

**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
POLICING AND SECURITY BRANCH
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

PURPOSE: For **INFORMATION** for Mike Farnworth,
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

ISSUE:

RCMP Commencement of Enforcement of Teal-Cedar Injunction in the Fairy Creek Watershed Area at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 17, 2021.

SUMMARY:

- On May 17, 2021, the RCMP commenced enforcement of an injunction preventing obstruction of logging activity in the Fairy Creek Watershed on southern Vancouver Island.
- Access to the Hatton Creek area will be controlled during the harvesting period and restricted to members of the local indigenous communities as well as government and other officials and the media under certain conditions ensuring public safety.
- An area where lawful protest may continue will be established.

BACKGROUND:

- Teal-Jones Group have harvesting rights for wood at the Fairy Creek watershed on southwestern Vancouver Island. Old growth timber is present within the Fairy Creek watershed and its approved extraction is the focus of protest concern.
- The Fairy Creek watershed falls within the traditional Pacheedaht First Nation (PFN). A portion of the logging area also includes the Territory of the Dididaht First Nation (DFN) at Lake Cowichan.
- Since approximately August of 2020, assorted logging road blockade sites have been established in remote logging areas within areas policed by Sooke and Lake Cowichan RCMP Detachments. The blockades appear to be organized by a group called the "Rainforest Flying Squad" and the collective protest is generally referred to as the "Fairy Creek Blockade".
- The Injunction: On April 1st, 2021 the BC Supreme Court made an order granting Teal-Cedar Products Ltd., an injunction including a police enforcement clause to September 26th, 2021. This prohibits persons from obstructing site access or engaging in threatening behaviours, etc. RCMP are given discretion as to the timing and manner of enforcement (the "Injunction").
- Enforcement commencement - RCMP E Division commenced enforcement of the Injunction at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 17, 2021. This follows extensive planning and consultations with government, First Nation, and other stakeholder representatives.

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- Lawful Protest - A designated space for protesters and observers will be established outside of the access areas but within the injunction catchment area.
- Unauthorized access or persons who breach(es) the Injunction will be subject to arrest.

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- RCMP communications will handle media relations.
- Any complaints against the RCMP and individual officers will fall under the jurisdiction of the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission.
- Policing and Security Branch (PSB) will continue to liaise with the RCMP and other affected ministries through the Critical Incident Secretariat. s.13

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- Updates will be provided

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- The Fairy Creek watershed falls within the traditional Pacheedaht First Nation (PFN). The PFN supports the logging and has an agreement in place. The PFN have made public statement asserting their sovereignty to make resource decisions and that interference was not welcome. A portion of the logging area also includes the Territory of the Dididaht First Nation at Lake Cowichan. They are also supportive of the harvest.

OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

- MOTI, FLNRO, ENV, MIRR and GCPE - impacted

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**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
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PURPOSE: For **INFORMATION** for Mark Sieben,
Deputy Solicitor General, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

ISSUE: Update on Direct Action in the Fairy Creek Watershed (the “Injunction Zone”) – week of May 31, 2021

SUMMARY:

- Protest activities with respect to Teal Jones Cedar Products (TJCP) continue to ensue. As of May 31, 2021, approximately 100 protestors are present in the Injunction Zone. RCMP note an increase in confrontational tactics as well as use of large number of vehicles and people to obstruct access. Satellite protests continue to develop in various communities in BC.

BACKGROUND:

- **Current situation** – Please refer to the map in the Appendix:
 - Caycuse/Hatton area – the area is clear and TJCP continues to work there. Contractor estimates work completion timeframe of 14 days, subject to the area remaining clear.
 - Braden – There are three blockades throughout this area. RCMP indicate a large number of protestors have used vehicles to block road access, often prior to access points. s.16
- As of May 31, 2021, approximately 100 protestors are present in the Injunction Zone. Police have made approximately 80 additional arrests between May 25 and 28, 2021, primarily near the Hatton and Waterfall Camps, tallying a total of 142 arrests to date.

