

**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Milne, Gala ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: ELF Report: Clack Creek Forest Deferred  
**Date:** April 29, 2019 11:33:43 AM  
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**From:** Elphinstone Logging Focus

**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2019 11:21 AM

**To:** Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX ; Heyman, George ENV:EX ; Johnsrude, Allan N FLNR:EX ; Barrett, Scott FLNR:EX

**Cc:** Simons, MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX ; Chinook Timber Sales Office, Forests FLNR:EX ; Gould, Stacey H FLNR:EX ; Johnson, Tom E FLNR:EX ; Allan, John FLNR:EX ; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX ; Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX

**Subject:** ELF Report: Clack Creek Forest Deferred

Dear Ministers, Coast Region and BCTS Staff,

Please note attached a brief report providing comment on the BCTS Blk A9334 Site Plan - the Clack Creek Forest.

The recommendation is:

"THE ETHICAL POLICY FOR A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL FORESTER IS TO CONSIDER ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION PRESENTED BEFORE APPROVING A CUTBLOCK. TO THAT END, THE BCTS TIMBER SALES MANAGER SHOULD ADVISE COAST REGION SENIOR STAFF WHO IN TURN WILL ADVISE THE MINISTER, THAT THE CLACK CREEK FOREST REQUIRES FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN LIGHT OF 2 X EXPERT OPINIONS SITED IN THIS REPORT. THE DEFERRAL OF BLK A93884 MUST BE MADE UNTIL THE MLUP IS COMPLETED. ANY OTHER DECISION IS CONTRARY TO TRANSPARENCY AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES."

Please act accordingly before the timber sale is allowed to proceed to contract.

Ross Muirhead

ELF: Forest Campaigner

604-740-5654

**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Milne, Gala ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Clack Creek Licence #A93884 auction  
**Date:** April 29, 2019 9:50:10 AM

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**To:** [george.heyman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:george.heyman@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Clack Creek Licence #A93884 auction

Hello Minister Heyman;

I would like to share with you, a letter I recently sent to Forests Minister Donaldson, to make you aware of the potential loss of an important forest through the auction of Clack Creek Licence #A93884, on the Sunshine Coast. Among its many attributes, it has the possibility of being a Mt. Elphinstone Provincial Park addition through a Modern Land Use Plan (MLUP) already in progress, I think it would be prudent to delay the auction until the best use of the forest can be determined through the land use plan. I'm hoping you can have some influence to bring about a positive outcome to this situation.

Thank you for your attention.

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**Date:** April 29, 2019 at 2:03:28 AM PDT  
**To:** [doug.donaldson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:doug.donaldson@gov.bc.ca)

Hello Minister Donaldson;

I am writing to convey a few of my thoughts regarding the imminent auction of the 27 hectare Clack Creek Licence #A93884. I recently had the pleasure of hiking the subject forest with almost 60 mostly local Sunshine Coast residents, hosted by the local advocacy group Elphinstone Logging Focus. As a part-time resident of the Sunshine Coast for almost 45 years, I've had the opportunity to experience some of the best recreational activities the coast has to offer.

The Clack Creek forest in it's present condition has a number of attributes in it's favour. I observed many well established old growth characteristics that illustrate it is indeed, after a fire in the 1860's, two-thirds of the way to coastal old growth status. Roosevelt Elk droppings were evident in a number of locations, as were wildlife trails. In addition the importance of the connection between two blocks of Mt. Elphinstone Park cannot be overstated. It would be a shame to lose the potential to connect the two areas in the future. Clack Creek Licence #A93884 is also a low elevation old forest. The ability for the public to access examples of low elevation old forests without an arduous trek, has become uncommon. This forest is accessible to almost all.

s.22 ~~~~~, the valley bottoms and low elevation old growth forests (known in logging circles as 'the gravy'), were already heavily logged and some in the industry were questioning how long it could continue. But continue it does. Should we continue to chip away at it, at this location, in a cut and run style, while generating a few short term jobs that may not even be local, or should we use it as a local economic generator for visitors and residents in perpetuity. It is much more valuable standing.

