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Hello Noah,

I hope this email finds you well, and that you have an excellent weekend upcoming.

I wanted to share a constituent email that was shared with us expressing frustration about the closure of Joffre Lakes Provincial Park, as announced by Lilwat and N'Quatqua First Nations. I would like to strongly and adamantly affirm our commitment to reconciliation as a government and to ensure the constituent is suitably informed on reconciliation. I was wondering if there were any specific KMs that we could employ when composing such an email back to the constituent.

I had wondered if making use of the Draft Principles that Guide the Province of British Columbia's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples ([Draft Principles that Guide the Province of British Columbia's Relationship with Indigenous People \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)), as well as information from the British Columbia: Building relationships with Indigenous peoples page ( [HYPERLINK "https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/indigenous-people/new-relationship#:~:text=As%20part%20of%20its%20work%20to%20create%20true,and%20Reconciliation%20Commission%20of%20Canada%E2%80%99s%20Calls%20to%20Action."British](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/indigenous-people/new-relationship#:~:text=As%20part%20of%20its%20work%20to%20create%20true,and%20Reconciliation%20Commission%20of%20Canada%E2%80%99s%20Calls%20to%20Action.) ).

What would IRR recommend in engaging with this constituent's concerns? I would be grateful for any messaging, advice or direction from you.

Thank you for your time, Noah. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Warm regards,

**Nathan Blanchard** (he/him) | Constituency Assistant

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**Sent:** August 25, 2023 7:55 AM  
**To:** Glumac.MLA, Rick <Rick.Glumac.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Closure of Joffre Lakes

I was upset to see the news that First Nations bands have announced a closure of Joffre Lakes PP, claiming the park for their exclusive use.

I'd like to know what your government is doing to respond to such bad-faith challenges, which exclude Canadians and call it "reconciliation". This is as repugnant as if your government announced a ban of First Nations from entering the park.

The same thing happened at Riverview, where a free public walking group was banned from that land for no reason but their ethnicity.

I understand that a government's preferred response is to ignore such challenges, but I fear that doing so will only encourage such schismatic behavior, and create the foundation for a more profound conflict.

Please do your job and protect the rights and interests of all BC's citizens rather than a favored few.

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**Sent:** 08/24/2023 18:01:41  
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Lucinda, Minister –

Heads-up on this emerging issue. <sup>s.16</sup>  
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Wanted you to have this heads-up as it is also going to Minister

Heyman.

Regards

Tom



## INFORMATION BULLETS

**DATE:** August 23, 2023

**PREPARED FOR:** George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Kevin Jardine, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Jim Standen, Assistant Deputy Minister, Conservation and Recreation Division

**ISSUE:** Lil'Wat & N'Quatqua Nations closure request

### KEY FACTS:

- Lil'Wat & N'Quatqua have been working collaboratively with BC Parks through a Letter of Understanding for Visitor Use Management at Joffre Lakes since 2019.
- The LOU implementation team has undertaken carrying capacity assessments, implemented, and revised the day use pass program to improve access to Nation members.
- The LOU Nation representatives are now requesting Joffre Lakes to be closed to all Park Visitors immediately for the months of August and September.
- Regional Staff have responded to date that such a closure on short notice is not feasible and have been pushing toward discussion on possible options for next year.
- Meeting was requested with the Regional Director and occurred today at 11:00 am during which the key messages were repeated:
  - BC Parks is committed to continuing the efforts to reduce barriers to Nations access.
  - The long term closure requested is unprecedented, and we will need to collaboratively develop a process to consider what can be accommodated.
- LOU Reps attending:
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- LOU Reps messages in meeting:
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- Repeatedly stated we are denying them their Constitutional Right to food gathering.
  - The closure is required to provide the necessary privacy for food gathering.
  - Are not interested in discussing any actions less than the full closure, stating “a smaller closure is not a strong enough statement”.
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- LOU Reps requested a response by Friday regarding the closure and indicated that if we were not coming back with approval, then they saw no use in communicating further.
  - Lil’Wat reps confirmed that they have no anticipated date for sending us the formal written request as Chief and Council are not currently meeting.
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- Discussions with Yvette Lizee and Heinz Dyck at MIRR following the meeting confirmed:
    - Lil’Wat are not at the treaty table and discussions are just beginning re a reconciliation table (RT) to develop a Reconciliation Agreement (RA).
    - Initial scoping meeting currently scheduled for Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.
    - Offered that we may want to use the Reconciliation Table to address the long-term requirements for food gathering inside and outside Parks.