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- **Satellite Protests** – Protests sympathetic to the Fairy Creek Blockade are emerging across the province. Police note that pro-logging counter protests are also emerging, mostly in the local area. In addition to those held routinely in Victoria and the Lower Mainland, sympathetic protests of note include:
 - Langford, May 28 – a large number of protestors attended the Premier’s constituency office on May 28, 2021 and then continued marching to the Westshore RCMP Detachment.
 - Castlegar, May 31 – approximately 100 protestors occupied a main road. After approximately 4 hours, most departed peacefully but 4 individuals including a 14-year-old were arrested. The protest organizer identified himself to RCMP as Extinction Rebellion indicating that these protests would continue throughout the Kootenays, including one planned for Nelson on June 5.
- **Media** – An alternative media outlet has recently challenged RCMP efforts to ensure that the media can effectively bear witness to active enforcement, arguing that the Police are too limiting on media access throughout the Fairy Creek Watershed. The case is ongoing. s.15

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- On June 2, 2021 surveying is to begin for Western Screech Owl in the Injunction Zone by Madrone Environmental Services Ltd. RCMP to coordinate with Madrone biologists for entry.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- RCMP are directly engaged with Indigenous governments and organizations as monitoring and enforcement activities continue.

OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

- FLNR, MOTI, EMLI, ENV, MIRR and GCPE – Impacted

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Re: Fairy Creek Injunction Speaking Points

Cliff: 619405

Branch: Policing and Security Branch

SPEAKING POINTS:

- It is important to understand that enforcement decisions, and individual investigations, occur at arm's length from government and we cannot interfere with or direct police on such matters.
- We recognize the public's right to engage in peaceful protests and lawful assembly, while ensuring public safety. However, while the police will respect lawful protest, they will also act pursuant to the Criminal Code of Canada and direction of the courts if necessary, to address unlawful conduct.
- On April 1, 2021, the BC Supreme Court issued an injunction preventing individuals from obstructing the logging activity in the Fairy Creek Area. The Court granted the RCMP the right to decide when and how the injunction would be enforced.
- The RCMP have advised government ~~this morning~~ that they have commenced proceedings to enforce the court injunction issued by a Justice of the BC Supreme Court in respect of work being undertaken by Teal-Cedar Products in the Fairy Creek Watershed Catchment Area.
- Access to the area will be controlled during the harvesting period and restricted to members of the local indigenous communities as well as government and other officials and the media under certain conditions to allow safe access.
- The RCMP is establishing space within the general area to provide an area for peaceful protesters and observers to assemble.
- The RCMP advise that public, stakeholders and police officer safety have been taken into account in the planning of this enforcement initiative.
- Specific questions regarding this enforcement should be directed to RCMP E Division.

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PURPOSE: For **INFORMATION** for Mark Sieben, Deputy Minister, Public Safety and Solicitor General

ISSUE: Update on direct action across the province.

SUMMARY:

- There are variety of direct-action sites across the province related to major projects and access to areas involving indigenous groups' territories
- The RCMP have commenced enforcement actions related to the injunction issued against the Fairy Creek blockade by the BC Supreme Court on April 1, 2021
- Police Services Branch are working the RCMP, the Critical Incident Secretariat and other cross ministry groups to ensure adequate and appropriate information exchange that is respectful of police independence.

BACKGROUND:

- The following is an update on various direct-action activities that the Critical Incident Secretariat is monitoring in conjunction with the RCMP and Policing and Security Branch (PSB).

Teal Jones Cedar Products (TJCP)/Fairy Creek Injunction Enforcement

- RCMP E Division commenced enforcement of the April 1, 2021 injunction at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 17, 2021. This follows extensive planning and consultations with government, First Nations, and other stakeholder representatives.
- Access to the Hatton Creek area will be controlled via police checkpoints during the harvesting period and restricted to members of the local indigenous communities as well as government and other officials and the media under certain conditions ensuring public safety.
- An area where lawful protest may continue will be established.
- Policing and Security Branch (PSB) will continue to liaise with the RCMP and other affected ministries through the Critical Incident Secretariat. s.15

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LNG/Coastal Gas Link (CGL)

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Trans Mountain Pipeline (TMP)