I would also like to point to a recent article in The Local Weekly newspaper by Sechelt Mayor Siegers. The Mayor and Council have drafted seven strategic goals for Sechelt. Two of the goals fit with the need to preserve natural assets on the coast. One is the need to "focus on economic development opportunities with a special focus on initiatives that can improve our key industry, tourism". Second, revitalize downtown, "reduce vacancies in our downtown core". My own experience tells me one of the top priorities visitors to the coast want, is to hike and explore forests. It seems natural to me that to revitalize downtown we encourage more visitors with our natural assets.

Also, I understand there is a Modern Land Use Plan in progress at this time. It doesn't make sense to me to auction off Clack Creek Licence #A93884 while it is the subject of a future plan already in development.

In conclusion, I think the loss of this forest and the natural capital it has to offer the coast would be much more financially significant than the loss of the stumpage to the Province. I'm asking you to postpone the auction of this block of forest until the best course of action can be determined by the MLUP.

Thank you for your attention,

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modern land use plan been agreed to with the shishalh nation  
elphinstone park clank creek connects 2 of 3 islands.

bc timber sales goals and objectives 1 is sustainable forest  
management

bc timber sales goals objectives & principles not stated but intended  
to keep economic benefits locally

forest advisory committee mayor siegers

low elevation old growth almost all gone economic generator

removal a disservice to the residents and visitors to the coast

licence A93884 50% of the allowed rate of harvest is still a loss

both sides of gough creek

siegers strategic goals for sechelt

**From:** Heyman, George ENV:EX  
**To:** Milne, Gala ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: the lower Sunshine Coast that needs your immediate attention  
**Date:** April 28, 2019 5:08:31 PM

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**Subject:** the lower Sunshine Coast that needs your immediate attention

**Dear Minister Donaldson and Minister Heyman,**

**We have an issue here on the lower Sunshine Coast that needs your immediate attention.**

The province has agreed to undertake an Elphinstone Land Use Plan with the shíshálh Nation and the SCRd. This could take years. In the meantime, the Ministry of Forests says: "Resource management and use are expected to continue during modernized land use planning, including forest development ..." 'Forest development' means LOGGING.

The contentious forest blocks that triggered this Land Use Plan are the very ones that the province, through BC Timber Sales, are targeting for logging before planning has even begun!

**The SCRd supports protection of these 3 blocks, here's why you should as well:**

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- Provides critical connectivity for an expanded Mt. Elphinstone Park
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Additionally, in 2018 the Forest Practices Board made recommendations concerning better management of At-risk plant communities on the Sunshine Coast for government and BC Timber Sales to consider. Government responded by accepting all of the recommendations. This will lead to wider protection of endangered red and blue listed plant communities that are found in all three blocks. By accepting the Board's recommendations, government will be proceeding to make them legal objectives. The rush to approve these blocks for logging is therefore premature and compromises an ethical stance Professional Registered Foresters are bound to uphold.

Please assure me that you'll do everything in your powers to make sure that these blocks do not get listed for sale and the above processes are respected. If you were a resident of the lower Sunshine Coast you would support the expansion of the Mt. Elphinstone Provincial Park from 140ha to 2,000ha, to secure biodiversity and recreational values in our region, wouldn't you?

I'm firmly opposed to Blk A93884 being put up for auction, as you know, especially as it is currently under consideration for protection by the Province. This area is locally known as the Clack Creek Gallery Forest for good reason, as it's a beautiful natural forest exhibiting a host of mature and old-growth features with a wonderful hiking trail throughout. It's an opportunity to achieve connectivity between existing park parcels #2 and #3, which must be the goal of the province in correcting this poorly designed park configuration. The forest also contains the largest and highest density of snow bramble (blue-listed *Rubus Nivalis*) in the province. In addition, it retains a rare, mature western red cedar – sword fern plant community, that the Forest Practices Board recently recommended be moved up to red-listed status, which demands a protocol for protection. Moreover, protection of this forest respects the community of Roberts Creeks OCP and the SCRD's bylaw 641. The expanded Mt Elphinstone Park is the lower Coasts last and only opportunity to salvage a significant low elevation natural forested area, as so little else remains here. Don't you agree in the era of the 6<sup>th</sup> mass extinction of species on our planet that we need this expanded park to protect local biodiversity and for the many community values that more tree farms cannot fulfill. We need it as a place to teach our children what a real forest is so they can learn about and appreciate nature. Please reassure me that Blk A93884 will be removed from BCTS' 5 year plan.