**ACTIONS / NEXT STEPS:**

- Suggest a written response to the closure request focusing on:
  - BC Parks not implementing a full park closure for the requested period.
  - Commitment to continue working together to find other immediate actions to reduce barriers to access such as smaller area closures, or once a week closure, etc.
- CC response letter to Lil’Wat Chief and Council, with possible follow-up from MIRR staff re adding long-term scope to RT .

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August 24, 2023

Chief Dean Nelson  
Lil'wat First Nation  
PO Box 602  
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Chief Micah Thevarge  
N'Quatqua First Nation  
PO Box 88  
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Dear Chief Nelson and Chief Thevarge,

**Re: Pipi7iyekw – Joffre Lakes Park – Harvest Celebration for Lil'wat Nation and N'Quatqua First Nation**

We appreciated receiving the statement you released on Aug 23, indicating your intention to exercise your inherent right to harvest and gather by closing Joffre Lakes Provincial Park until Sept 30th, 2023.

BC Parks and the Province are committed to collaborating in good faith with Lil'wat and N'Quatqua First Nations to understand and honour your values. We respect the rights and title of Lil'wat First Nation and N'quatqua First Nation, and are eager to find a solution that will provide space and privacy for cultural activities while continuing to allow public access to the park.

As discussed this afternoon with Chief Nelson, the Ministry of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation staff have offered to strike an urgent Task Force to engage in dialogue to address both the immediate desire for exclusive access to Joffre Lakes Park as well as the larger reconciliation issues of the Nations, and BC Parks is committed to engaging in those discussions to address Park specific issues.

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We have appreciated building a strong working relationship between BC Parks and the Lil'wat First Nation and N'quatqua First Nation since 2019 and we believe that, through continued open communication and dialogue, we can resolve the current situation without conflict and find ways to support your nations to harvest and gather in Joffre Lakes Park. To that end, we offer the following as possible commitments, which we would like to discuss and confirm with you:

- For this gathering season, we are open to exploring park closures for Joffre Lakes Park to facilitate harvest and gathering. We would support implementation of this approach through cancellation of day use permits.
- Going forward and for future gathering seasons, we commit to working with you on a managed park closure schedule for Joffre Lakes Park, which we will be able to support and implement with advance notice to park users and our day use permit system.
- We are also committed to discussions to address these and other interests in the territory, which we know are also heavily used for recreation purposes.

To ensure these discussions proceed as effectively as possible, we are prepared to engage immediately. The Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, George Heyman, is looking forward to meeting with Chief Nelson as we work towards solutions. Senior staff from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy are also standing by and ready to meet.

We look forward to further dialogue with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Standen', written in a cursive style.

A/Deputy Minister Jim Standen  
BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service Division Ministry of Environment  
and Climate Change Strategy

CC: Tom McCarthy, Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

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**Subject:** RE: Lil'wat / Joffre update  
**Date:** August 24, 2023 8:52:42 AM

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Hi Tom, Jim,

I assume Dave and I will coordinate with Breanne (Tom's EAA) to set up the call. Please advise if there's any additional you need.

Thanks,  
Yvette

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Of course, Tom. Happy to have a discussion with the chiefs if they are amenable.  
Thanks for the support.

Jim

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Jim –

Yvette passed on the info note from Dave Richmond.