- Limited clearing work due to bird nesting window in a variety of areas. Tree clearing work has been completed in the Hume Park area of Burnaby. Full scale work will resume in June.
- As of May 17, 2021 - HDD work is fully underway, which is the pulling of pipe under the Blue River Airport and under the North Thompson River
- The Tiny House Warrior camp situated in Blue River continues to monitor TMP work activities at the Blue River Airport via aerial drone, which is streamed onto social media.
- The issue of the Blue River community's frustration with the project and related protests was raised in the MIRR Estimates. The opposition was asking what steps government was doing to follow up with the local/regional government and First Nations.
- PSB was tasked with responding to a letter from the TNRD Chair and will be speaking with him this week regarding his concerns.

Other issues re Road Access Restrictions

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New Hazelton - Kispiox Access Restrictions: On May 13, 2021, FLNRO reported to RCMP that a gate was in place on the 400 road off Kispiox Valley Road, New Hazelton. This closed gate had signage affixed to it claiming it closed to forestry access. RCMP inquires into the matter reveal that the gate may have been placed there on behalf of a group of Hereditary Chiefs. RCMP passed this matter back to FLNRO, who attempted to unsuccessfully remove the gate on May 17.

DISCUSSION:

- Police and government need to work to ensure the right for legitimate, peaceful protests are protected while ensuring public safety. Police are working to negotiate with all affected groups including indigenous peoples, protestors and other agencies to mitigate the impacts of potential escalation as peacefully as possible.
- Hub Cities in particular Vancouver and Victoria face regular sympathetic protests from groups opposed to one or all these resource projects. These protests strain local resources.
- **Situational Awareness and Communications:** The Critical Incident Secretariat (the "CIS") under the Policing and Security Branch (PSB) continues to provide situational awareness with provincial ministries/agencies and via weekly scheduled meetings of provincial agencies and through the Critical Incident Secretariat conference call hosted by PSSG, which includes an RCMP delegation.
 - The CIS provides regular updates via email on all projects and protest activities to ministry group members and PSB executives. PSB and CIS contractor work to ensure information from police is appropriately vetted to avoid disclosure of operational details.
 - PSB Executive Team have arranged calls with RCMP senior management regarding direct action across the province. Independent chiefs and senior management of Vancouver and Victoria have joined those calls as required.
 - The ADM sits on a cross-ministry ADM group to provide appropriate updates
 - For LNG/CGL, PSB is represented on the cross-government Social and Economic Management Committee for the CGL/LNG projects, including co-chairing the Emergency Service sub-group and sitting on the Regulatory, Direction Action Legal Committee
 - Senior RCMP management available to provide updates to DSG/SG on as needed basis

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are a large number of indigenous governments, hereditary chiefs and other organizations and individuals with a diverse range of involvement and responses in each of these activities. RCMP is directly engaged with elected and non-elected indigenous government and organizations.
- MIRR is actively engaged on cross-government committees and communications

OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

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PURPOSE: For **INFORMATION** for Mike Farnworth,
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ISSUE: Forestry Enforcement Update for the Cabinet Working Group on Forestry

SUMMARY:

- Protest activities with respect to Teal-Jones Cedar Products (TJCP) continue to ensue. As of June 14, 2021, Police have made 223 arrests to date. s.15
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- The RCMP report that protest activity is yet to cease following the announcement to defer logging of old growth timber on Indigenous territories throughout Fairy Creek and the Central Walbran Valley. It is anticipated that some level of protest activity will continue in the area for the foreseeable future.

BACKGROUND:

- TJCP has harvesting rights for wood at the Fairy Creek Watershed on southwestern Vancouver Island, which is an area that encompasses old growth timber and has been the site of increased protest activity since August 2020. Protestors numbers in the area has fluctuated between 80 and 200 individuals over the past year, with a total of eight blockade sites established to date, including three occupied sites.

Protest Activity

- The blockades appear to be organized by a group called the "Rainforest Flying Squad" and the collective protest is generally referred to as the "Fairy Creek Blockade". The protest groups involved are supported by a broad coalition of environmental groups, including the Wilderness Committee.