One Love,



**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Milne, Gala ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Clack Creek Forest - please halt the logging plans  
**Date:** April 27, 2019 9:16:35 AM

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**Subject:** Clack Creek Forest - please halt the logging plans

Dear Minister Donaldson

I am appealing to you at this last minute for you to hold off on the logging contract for the Clack Creek forest on the Sunshine Coast. While a Land Use planning process is underway, it makes no sense for you to issue a logging permit, while we are planning what to do with this chunk of forest. You've heard all the arguments I'm sure, but this talk and log approach is really disappointing from a government I voted for.

Concerned citizens have requested a Judicial Review of this process - I hope that the court listens to us more than our government does. I understand the revenue issue - you need to keep the timber volumes up, but please find some other cut block, not the heart of the proposed park.

Thank you

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**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Milne, Gala ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Stop, PLEASE A9334 (Clack Creek Forest)  
**Date:** April 27, 2019 9:16:11 AM

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**To:** "george.heyman@gov.bc.ca" <george.heyman@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Stop, PLEASE A9334 (Clack Creek Forest)

I urge you to stop BC Timber Sales Block A9334 ( Clack Creek Forest) from proceeding to be sold later this month. The forest is within the area of the long-standing Mt.Elphinstone Park expansion proposal and provides critical connectivity between 2 or the 3 small protected islands of forest. AND there are other less affected forest areas that could be used at this time.

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**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Milne, Gala ENV:EX](#)  
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Please use your authority over these matters to make sure that these blocks do not get listed for sale and the above processes are respected.

Thank you,<sup>s.22</sup>

**From:** Heyman, George ENV:EX  
**To:** Milne, Gala ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: non bus. Support for Clack Creek Forest  
**Date:** April 26, 2019 6:36:08 AM

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**Subject:** Fwd: non bus. Support for Clack Creek Forest

Dear Doug Donaldson and George Heyman,

I'm realizing that the end of April is fast upon us. Recently I was out for a hike in the Clack Creek Forest with ELF (Elphinstone Logging Focus). It's my recollection that we were told that by the end of this month, the Ministry of Forests is going to be looking at bids from logging companies to purchase the land and log it. I wish to let you know of my heartfelt desire to see the Elphinstone Park expansion project protected.

It's my understanding that forest districts are encouraged to protect a minimum of 15% of the natural landscape. In our forest district, I'm to undersatnd less than 3% is protected.

Elphinstone Logging Focus (ELF) have put in beautiful trails that are open to the public to enjoy the Clack Creek Forest. It's easily accessible to the community and offers a substancial contribution to all of us.

I just love that we have this beautiful park at our back door and wish to see it preserved. I would love to have both of you experience this beautiful park, it's hard for me to believe that if you were to walk in it, you would not help but understand why we wish to see it perserved.

It is my fond hope that you will take our thoughts into consideration as this is coming up for a decision the end of this month.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Heyman, George ENV:EX  
**To:** Milne, Gala ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: FYI: Coast Reporter article on Clack Creek Forest  
**Date:** April 25, 2019 12:13:46 PM  
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**Subject:** FYI: Coast Reporter article on Clack Creek Forest

<https://www.coastreporter.net/news/local-news/elf-seeks-judicial-review-of-clack-creek-cutblock-sale-1.23802370>

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**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Milne, Gala ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please save our forests!  
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Regards

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**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Milne, Gala ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: STOP AUCTION OF Clack Creek Gallery Forest (A93884) & Dakota Bowl Bear Sanctuary (A87126) Reed Rd Forest Reserve (DL 1313, A91376)  
**Date:** April 25, 2019 9:30:40 AM

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[FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)  
**Cc:** [john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** STOP AUCTION OF Clack Creek Gallery Forest (A93884) & Dakota Bowl Bear Sanctuary (A87126) Reed Rd Forest Reserve (DL 1313, A91376)

Dear Minister Donaldson and Minister Heyman,

I am writing to say the auction of Clack Creek Forest on the Sunshine Coast needs to be halted ASAP.

I do not want to live in an area where the natural forests are gone and we lose the bio-diversity of the forests and the natural watersheds.

I do not want to live where the forests I love are reduced to "tree farms"! We need to protect a portion of the intact forests for those that have no voice, the animals and all creatures that inhabit those forests.