See my response back. What do you think about trying to set up a half hour for the two of us to connect with Chief Nelson and separately with the Nquatqua Chief? Ideally that happens before the BC Parks letter, so we can get to the bottom of this and understand what's going to resolve this.

Copying Yvette, Carolyn (your new colleague as NROD ADM!) and Heinz.

Regards  
Tom

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**Subject:** RE: Lil'wat / Joffre update

Yvette –

Thanks so much for jumping onto this so quickly! Really appreciate it. And thanks Heinz for looping in.

Yvette, one idea I will pass on to Jim Standen – I wonder if perhaps him and I should try and connect with Chief Nelson and with the Nquatqua Chief tomorrow, prior to the letter being sent.

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If that does not work, my next suggestion is that, in their letter, BC Parks offer a conversation with MIRR to facilitate and better understand their interests.

Tom

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**Subject:** Lil'wat / Joffre update

Hi Tom, Carolyn and all,

I connected with Dave Richmond, Regional Director, BC Parks. We looped in Heinz for the closing discussion.

**Following on our discussion, attached are summary bullets/next steps that Dave Richmond just assembled for BC Parks consideration.** As noted therein they propose to send a written response.

Just a bit of added context to the attached bullets:

- BC Parks has a Visitor Use Management LOU with Lil'wat and N'Quatqua Nations since 2019, which includes a joint LOU committee.

- The Parties made progress in managing Joffre Park visitors (e.g. set day-pass/limits, improved parking, stewardship etc), but the current closure request has arisen at this LOU table.
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- Re Next Steps - BC Parks proposes to prepare a written response to the LOU committee reps, ccing MIRR and Lil'wat/N'Quatqua Chiefs and Councils.
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- Given BC Parks/MIRR are working with different Nation reps, once the BC Parks response is sent to the Nations, Yvette will follow up with Chief Nelson.

See attached for more details. I also prepared background bullets (available if desired), but just got Dave's notes. Opted to omit mine since we covered a lot of same info.

If you have added input or direction please advise.

Yvette

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**Subject:** FW: Time to chat tmrw?

Carolyn, Heinz, Paul, Yvette –

Sorry to dump this on you Carolyn... Jim Standen called me about this and texted Shannon Salter (the below is his text to Shannon)... I have connected with Yvette and she is connected with ENV on this.

Yvette – can you let us know where you have got to? Do you think there are any opportunities here?

Tom

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Sorry to bother you Shannon but I wanted to give you a heads up about an emerging issue related to Joffre Lakes Park. As you may know we have been working in partnership with the Lil'wat and N'quatqua to manage overuse at Joffre. Through this partnership the nations have expressed a desire to get exclusive access to the park for food gathering and social purposes. We have been exploring what this could look like with the nation recently requesting a 1-2 month closure for their exclusive access. Staff have been trying to find ways to support the nation's objective and balance it with park operations but today the nation issued an ultimatum - do as they ask by this Friday or they will close the park themselves. s.16

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We have engaged MIRR and have alerted

MGH and GCPE. My team is preparing background bullets that I will share as soon as I get them as well as media messaging. **s.13; s.16**  
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Jessica,

Here is the letter we received just prior to our meeting with the chief at noon. What we are hearing from our park operator is that the 10nation members are turning folks away as they arrive at the park. If you are unfamiliar with Joffre, it is one of our busiest parks, with both backcountry camping and large day use visitation.

<https://bcparks.ca/joffre-lakes-park/>

Jim

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**Subject:** FW: August 23rd Letter- Harvest Celebration for Pipi7iyekw

I just received this letter which states that the two Nations are shutting down public access to Joffre Lakes Park until Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

Can we schedule a teams meeting to discuss potential responses.

Thanks

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BC Parks | Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy  
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With gratitude I live and work on the traditional territories of multiple indigenous nations





August 23, 2023

**RE: Pipi7iyekw - Joffre Lakes Park – Harvest Celebration for Lilwat Nation and N'Quatqua First Nation**

In this time of reconciliation, Lilwat Nation and N'Quatqua First Nation are asserting our Title and Rights to our shared unceded territory to take this time to harvest and gather our resources within our territories. Our goal is to ensure our well-being for our future. We are asking you to help in honoring us by providing us with sufficient time and space that we require to conduct our N'akmen within our lands.