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- There have also been satellite protests sympathetic to the Fairy Creek Blockade that have emerged, including a protest at the Premier's Constituency Office on May 28, 2021, a protest in Castlegar on May 31, 2021, and a protest at the Legislative Assembly in Victoria on June 11, 2021, which resulted in mischief.

Enforcement Action

- On April 1, 2021 the Supreme Court of BC made an order granting an Injunction that enables TJCP to continue forestry work in the Fairy Creek Watershed and allows for police enforcement regarding obstruction or other related offences.

- Police enforcement of the Injunction began on May 17, 2021 s.15

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- Police report that despite the ongoing protest actions, work by TJCP continues generally unimpeded.

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Old Growth Deferrals

- The Fairy Creek Watershed includes the traditional territories of the Pacheedaht, Huu-ay-aht, and Ditidaht First Nations, who have approved selective TJCP logging activities on these territories and issued related media releases.
- On June 4, 2021, these Nations signed the Hisuk Ma C'awak Declaration, which formally requested that the Province defer old-growth logging for two years in Fairy Creek and the Central Walbran Valley. The Nations have asked the public to allow forestry operations in other parts of their territories to continue without disruption. On June 9, 2021, the Premier publicly announced that the BC Government has accepted this request and will be deferring the harvesting of old growth trees in Fairy

Creek and the Central Walbran Valley for two years, which includes protecting about 2,000 hectares of forest from logging.

- The RCMP have connected with industry about alterations to ongoing forestry operations that may require changes to their enforcement strategy. TJCP has voluntarily committed to refrain from logging the old growth stands in Fairy Creek and the Central Walbran Valley. Currently, TJCP is working in the Eden, Edinburgh, Hatton, Braden, and Granite Creek areas, with private security teams holding road access and providing notification to those found in breach of the SCBC Injunction.
- The protestors have noted that the deferrals will not prevent substantial old growth logging to occur in other areas. The Rainforest Flying Squad has indicated they will continue protest activity until the entire Fairy Creek Rainforest is protected.
- Police remain in place to ensure that the lawful rights to work and peaceful protest continue in accordance with the SCBC Injunction,^{s.15}
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Media Relations and Legal Observers

- Police have established provisions to accommodate media and legal observers (witnesses) at the protest sites in a controlled manner while enforcement is underway. However, an alternative media outlet has recently challenged efforts to ensure that media can effectively bear witness to active enforcement, arguing that the police are too limiting on media access. The case is before the courts.

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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are many Indigenous governments, Hereditary Chiefs, and other Indigenous partners with a diverse range of involvement and responses regarding this issue. Police continue to be directly engaged with these Indigenous governments and organizations.

OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

- FLNRORD, MOTI, EMLI, ENV, MIRR, GCPE, MCFD – Impacted

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Office of the Premier Media Advisory – Old Growth Forest Deferrals & COVID-19

- On June 9, 2021, the Premier led a livestream media advisory about the BC Government's decision around the Old Growth Forest Deferrals submitted by First Nations. The Premier also answered some questions about the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Media present included: Global News, CBC News, CHEK News, the Globe and Mail, and Business in Vancouver. Questions with respect to the old growth forest deferrals focused on three main topics, specifically the impact of the deferral on:
 - The BC Government's relationship with First Nations;
 - Industry, specifically Teal-Jones Cedar Products (TJCP); and
 - The status of the current protests in the Fairy Creek Watershed region.

Old Growth Forest Deferrals

- The Premier announced that the BC Government will be deferring the harvesting of old growth trees in Fairy Creek and the Central Walbran Valley for two years, which includes protecting about 2,000 hectares of forest from logging.
- This announcement was made in response to the request from the Huu-ay-aht, Ditidaht, and Pacheedaht First Nations to defer old growth logging for two years in the areas of Vancouver Island while the Nations prepare formal forestry plans.
- The Premier was asked if all logging will be stopped in the Huu-ay-aht, Ditidaht, and Pacheedaht territories due to this decision and clarified that all three Nations continue to have logging interests. Therefore, the deferral only applies to Fairy Creek and the Central Walbran Valley, while other logging in Southern Vancouver Island will continue until decided otherwise based on the needs and desires of titleholders.