The province has agreed to undertake an Elphinstone Land Use Plan with the shíshálh Nation and the SCR D. So it makes NO SENSE that the exact area that is undergoing a Land Use Plan is put up for auction and logged before any plans are in place!!! There is something very wrong with this situation, it seems to me the plan is to have this area logged BEFORE it is under protection because it deserves to be protected.

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Please DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO TAKE THESE BLOCKS OF FOREST OFF THE AUCTION BLOCK and not get listed for sale and the above processes are respected.

PLEASE take action to stop the sale of this important forests.

Regards

s.22

**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Milne, Gala ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Clack Creek Forest BCTS block A9334 should not be cut  
**Date:** April 24, 2019 8:16:00 PM

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[nicholas.simons.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:nicholas.simons.mla@leg.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** Clack Creek Forest BCTS block A9334 should not be cut

Hi there,

I just wanted to add my voice, representing our s.22 to plead with you to hold off on suctioning this majestic and beautiful forest. While the MLUP is under discussion, crucial areas should not be logged. This forest is crucial to ensure connection between the tiny islands of park that we have. It was always the intention to connect the parks.

The Sunshine Coast is unrepresented in terms of protected areas. This needs to change for a huge amount of reasons. This forest is especially valuable for Roosevelt Elk and bear, and endangered plant species. Economically, it is an incredible, accessible and flat forest that could be a tourism draw for centuries to come. Ecologically, we need to hold on to more of these older forests in order to help with the climate crisis mess we are in . Logging this will exacerbate the warming of the planet in many ways, and contribute to our already in crisis water situation.

While in opposition, the NDP campaigned on changing the forest industry and very little has happened. It seems like it is business as usual, and as usual, the citizens of Roberts Creek, the Sunshine Coast, and in fact, all species inhabiting this incredible place will be the ones to suffer the negative consequences.

Thank you

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**From:** Heyman, George ENV:EX  
**To:** Sather, Kelly ENV:EX; Milne, Gala ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: ELF Press Release: Clack Creek Forest Defended  
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**Press Release**

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**From:** Elphinstone Logging Focus <[loggingfocus@gmail.com](mailto:loggingfocus@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** April 17, 2019 at 10:05:27 PM PDT  
**To:** "Heyman, George ENV:EX" <[george.heyman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:george.heyman@gov.bc.ca)>, "Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX" <[doug.donaldson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:doug.donaldson@gov.bc.ca)>, "Johnsrude, Allan N FLNR:EX" <[allan.johnsrude@gov.bc.ca](mailto:allan.johnsrude@gov.bc.ca)>, "Barrett, Scott FLNR:EX" <[scott.barrett@gov.bc.ca](mailto:scott.barrett@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Simons.MLA, Nicholas" <[nicholas.simons.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:nicholas.simons.mla@leg.bc.ca)>, "Aikman, Jennie S ENV:EX" <[Jennie.Aikman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jennie.Aikman@gov.bc.ca)>, "Gould, Stacey H FLNR:EX" <[stacey.gould@gov.bc.ca](mailto:stacey.gould@gov.bc.ca)>, "Chinook Timber Sales Office, Forests FLNR:EX" <[Forests.ChinookTimberSalesOffice@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Forests.ChinookTimberSalesOffice@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Clack Creek Gallery Forest - Photo Album

Dear Minister Heyman and Minister Donaldson,

It occurred to me this past Sunday while 60 people were hiking through The Clack Creek Gallery Forest, that the very decision-makers on the fate of this forest have never actually stepped foot into it. I wondered how could anyone making deliberations on this important issue not see for themselves the beauty of this forest.

I invite you to visit at your next opportunity and I'll personally walk you through our trail that loops through most of the forest.

If you cannot get the time off, then the next best thing I can offer is a photo album containing a just few pictures of this low elevation (300-400M) zone all of 10 minutes from Sunshine Coast Hwy 101 between Gibsons and Sechelt.

What you see in these pictures is an actual 3 dimensional reality that provides habitat for Roosevelt Elk, bear, cougars and wolves and IF logged will disappear before your eyes like it never existed. That would be tragedy that we should work to avoid. To have a predator-prey relationship still intact so close to our community and the ocean is astounding. Would you not agree?

I trust that you are taking the fate of this key forest in the Elphinstone Park expansion area seriously and allow the most up-to-date forest science to lead you

to decide to protect it until MLUP is complete Thank you for taking this step. You won't regret it.

