- We're currently looking at approximately 700 workers in 4 interior communities that have been impacted by permanent closure, 1,000 workers in 13 interior communities that have been impacted by indefinite curtailments or shift reductions, and 728 more that have experienced (are experiencing) some impact resulting from temporary curtailments.

Early Retirement Bridging:

6. Government is providing \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared early retirement bridging program. How much is industry providing for this program?

- The split between government and industry contributions will vary from individual to individual as there are numerous factors that must be considered on a case by case basis. As there are multiple companies involved, it is not possible at this time to determine how much industry as a whole is providing. Industry and government are committed to working together to make the program as seamless as possible in providing support to workers.

7. Do you have a number for how many of the impacted forestry workers and contractors qualify for early-retirement bridging?

- It's too early to say. Over the coming weeks we will work with the companies to get a better picture of how many employees may qualify.

Skills Training

8. What are you announcing today?

- The provincial government has announced \$69 million to fund a new series of measures aimed at supporting British Columbia forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several B.C. Interior communities.
- As part of the \$69 million in funding, the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training is committing \$12 million over two years to support impacted forestry workers to get the support and skills training they need to find meaningful employment.

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9. How will this \$12 million help forestry workers now out of jobs?

- The \$12 million in support will offer a suite of skills training and supports that can provide assistance to workers and impacted communities.
 - The **B.C. Employer Training Grant program** allows employers to offer training for a new hire or to upskill existing employees.
 - The **Skills Training for Employment program (STE)** targets vulnerable or under-represented groups, including older workers, by assisting them to prepare for sustainable employment.
 - The **Community Workforce Response Grant program (CWRG)** provides funding for skills training to support urgent labour market needs of communities and/or industries. My ministry is currently working with the communities of Clearwater (Vavenby), Quesnel and 100 Mile House to assist in addressing the forestry sector impacts.
- Impacted workers may also wish to access **interest-free student loans** if a return to post-secondary is an option.

10. Will this guarantee forestry workers new jobs?

- The programs and supports that we are offering – an investment of \$69-million – will offer workers and communities various supports such as:
 - \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared, early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers;
 - \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects;
 - \$12 million for workers to access skills training, and for employer and community grants for training.
 - \$2 million to establish a new job placement co-ordination office that will track the transition and employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis; and
 - Community support grants aimed at providing short-term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.
- We're taking quick action to offer urgent supports to help forestry workers gain new employment.

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- The Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training has identified \$12 million for dedicated training that will ensure that forestry workers transition well.

12. Do workers have to be on EI to qualify?

- Programs are not restricted to EI-eligible workers.
- Eligibility criteria and information about the application process will be made available to workers and companies next week.

13. How many people will this money help?

- Currently, two impacted communities, Quesnel and Clearwater have received Community Workforce Response grants for skills training.
- We know that approximately 3,700 jobs have been impacted by permanent closure, or indefinite curtailment in the province as a result of the mountain pine beetle and wildfires.
- While we're not able to say how many people will utilize this help, we are dedicating \$69 million in supports for all impacted workers who are interested in accessing the programs and supports that will be offered.

14. What supports are available for Indigenous people?

- In addition to all of the aforementioned supports such as an early retirement bridging program and skills training supports, the federally-funded Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ISETS) providers are an important network available to support Indigenous peoples impacted by mill closures.

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Job Placement:

15. Will the new job placement coordination office be part of the WorkBC offices or will it be a stand-alone entity?

- The job placement coordination office will be a standalone entity within the Ministry of Labour but will align and coordinate with the programs and services provided by WorkBC. The job placement coordination office will have dedicated resources to support interior forest workers that are currently impacted, whereas WorkBC services could provide additional support where needed.

Support for Communities:

16. Given that a number of the mill closures are permanent, what are you doing to support impacted workers and communities over the long-term?

- Funding is in place to provide community support grants aimed at providing short-term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.
- Earlier this year, I asked industry, labour, Indigenous and non-Indigenous community leaders to work together to develop a new vision for the Interior forest industry at the regional level.
- This is not a Victoria-imposed solution. It is a locally-developed vision for the future based on local timber supply areas.
- Government will support communities and workers to find their place in the future of the forest industry. Value-added wood products are the future of B.C.'s forest industry. This period is difficult as the industry undergoes transition, but this is a time of transition as the industry moves towards generating higher-value, instead of higher-volume production. We are moving ahead with taller wood building construction, and we're going to do more to encourage local companies, municipalities and Indigenous Nations to use engineered wood products for their projects.
- The industry has renewed itself in the face of challenges before and will do so again. Together we can build a forest industry that creates thousands of good-paying jobs for local workers and Indigenous Nations and supports communities for generations to come.
- Change is never easy. There are no quick fixes. If we're going to find solutions that work for everyone, we need to roll up our sleeves and face up to the challenges together.

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Support for Coastal Workers:

17. The funding is aimed at Interior forest workers. Will you be doing anything for impacted workers in the Coastal forestry sector?