Impact on Relationship with First Nations

- The Premier stated that he was proud to accept these deferral requests from the three Nations and is looking forward to receiving more of these requests throughout the Summer and the Fall.
 - The media asked whether the BC Government will practice the same swiftness in making decisions as it did with this deferral request. The Premier noted that the Province will try its best to continue making decisions around this issue in a timely manner.
- The Premier also noted that this decision is in accordance with the first and most important recommendation of the Gorley-Merkel Report entitled *A New Future for Old Forests: A Strategic Review of How British Columbia Manages for Old Forests within its Ancient Ecosystems*, which encourages the Province to fully involve Indigenous leaders and organizations on any policy or strategy development/implementation regarding the old growth forests of the Province.
- The Premier stated that accepting the wishes of titleholders and working with "First Nations, communities, and those on the land right now" will increase economic vitality in the Province and improve the BC Government's relationship with First Nations/other impacted communities.

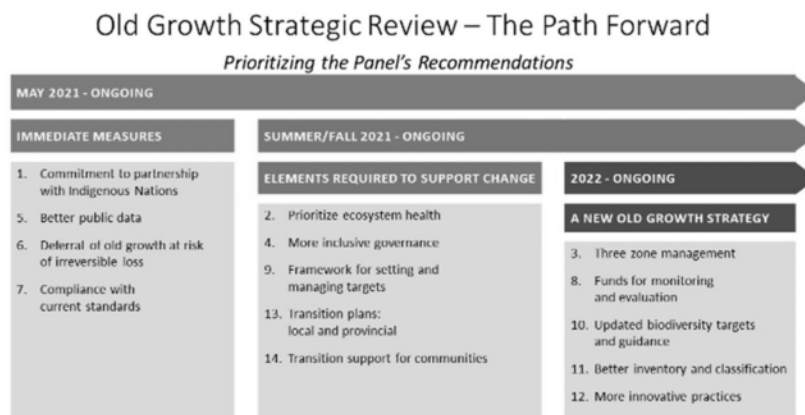
- The media asked whether this decision would influence the BC Government's approach with other First Nations who would like to practice sovereignty over natural resources within their territories. The Premier noted BC's commitment to the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* and the *BC Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, stating that these documents emphasize Indigenous peoples' rights to pursue self-determined development.

Impact on Industry

- The media asked the Premier whether this decision would ensue in any financial or job ramifications for TJCP and/or Lake Cowichan. The Premier stated that this deferral is non-compensable (i.e. TJCP will not be compensated in the short term for the two-year deferral). However, he assumes there will be no significant impacts on industry at this time.
- The Premier also noted that over time, there will likely be costs associated with these types of deferrals in order to ensure job security and economic prosperity. According to the Premier, compensation will be guided by legislation currently under development to implement the recommendations of the Gorley-Merkel Report.

Impact on Current Protests in Fairy Creek

- The media asked the Premier whether he anticipates that this deferral will end the protests in Fairy Creek. The Premier stated that he is hopeful that this will end the protests, but also recognized that these protests will not end overnight.
- The Premier stated that he understands the importance of preserving majestic forests but also recognizes that "you can't turn on a dime (in) an industry that has been central to BC for more than a century." It is important to work with everyone, instead of only the loudest voice.
- The media highlighted that these deferrals might not solve the issue at large, which is about protecting forests overall. The Premier recognized that there are many forests that need protection and the Province will continue to focus on these forests by working with titleholders to achieve compromises that meet their needs and the needs of the forests.



- The media asked when the Premier anticipates all old growth logging to cease in the Province. The Premier did not provide a specific date but referenced the roadmap provided in the Gorley-Merkel Report and reiterated that the Province is committed to following this roadmap (see image).