With the development of the Visitor Use Management Strategy (2021), in support of Visitor Use Management Action Plan (2019), jointly undertaken by Lilwat Nation, N'Quatqua First Nation, BC Parks; with the support of Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development, and the Ministry of Transportation; listed under the goals and objectives of this document it states the following goals.

**Goal one: Recognition of First Nations Territories & Increased Lilwat Nation and N'Quatqua First Nation Stewardship**

Support Lilwat and N'Quatqua traditional use activities

1.3.3 – Support community access for berry picking, food sustenance, and other traditional use activities.

1.3.4 – Encourage Lilwat and N'Quatqua Nations to utilize park spaces and identify and explore ways to address potential barriers to access.

**Goal two: Celebrate First Nations Culture throughout the Park.**

Support Lilwat and N'Quatqua Nation's spiritual and ceremonial activities

2.2.1 – Ensure opportunities for Lilwat Nation and N'Quatqua First Nation ceremonial activities to take place within the park.

2.2.2 – Educate park users on respectful behavior when ceremonies are occurring.

Furthermore, Article 18 in the *United Nations Declaration of Rights for Indigenous Peoples* (2007), it states, Indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights, through representatives chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures. The UN Declaration responds to the urgent necessity of respecting the right of Indigenous peoples, as peoples and nations, to make our own decisions about our lives and our futures, through our governments and representative institutions.



Pipi7iyekw - Joffre Lakes Park is located within the shared, overlapping unceded traditional territory of the Lilwat Nation and N'Quatqua First Nation. These lands have been used and occupied by the Lilwat and N'Quatqua since time immemorial.

The Lilwat Nation asserts unextinguished title to its traditional territory, sovereignty over its traditional territory, and a right to self-determination. The Lilwat Nation and N'Quatqua First Nation's aboriginal rights, including title, are protected under s. 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

Furthermore, the Supreme Court of Canada confirmed in the Tsilhqot'in decision that aboriginal title is real and meaningful, territorial in nature, and that First Nation consent is required for the use of its aboriginal title lands and resources. The decision also specifically states that aboriginal title confers:

... the right to decide how the land will be used; the right of the enjoyment and occupancy of the land; the right to possess the land; the right to economic benefits of the land; and the right to pro-actively use and manage the land. (at para. 73).

In keeping with the above stated, Lilwat Nation and N'Quatqua First Nation are jointly shutting down the public access to Pipi7iyekw - Joffre Lakes Park until National Truth and Reconciliation Day, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Kukwstumúlhklap, (*Thank you*)

**Kukwpi Skalulmecw**, Dean Nelson

**Kukwpi**, Micah Thevarge

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Please see attached letter regarding Pipi7iyekw Harvest Celebration for the Lílwat Nation and N'Quatqua First Nation.

The letter is signed by both Kukwpi Skalumecw, Dean Nelson of Lílwat Nation and Kukwpi Micah Thevarge of N'Quatqua First Nation.

Kúkwstum'ckacw, (*Thank you*)

**Roxanne Joe**

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The land and people are together as one



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Hi all,

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These look good to me but I cannot confirm your assumption – I would assume they do, but look to Yvette to confirm.

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Any concerns?

(Can I take the s of titles as I assume they negotiate as a collective rights holder?)

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Holding lines when we get media. Let us know if concerns:

- BC Parks and the Province are committed to collaborating in good faith with Lil'wat and N'Quatqua First Nations in the spirit and commitment of reconciliation.
- We respect the rights and titles of Lil'wat and N'quatqua First Nations and are working to find a solution that will provide space and privacy for cultural activities while continuing to allow public access to the park.

Thanks

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Thanks let us know if it any point you would like us to run these past Yvette Lizee the lead negotiator.