- The situation in the Coastal forest sector is different from what is happening in the Interior. The issues in the interior are directly attributed to impacts from the mountain-pine beetle. The situation in the interior has been anticipated and industry and the former government had known this was coming. The layoffs and impacts are widespread in the interior and many of the jobs that have been impacted will not come back.
- The situation on the coast is different, in that there is currently a curtailment, and an ongoing strike. The coast is undergoing a period of policy adjustment, and government staff continue to work closely with industry stakeholders to support them through this period. There is not the same period of industry rationalization occurring in that part of the sector. We will continue to watch the situation closely and take additional action as needed.
- The forest sector is facing serious international challenges, including a weakening of the U.S. housing market, and unfair, unjust duties being applied to British Columbian forest products at the border.
- We are working towards solutions that will see the long-term success of the Coast forest sector, including encouraging greater partnerships between forest tenure holders, pulp and paper manufacturers and salvagers to move more fibre into pulp and paper manufacturing.
- We've also revised log export rules to continue support for communities, workers and companies who want to harvest fibre from uneconomical areas, and bringing in two legislative changes that reflect the objective to increase public confidence in forest management activities and the sector.

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General

19. What is your response to Parliamentary Secretary Kahlon saying there are “too many mills” in BC?

- I’m not surprised that the Opposition would take his comments completely out of context, but I find it disappointing.
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21. What are your thoughts on COFI’s report released yesterday outlining 60 recommendations to help the forest industry adjust to the current economic problems?

- We’re glad they have made some proposals to renew the forest industry and look forward to getting some detailed analysis about their effectiveness and feasibility.
- We appreciate and agree that working together we can forge a bright future for the sector.

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From: Basi, Selena PREM:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 9:03 AM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Updated QA

Perfect see CK responded

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 17, 2019, at 8:36 AM, Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> All – attached is the final NR. Minor edit to PJH quote implemented. And there's been an adjustment to the coastal forestry worker QA response in text below and in attached. It's QA 18 by the way. Not 17.

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> All – I've added two QA to the attached QA doc to address the supports for coastal workers (QA 17) and COFI's report released yesterday afternoon (QA 21). Including Sage Aaron and Tim Howlett on this email:

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> · For closures in larger urban areas like Maple Ridge, support services are available immediately from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, WorkBC and Service Canada. We also have FLNRO's Regional Economic Development Manager contact the local governments economic development office to offer assistance. This has been done for Maple Ridge.

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> * Interestingly, COFI's report doesn't highlight what they, or their member companies, will start taking the lead on. We all know the forest sector is facing difficult times.

> * Our Ministry has been engaging for two months with many people and organizations in the forest sector. COFI has yet to share any concrete ideas with us through this engagement process despite having attended several of the in-person sessions.

> * For example, as part of the Interior Forest Sector Renewal initiative, the Premier challenged company CEO's to form a TSA coalition with other community leaders, First Nations, labour leaders and recommend what forest policy changes are required to transition to a place where we have a competitive forest sector, increased First Nations involvement, community resilience and maintain our stewardship practices. So far there have been only a few applications, and none have obtained the agreement from all sectors mentioned above.

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 closures-curtailment
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 > All - attached are the comms materials for tomorrows 10 am announcement in PG on support programs for interior
 mill workers:
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 > * Comms Plan
 > * News Release – JVing underway
 > * Q&A – a few additional QA from Leila
 > * Media Advisory – distributed 240 pm – PG media tweeting heavily. We expect a good turn out
 > * Media Plan – calls being booked for MDD
 > * Event Plan – pre-brief location still TBD. Glen Plummer will determine late today
 > * MDD speaking notes
 > * Ravi Kahlon speaking notes
 > * MHB speaking notes
 > * MC PG Mayor Lyn Hall speaking notes – confirmed as MC
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 > Outstanding Items:
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 > * Labour/union quotes for news release – USW only outstanding.
 > * IN/Messaging on COFI report released today underway and to be completed by EOD
 > * Arrange for PG FLNR staff to print copies of final news release (Shawn Rice or John Huybers) Office is 2000 South
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Thank you David. PS Kahlon is able to do this interview.

I will coordinate with him and send him details. Could you please send him any materials that he may need for the interview.

Thanks

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Thx. MDD is doing the announcement at 10 am in PG. So that's not doable.

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Subject: FW: Interview Invite

Hello,

Please see request from Red FM below for September 19. The Liberal critic isn't confirmed yet, but I am told that if they do get confirmed they will go on air before our spokesperson and that there will be no calls.

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From: Kiran Singh <kiran@redfm.ca>
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To: Joshi, Shruti GCPE:EX <Shruti.Joshi@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Interview Invite

Hello Shruti

Hope your day is off to a good start. We're planning on talking about sawmills in BC, how they are closing down at such a fast pace and we have a BC Liberal critic calling in to talk about that. I would like to invite someone from BCNDP to talk about that issue.

Here are the show details:

Show: Harjinder Thind Show
Host: Harjinder Thind
Date: September 19th 2019
Time: 9:45am
Call in number: 604-591-9311

Thanks



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