COVID-19

- The media asked the Premier if he would consider a lottery system or some form of incentive(s) to encourage people to receive their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The Premier stated that he is confident the Province will be able to achieve its vaccine objectives without the need for incentives; however, he did not rule incentives out entirely.
- The media also asked the Premier whether he would consider implementing vaccine passports for residents who have received their COVID-19 vaccinations. The Premier indicated that he is uncomfortable with this notion, given that this would invade people's private health information. The Premier stated that he is confident the Province could achieve an 80-95% vaccination rate without mandating people to disclose this information on their passports.
- The Premier noted that while vaccine passports are unlikely to be implemented in the Province, businesses might wish to restrict face-to-face service if an individual is not vaccinated. The Province will need to discuss these matters with business owners to achieve a practical and safe resolution.
- The media asked the Premier whether he would consider reopening tourism before the Fall. The Premier noted that a part of this decision is dependent on the Federal Government, given that borders are their responsibility. There are currently federal, provincial, and territorial discussions around reopening borders, but it might take some time until an appropriate compromise is achieved. According to the Premier, some jurisdictions are eager to open borders whereas others would like to continue the restrictions until the Fall.
- The Premier noted that he would like to welcome the world back to BC but he wishes to ensure that the right steps are in place before this happens (i.e. favourable case counts, low hospitalization rates, and high vaccination rates). This might take some time, but the Province is on the right track. Current restrictions are scheduled to ease next week and even more so by Canada Day.

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PURPOSE: For **INFORMATION** for Mark Sieben,
Deputy Solicitor General, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

ISSUE:
Direct Action Across the Province – Update for the Natural Resources Meeting on
June 8, 2021

SUMMARY:

- Protest activities with respect to Teal Jones Cedar Products (TJCP) continue. As of June 7, 2021, approximately 200 protestors are present in the Injunction Zone. RCMP note an increase in confrontational tactics and use of many vehicles and people to obstruct access. Satellite protests continue to develop across BC.
- On May 31, 2021, approximately 20 protestors attended a Trans Mountain Pipeline (TMP) worksite in Coquitlam and refused to leave the entry to this work area. The matter resolved peacefully after a number of hours.

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BACKGROUND:

- The following is an update on various direct-action activities that the Critical Incident Secretariat is monitoring in conjunction with the RCMP and PSB.

Teal Jones Cedar Products (TJCP)/Fairy Creek Injunction Enforcement

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- As of June 7th, 2021, approximately 200 protestors are present in the Injunction Zone. Police have made numerous additional arrests between May 25th and June 5th, 2021, primarily near the Hatton and Waterfall Camps, tallying a total of 172 arrests as of June 5th. Some individuals arrested are members of the Braided Warriors and the Indigenous Youth Movement. Despite these arrests, Chief Jones of Pacheedaht First Nation (PFN) has reaffirmed his support of Police action to date.

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- Satellite protests sympathetic to the Fairy Creek Blockade, and some pro-logging counter protests, continue to emerge (e.g. protest at Premier's Constituency Office on May 28, 2021, protest in Castlegar on May 31, 2021, and planned protest in Nelson on June 5, 2021). s.15

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- On June 4th, 2021 Ditidaht, Huu-ay-aht, and Pacheedaht First Nations signed the Hisuk Ma C'awak Declaration which formally gave notice to the Province of a request to defer old-growth logging for two years in the Fairy Creek and Central Walbran areas. The Nations asked that while work is underway everyone allow forestry operations in other parts of their Territories to continue without disruption.
- On June 7, 2021, the Premier released a statement acknowledging receipt of the Declaration. The Premier indicated that the Province is prepared to enter into discussions with the First Nations regarding the Declaration on an expedited basis.

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- An alternative media outlet has recently challenged RCMP efforts to ensure that media can effectively bear witness to active enforcement, arguing that the police are too limiting on media access. The case is ongoing, and no hearing date has yet been set. s.15

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- The Premier has recently announced policy development initiatives for modernizing the forest sector. Old growth deferrals will continue with new deferrals possible. Deferrals with respect to Fairy Creek would require extensive consultations with First Nations who already have agreements in place with respect to the activity in their territories.

LNG/Coastal Gas Link (CGL)

- Expansion of the CGL workforce is set to start in June 2021 to begin pipeline installation along the designated route, which also falls under the Injunction Zone.