Best Regards,

Ross Muirhead  
ELF - Forest Campaigner

**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Photo Album: Elphisntone Protests 2016  
**Date:** April 18, 2019 3:06:51 PM  
**Attachments:** [Photo Album - Elphinstone Forest Protest 2016.pdf](#)  
[ATT00001.htm](#)

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**Subject:** Photo Album: Elphisntone Protests 2016

Dear Minister Donaldson and Minister Heyman,

It occurred to me that you probably don't realize the full extent of the protests that occurred in 2016 when BCTS decided to proceed on a block that the Sunshine Coast Regional District opposed along with community members and organizations.

To that end, I've provided you with an Photo Album (attached) that's meant to serve as a indication of what we're trying to avoid.

As we have discussed many times before, ELF recommends to government that we work towards meeting 2 reasonable objectives:

**CERTAINTY and CONNECTIVITY.**

You know what both of those objectives look like, however we sense that senior staff are opposed. We've always attempted to secure a linkage between park #3 and park #2 that involved The Clack Creek Forest. Logging anywhere outside the SCRDP park boundaries is fine by us which BCTS is doing now by listing Blk A95362. Our draft MOU sent previously describes our position.

Video images that capture the intensity of the 2016 protest can be seen at this link. ELF did stage a 'protest camp' at time, however once an Injunction was granted we left peacefully. Many other people 'showed up' and their actions we take no



responsibility for.

<http://www.loggingfocus.org/videos/galleries-and-videos/>

Urging you to step forward and instruct staff to remove the Clack Creek block while the MLUP is allowed to unfold.

Ross Muirhead  
ELF - Forest Campaigner

**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Milne, Gala ENV:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: ENV Media Request: MGH interview request for earth day  
**Date:** April 17, 2019 11:19:01 AM

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Day is fine. Timing tight as s.22 If 7:15 or 7:29 is an option s.22  
s.22 that can work. If not I'll try to make 6:50 work. Thx

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On Apr 17, 2019, at 10:37 AM, Milne, Gala ENV:EX <[Gala.Milne@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Gala.Milne@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Minister

Option for you to do a 6:50am Early Ed slot for Earth Day on Monday. Interested? If so, this timing could fit as you're waiting in line for the ferry. Pre-tape is likely an option too.

Let us know,

Gala

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**From:** Kelly, Suzannah GCPE:EX

**Sent:** April 17, 2019 10:31 AM

**To:** Sather, Kelly ENV:EX <[Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Milne, Gala ENV:EX <[Gala.Milne@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Gala.Milne@gov.bc.ca)>; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX <[Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca)>; Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <[Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: ENV Media Request: MGH interview request for earth day

A pre-tape tomorrow morning might also be possible, if the minister would prefer that to a live interview on Monday.

**Reporter**

Rachel Sanders, Reporter

CBC - Vancouver

[Rachel.Sanders@cbc.ca](mailto:Rachel.Sanders@cbc.ca)

604-662-6924 c: 604-662-6527

**Deadline** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 4:00 PM

**Request**

I'm with the CBC Radio morning program The Early Edition and I'm spending this week booking the province-wide Easter Monday (April 22) show.

I'm wondering whether Minister Heyman would be available for an interview with Stephen Quinn that day at 6:50 a.m., given it's Earth Day that day. We'd like to speak with him about the government's goals and progress on environmental issues. It would be live, about seven minutes long.

**Background**

**Recommendation**

**From:** Heyman, George ENV:EX  
**To:** Sather, Kelly ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: URGENT Clack Creek Forest  
**Date:** April 16, 2019 8:37:06 AM

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**Date:** April 15, 2019 at 8:45:11 PM PDT  
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**Subject:** URGENT Clack Creek Forest

Dear Ministers Heyman and Donaldson

s.22 and I'm concerned about the plans to log Clack Creek Forest. I'm writing you to ask to intervene and cancel the plans for logging this area. This forest is too priceless to sell for lumber. It is one of the last large parcels of mature natural forests within easy reach of Gibsons and Roberts Creek, an important asset, both for the local ecosystem and wildlife as well as for recreational use for residents, a treasure to keep for future generations. Furthermore as tourism is an important industry at the Coast removal of natural assets would result in a long-term loss of jobs as people will not travel to the Sunshine Coast to walk around in tree farms. This parcel of land is ideal to use to expand the current minuscule Mt. Elphinstone Provincial Park from 140Ha to 2,000 ha. and protect red and blue listed plant communities as well as increase recreational opportunities for a growing regional population.