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Confidentially sharing our program's info note. Currently developing and IN and will share once finalized.

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**Subject:** Joffre Bullets

Approved by Jim. Over to you for your IN.

Thanks.

**From:** [Standen, Jim ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Brenchley, Charlie ENV:EX](#); [McCarthy, Tom IRR:EX](#); [Salter, Shannon PREM:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Jardine, Kevin ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: August 23rd Letter- Harvest Celebration for Pipi7iyekw  
**Date:** August 24, 2023 8:59:49 PM  
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FYI the latest on the ground intel from the ranger staff.

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**Subject:** RE: August 23rd Letter- Harvest Celebration for Pipi7iyekw

Staff update:

1. No physical barricades have been installed, items brought to site are limited to a few orange traffic cones and a sandwich whiteboard sign.
2. Lil'wat members on site:
  - a. s.16
  - b.
  - c.
  - d. One Tribal police member in uniform
  - e. Direct family members of above individuals
3. Park Rangers confirmed with nation members on site that:
  - a. The actions were not sanctioned by the Chief – this info was offered, not requested.
  - b. They plan to go home before dark and return tomorrow.
4. There are no expected actions related to existing campers, but our staff will hike to campground tomorrow and advise campers of ongoing incident.

Staff Plan:

- We have 4 Ranger staff returning to site tomorrow morning (1 area supervisor, sr ranger, and 2 rangers)
- 2 will remain at parking area and continue today's actions of gathering information, and assisting the Park Operator in turning visitors back from entering the Park.
- 2 rangers will hike into campground and:

- inform campers of ongoing incident
- confirm that they are not being evicted from the Park by BC Parks
- offer that if they return to parking area, they can expect instructions from the Lil'wat members to leave the Park.
- Remove themselves from the site immediately upon any escalation to potential violence or vandalism.

Instructions to Park Operator:

- Continue with day use pass staff on site assisting Lil'wat members in declining access to Park visitors
- Remove themselves from the site immediately upon any escalation to potential violence or vandalism.

Please let me know if you have any concerns with the proposed staff and PO actions. I can add this to the teams channel and/or issue a sitrep if wanted.

Thanks

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My sense Dave is no, there is room for more conversation<sup>s.13; s.16</sup>  
s.13; s.16  
s.13; s.16

Teresa, please keep trying for the second chief and let MIRR know if you are not getting a response.

Jim

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Thanks Bob,

Yes, I need to get response information out to our Ranger staff and the Park Operator asap i.e. are the PO staff implementing the day use pass to immediately leave the Park.

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Just keeping Sarah and David informed.

Jim is currently meeting with Chief of Lilwat FN at noon. From that meeting I'm sure Jim can advise Dave Richmond on what the response to the letter should be.

Launa is working on communications if action is taken.

Dave you will need to work on operation notifications and park response plan to inform and gain support with key agencies to ensure public safety and security. I know Jim has reached out to Critical Incident Response Team, just waiting to hear back.

We can set up a Teams Mtg., but lets first hear back from Jim.

Regards, Bob

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I just received this letter which states that the two Nations are shutting down public access to Joffre Lakes Park until Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

Can we schedule a teams meeting to discuss potential responses.

Thanks

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Please see attached letter regarding Pipi7iyekw Harvest Celebration for the Lílwat Nation and N’Quatqua First Nation.

The letter is signed by both Kukwpi Skalumecw, Dean Nelson of Lílwat Nation and Kukwpi Micah Thevarge of N’Quatqua First Nation.

Kúkwstum’ickacw, *(Thank you)*

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Pal7míntwal i ucwalmícwa múta7 ti tmicw  
The land and people are together as one





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Chief Nelson and Chief Thevarge,

Please find attached a response to your letter of earlier today regarding Pipi7iyekw/Joffre Lakes Park. We look forward to an opportunity for further discussion regarding your nation's interests as the earliest opportunity.

Regards

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