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Trans Mountain Pipeline (TMP)

- BC Parks continues to monitor protestor interest in holding anti-TMP rallies at the North Thompson and Mount Robson Provincial Parks.
- On May 31, 2021, approximately 20 protestors attended the TMP worksite in Coquitlam. TMP Security and RCMP advise the incident resolved over several hours with protesters departing peacefully.
- The HDD is now being installed at Colony Farm, where it will be used to pull pipe under the South Fraser River. Drill work is also underway at Burnaby Mountain to allow access to the Westridge Terminal.
- PSB has received inquiries from the Regional District about the protest activities of the Tiny House Warriors in the Blue River Region and has had subsequent conversations with regards to concerns at the local level. These conversations are ongoing across government to provide a suitable response.

Other Issues re: Road Access Restrictions

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- Kispiox Access Restrictions – FLNRORD continues to work with the Kispiox Hereditary Chiefs to determine next steps with regard to the access restriction.

DISCUSSION:

- Ongoing communication between PSB, the Critical Incident Secretariat, the RCMP and other law enforcement agencies, and other communication channels is necessary to monitor protest activities, support enforcement efforts, and protect the public's right to legitimate and peaceful protests.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are many Indigenous governments, Hereditary Chiefs, and other partners with a diverse range of involvement and responses in each of these activities. RCMP are directly engaged with Indigenous governments and organizations as monitoring and enforcement activities continue.

OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

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PURPOSE: For **INFORMATION** for Mark Sieben,
Deputy Solicitor General, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

ISSUE: Direct Action Across the Province – Update for the Natural Resources
Meeting on June 29, 2021

SUMMARY:

- Protest activities with respect to Teal Jones Cedar Products (TJCP) continue. As of June 25, 2021, the RCMP have made 320 arrests, including 247 arrests for civil contempt of court, 65 for obstruction, 4 for mischief, 2 for breaching release conditions, 1 for counselling to resist arrest, and 1 for assaulting a Police Officer.
- According to the RCMP, the Fairy Creek Blockade organizers are now encouraging supporters to rally around and occupy constituency offices, primarily those of the Premier, Attorney General, and the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development (FLNRORD).
- Direct-action activities regarding the Coastal Gas Link (CGL) and Trans Mountain Pipeline (TMP) remain low. The RCMP report that these protestors are shifting their focus onto the Fairy Creek Blockade.

BACKGROUND:

- The following is an update on various direct-action activities that the Critical Incident Secretariat is monitoring in conjunction with the RCMP and Policing and Security Branch (PSB).

Teal Jones Cedar Products (TJCP)/Fairy Creek Injunction Enforcement

- On June 9, 2021, the Premier publicly announced that the BC Government has accepted the Hisuk Ma C'awak Declaration submitted by the Pacheedaht, Huu-ay-aht, and Ditidaht First Nations regarding the two-year deferral of old-growth logging in Fairy Creek and the Central Walbran Valley.
- As a result, TJCP voluntarily committed to refrain from logging the old-growth stands in Fairy Creek and the Central Walbran Valley. However, the protestors have noted that they will continue their efforts until the entire Fairy Creek Rainforest is protected. Police remain in place to ensure that the lawful rights to work and peaceful protest continue in accordance with the Injunction Order.
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Police have been using a number of tactics to successfully

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- Recent social media messaging from the Flying Rainforest Squad and others has accused the Police of engaging in assaultive behaviours and singling out Indigenous peoples during enforcement operations. The RCMP are monitoring the situation closely and report that there have been no official public complaints to substantiate this type of messaging.
- Other social media posts call for occupation of MLA offices in support of the Fairy Creek Blockade and old-growth forests more broadly. Satellite protests sympathetic to the Fairy Creek Blockade also continue, such as the protest at the Legislative Assembly in Victoria on June 11, 2021, which resulted in mischief.