The narrowly defined 'Identified Wildlife Species' approach that FLNRO used was not undertaken in good faith as it ignored broader ecological and social issues. This province faces a biodiversity deficit – this park expansion offers an opportunity to get us out of that hole.

In addition, the Sunshine Coast needs to diversify its economy from resource extraction to more sustainable industries. First Nations could be partners in managing new campsites and an interpretive centre as a way to also diversify their base.

This forest is our last and only chance to preserve a significant low elevation natural forest ecosystem on the lower Sunshine Coast, everything else has been developed or converted to tree farms. The only sizeable parks we currently have are 3 mountaintop parks, not accessible for year round use nor are they close to where we live, work and play. We need this park to retain our connection to nature, to preserve our quality of life here, and for the generations that come after us. Planted trees farms do not meet our needs nor those of nature.

The Clack Creek Forest that connects 2 of the 3 small parcels that make up the existing Mt Elphinstone Prov. Park, is scheduled to be auctioned off to industry next month, which would permanently destroy the connectivity and integrity of an expanded park. We ask you to intervene and stop it's destruction. I also request that you instruct FLNRO staff to allow BC Parks to contribute missing information on the positive aspects of this park expansion. The additional land required for the park expansion would require less than 1% of the Sunshine Coast Forest Districts timber supply area, so little that I'm surprised we're still fighting for it.

Standing by to hear some positive news from this government.

Sincerely

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**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: urgent: Save the Clack Creek Gallery Forest – (BCTS) TSL A87126 Cutblock  
**Date:** April 16, 2019 8:36:30 AM

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**Subject:** urgent: Save the Clack Creek Gallery Forest – (BCTS) TSL A87126 Cutblock

**Dear Minister Donaldson and Minister Heyman,**

**We have an issue here on the lower Sunshine Coast that needs your immediate attention.**

The province has agreed to undertake an Elphinstone Land Use Plan with the shishálh Nation and the SCRD. This could take years. In the meantime, the Ministry of Forests says: “Resource management and use are expected to continue during modernized land use planning, including forest development ...” ‘Forest development’ means LOGGING.

The contentious forest blocks that triggered this Land Use Plan are the very ones that the province, through BC Timber Sales, are targeting for logging before planning has even begun!

**The SCRD supports protection of these 3 blocks, here’s why you should as well:**

**Clack Creek Gallery Forest (A93884)**

- Provides critical connectivity for an expanded Mt. Elphinstone Park
- Mature, natural forest providing same functions as pure old-growth
- Contains largest patch in BC of the blue-listed, endangered native plant *Rubus Nivalis* (snow raspberry)

**Reed Rd Forest Reserve (DL 1313, A91376)**

- Nearest walkable natural forest to Gibsons
- Protection of downslope properties from soil erosion and washouts

- Rare forest type that could transition to highly endangered Coastal Douglas-Fir ecosystem due to warming climate

#### **Dakota Bowl Bear Sanctuary (A87126)**

- Contains some of Canada's oldest trees – 1,000 to 1,800 years old
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Additionally, in 2018 the Forest Practices Board made recommendations concerning better management of At-risk plant communities on the Sunshine Coast for government and BC Timber Sales to consider. Government responded by accepting all of the recommendations. This will lead to wider protection of endangered red and blue listed plant communities that are found in all three blocks. By accepting the Board's recommendations, government will be proceeding to make them legal objectives. The rush to approve these blocks for logging is therefore premature and compromises an ethical stance Professional Registered Foresters are bound to uphold.

Please assure me that you'll do everything in your powers to make sure that these blocks do not get listed for sale and the above processes are respected.

Regards

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**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Clack Creek Forest needs protection!  
**Date:** April 16, 2019 8:36:17 AM

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**Subject:** Clack Creek Forest needs protection!

Dear Ministers Heyman and Donaldson,

Please act now to stop the proposed logging of this precious resource. I am sure that you are both familiar with the multitude of good arguments being made to protect the forest ecosystems that are easily accessible to both residents of, and visitors to, the Sunshine Coast of B.C.

Pay attention, be brave, and just do it! It is time for a different way in B.C. I am optimistic that this government will be strong enough, and ethical enough to start on the path to environmental sustainability.

I look forward to a reply that contains some positive comments regarding Clack Creek.

Sincerely,

s.22

**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Clack Creek Gallery Forest: Hear our plea to save a small natural biodiversity treasure  
**Date:** April 16, 2019 8:35:57 AM

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**Subject:** **Clack Creek Gallery Forest: Hear our plea to save a small natural biodiversity treasure**

Dear Minister Donaldson and Minister Heyman

Please hear our plea to save the Clack Creek Gallery Forest from logging and stop the BC Timber Sales process now before it is too late.

This minuscule area, in the grand scheme of logging opportunities, is a magnificent natural biodiversity treasure in the backyard of the people, animals, and flora and fauna who live and flourish here. It is a key piece of land connecting three park islands within the Elphinstone Park expansion area which is part of the Modern Land Use Plan (MLUP). Why log the area while it the MLUP is underway and when the Elphinstone Park expansion means so much to those who live here?

I had the honour of hiking in the Clack Creek Gallery Forest on Sunday. It truly was magical. Come and see for yourself. I will be happy to share the experience with you. You will see "tall mature trees, the largest patches in the province of rasesnow bramble, wonderful step-pool stream cascading downslope proving quality amphibian habitat, unique tree formations such as "The Turning Fork Tree", all within a protective space for Roosevelt Elk, black bears, wolves, owls and birds, such as the mouse-like winter wren".

Please sirs, hear our plea and stop the BC Timber Sales process before the end of April 2019 and come for a hike with us. It will be reinvigorating, inspiring and motivating.

I await your response s.22

s.22



**From:** [Therapist, George \[mailto:GEOGE@...\]](#)  
**To:** [Haida Bolton \[mailto:HaidaBolton@...\]](#)  
**Subject:** Free Invitation to a Free walk and talk on Forest Therapy by the ANFT  
**Date:** April 15, 2019 12:05:11 PM  
**Attachments:** [ForestTalk.jpg](#)  
[HaidaBoltonForest.jpg](#)

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**From:** "Haida Bolton"  
**To:** "Haida Bolton"  
**Subject:** Invitation to a free walk and talk on Forest Therapy by the ANFT

For my Victoria Friends and Fellow Leaders...

A free public talk and forest therapy walk at the Mary Lake Nature Sanctuary on Millstream Rd April 29 and May 4th...RSVP info below...Please come and find out more about Forest Therapy, Forest Bathing and how these ways of reconnecting to the forest can improve the health of people, cultures and our planet...Please share with others.

With Gratitude,

From Haida Bolton (Kristiansen)  
BC's First Certified Forest Therapy Guide  
[NatureWithHaida.ca](#)  
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**From:** Heyman, George ENV:EX  
**To:** Sather, Kelly ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Clack Creek Gallery Forest (A93884)  
**Date:** April 15, 2019 10:15:50 AM

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**Cc:** "george.heyman@gov.bc.ca" <george.heyman@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Clack Creek Gallery Forest (A93884)

**Dear Minister Donaldson and Minister Heyman,**

I am not one who participates in protest. I don't write or forward letters, and I don't take time out of my life to stand up for issues. I don't like to be a NIMBY, but here I am. The Clack Creek area is my backyard, and Stephens Creek<sup>s.22</sup>. I am concerned about changes to water run off, as it seems everything that happens<sup>s.22</sup> affects the flow below, and our roads appear to be flooding and washing out with greater frequency as the years go on. I am also concerned about the trails that I have come to know and love, as well as the creatures that I encounter on those trails and in my yard. I am not against logging.<sup>s.22</sup>

I believe that arguments can be made by those who are opposed to stop logging just about anywhere, but this time, it's affecting residential properties in an area where people and animals already live too close together. Please reconsider. Quickly.

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Regards,

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**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Quote  
**Date:** April 11, 2019 7:10:14 AM

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Below

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> On Apr 10, 2019, at 10:57 PM, Sather, Kelly ENV:EX <Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> Seeking approval on suggested quote for news release on Sheila Malcolmson's new role:

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> "Derelict boats and discarded plastics pollute our waterways and put boater safety at risk. Sheila Malcolmson has worked with coastal communities to clean up marine debris and tackle the growing problem of marine plastics. I'm pleased Premier Horgan has asked MLA Malcolmson to work with me to find solutions and help us protect the marine environment that is so valued by British Columbians. My ministry has begun planning measures to further reduce plastic waste and Ms. Malcolmson will play an important role in our work," Minister Heyman said.