Western Forest Products (WFP)

- On June 23, 2021 an official from WFP advised the RCMP that approximately six individuals, some of whom are members of Tla'amin Nation, were blocking the Stillwater Main FSR in Powell River in solidarity with the Fairy Creek Blockade. Industry advised the Police that protestor protocol has been discussed with their employees and contractors, who were to avoid the area and any confrontation.
- Powell River Police connected with the Hegus (Chief) of Tla'amin Nation about this activity, who advised that he does not support this protest. Members also connected with the spokesperson of the protest and learned that protestors intended to maintain the blockade for the day of June 23, 2021. The protest was nonviolent and there were no further events noted to date. However, RCMP analysts are monitoring social media for any prospective developments.

LNG/Coastal Gas Link (CGL)

- The Gidimt'en protest occupation at KM 44 of the Morice River West FSR and of the Lamprey Creek Recreation Site continues to stream concerns onto social media about expanded CGL workforces in the territory. No direct-action has been reported

as of late. However, Gidimt'en leaders have called for direct-action in support of the Fairy Creek protests presently underway.

- Camp 9A and the Huckleberry worker accommodations have been expanded to house increased workers in the region for LNG pipe installation. CGL has also reported a renewed interest in the removal of the Tree House structure which is positioned within the Injunction Zone.
- The RCMP continue to engage with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en (OW) on the draft Community Safety Protocol Agreement. The RCMP had a follow-up meeting with the OW on June 22, 2021 and are hopeful that an agreement can be reached soon.

Trans Mountain Pipeline (TMP)

- The RCMP have advised that sentencing in Kamloops Provincial Court for two Tiny House Warriors (THW) leaders on convictions for theft and intimidation that were set for June 8, 2021 have been adjourned until August 21, 2021. In the meantime, THW leaders have encouraged protestors to support direct-action efforts at Fairy Creek.
- Police have also reported that the THW leadership made an attempt to secure space at North Thompson Provincial Park on June 23, 2021, but protestors left peacefully after the RCMP arrived. However, BC Parks continues to liaise with the RCMP and other Provincial agencies in order to keep the park open to the public and safe from any unlawful occupation within. The gate monitoring will be in place until after the Canada Day long weekend.
- A Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) has now been installed on a pad at Colony Farm, and work is underway to link Burnaby Mountain with the Westridge Terminal.
- On June 3, 2021, the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) issued a Stop Work Order to TMP due to alleged reports of clearing work that may have impacted bird nesting. The order was lifted on June 18, 2021 to allow for continued work, except for some specific sensitive areas along the pipeline route.

Other Issues re: Road Access Restrictions

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- Kispiox Access Restrictions – FLNRORD continues to work with the Kispiox Hereditary Chiefs to determine next steps regarding the access restriction.

Anticipated Direct-Action on Canada Day

- Police advise they are aware of a number of planned activities for July 1, Canada Day, with respect to a variety of issues. These issues include activities intended to raise awareness with respect to a number of issues including environmental concerns around resource extraction as well as Indigenous relations and reconciliation. These range from protests to disruption of highway traffic. Police advise they are prepared to respond as required.
- Some of the known activities at this point are described below. PSB is meeting with affected Police organizations on June 29, 2021 to discuss additional Canada Day protests and their strategies to address any incidents if required:
 - According to the Government Security Office, there is a planned demonstration on July 1, 2021, between 6:00 and 8:00 pm at the Legislature. The protestors may target Government sites, with specific reference to the BC Museum.
 - The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure also learned that there are planned protests against TMP on Highway 1 and 97 between Kamloops and Enderby on July 1, 2021 to disrupt Canada Day celebrations in support of Residential School Survivors. THW social media indicates that the group intends to engage in a slow-moving motorcade on Highway 1 west of Salmon Arm, stop on the highway for a Round Dance, then continue toward the T'kemlups residential school. However, T'kemlups te Secwepemc does not appear to be in support of this protest.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are many Indigenous governments, Hereditary Chiefs, and other partners with a diverse range of involvement and responses in each of these activities. RCMP are directly engaged with Indigenous governments and organizations as monitoring and enforcement activities continue.

OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

- FLNRORD, MOTI, EMLI, ENV, MIRR, GCPE, and MCFD – Impacted

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