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**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: France - 2 coverage  
**Date:** April 10, 2019 7:53:25 PM

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Thanks

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On Apr 10, 2019, at 5:39 PM, Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX <[Evan.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Evan.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Minister – you'll be pleased to note this story ran on France-2 this evening (there).

<https://www.france.tv/france-2/journal-20h00/944295-journal-20h00.html>

Evan Lloyd

**From:** Heyman, George ENV:EX  
**To:** Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX; Sather, Kelly ENV:EX; Hewitt, Jeremy ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: George, thought you would appreciate...  
**Date:** April 8, 2019 7:12:05 PM

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Short good read

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**To:** [george.heyman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:george.heyman@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** George, thought you would appreciate...

My recent article about EE

The Economics of Energy Efficiency Means Going to Where the Puck Is  
Going, Not Where It Was

[https://medium.com/@jamesriley\\_46720/the-economics-of-energy-efficiency-means-going-to-where-the-puck-is-going-not-where-it-was-e4ef1e7b39ad](https://medium.com/@jamesriley_46720/the-economics-of-energy-efficiency-means-going-to-where-the-puck-is-going-not-where-it-was-e4ef1e7b39ad)

**James Riley**  
CEO and Founder



**From:** Heyman, George ENV:EX  
**To:** Sather, Kelly ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Clack Creek Forest part of the MLUP  
**Date:** April 6, 2019 9:36:27 AM  
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**Subject:** Clack Creek Forest part of the MLUP

Dear Minister Donaldson,

How is it consistent, working in good faith and reasonable not to also add the Clack Creek Forest into a deferral status during the Modern Land Use Planning for the Elphinstone Area similar to your announcement for the Reed Rd Forest?

You have been quoted in the Coast report today as follows:

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<https://www.coastreporter.net/news/local-news/minister-offers-stay-of-execution-for-reed-road-forest-1.23775403>

in all due respect, the later part of your quote is misleading, because the Clack Creek Forest happens to be situated in the middle area of the proposed Mt. Elphinstone park expansion Area NOT outside.

In addition, I would like to bring to your attention the BCTS Supporting Information on the Clack Creek block under the heading 'Biodiversity Emphasis/L.U. Comments:

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<http://ecoreserves.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/spring-summer-2017-colour-final.pdf> see page 14.

Please re-consider selling this critical forest. Stumpage of 1.8M does not compare to its intrinsic worth.

Thank you.

Ross Muirhead  
ELF - Forest Protection Campaigner



**Caution tape surrounds the largest patch of *Rubus Nivalis* (snow bramble) in the province found in the Clack Creek Forest. It only grows in mature forests being shade tolerant. Logging right up to this patch will destroy its integrity allowing blowdown and increased sunlight that will kill its leaves. The Friends of Ecological Reserves and the Conservation Data Center call for this large patch and the other 4 patches in the immediate stand to be protected or anchored in a WHA. *Rubus Nivalis* reproduction is not well understood and even though its been down listed (questionable) from red to blue to yellow its main threat remains logging. Its time to keep logging outside of sensitive and contentious ecosystems on Mt. Elphinstone.**

**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** s.17  
**Subject:** Fwd: B.C. government agency logging Vancouver Island's last ancient stands into oblivion, say environmental groups  
**Date:** April 4, 2019 9:54:39 AM

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**Subject: B.C. government agency logging Vancouver Island's last ancient stands into oblivion, say environmental groups**

Hello Kenn, Kelly and Tim,  
Please see our media release today below.  
Best regards  
Jens

April 4, 2019

**B.C. government agency logging Vancouver Island's last ancient stands into oblivion, say environmental groups**

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**For more information:**

2018 aerial photographs of clearcut logging on Vancouver Island:  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/94279740@N07/sets/72157698359993961>

Map of proposed cutblocks on Vancouver Island based on BCTS Sales  
Schedule 2019 fiscal year: [https://sierraclub.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/BCTS\\_Map.jpg](https://sierraclub.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/BCTS_Map.jpg)

Background on BCTS logging in Schmidt Creek near orca rubbing  
beaches in 2018:  
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