

## RE: Inquiry from Simpcw on Nature Agreement

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Sent: March 9, 2023 2:00:07 PM PST

Key bullets here taken from our estimates note. There is a key meeting next week, so we should see the outcome of that before taking next step.

- In June 2021, the Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) provided direction for the development of a Canada – BC Nature Agreement (the Agreement) to improve coordination of a federal-provincial collaboration on land stewardship and to direct a significant portion of new federal funding envelopes through 2030.
- The Agreement does not commit B.C. to any specific conservation initiative, it does commit to making progress towards targets which does imply a future fiscal impact for B.C.
- The mandate letter for the Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship includes a new commitment to protecting and conserving 30% of B.C.'s land base by 2030.
- B.C. continues to work with Canada and the First Nation Leadership Council to develop a tripartite agreement.
- There is recognition of the need to do the work contemplated in the Nature Agreement and in most cases, that work is already underway or contemplated through established mandates.
- The opportunity is unique because of the alignment that exists with the federal government<sup>s.16</sup>

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Hi there,

I attended the Simpcw Campfire working group today and there was an interesting note from Simpcw representatives that they have been provided a verbal update / verbal information about "a thing called the Nature Agreement" s.16

s.16 I committed to finding out more about what the "Agreement" is, and provide what further information and context is available.

Do we have official messaging or information that can be shared at this time?

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## Request: data analysis of Raush IPCA

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Sent: March 10, 2023 4:01:49 PM PST  
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Hello gentlemen / Lady,

I have a geomatics Master's student working on representing data for and within IPCA proposals.

I was wondering if you would look at the attached and share with me what questions, comments or impressions come to mind. I am also happy to touch base with you to answer any questions I can or contextualize the project / information.  
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Jack, the student, has also been importing industrial and natural disturbance from the data warehouse and external (free or open source) data points related to recreation use and human disturbance but has not yet provided the visual representation for consideration... if impressions lead to questions, comments or identified needs relative to those pieces fire away!

The "Sanky" shows conversion of the stated attribution (e.g. mixed wood or herb) in 1989 to whatever that same area currently exists at in 2021.

The "forested" shows the trend in the amount of land base that was considered "forested" (i.e. the net area that was covered by trees at least 20 years old (free to grow standard) or older).

Please let me know if you have thoughts to share or if you would like to chat. I am looking to get him something by Wednesday – SORRY for short notice but I just got these from him now!

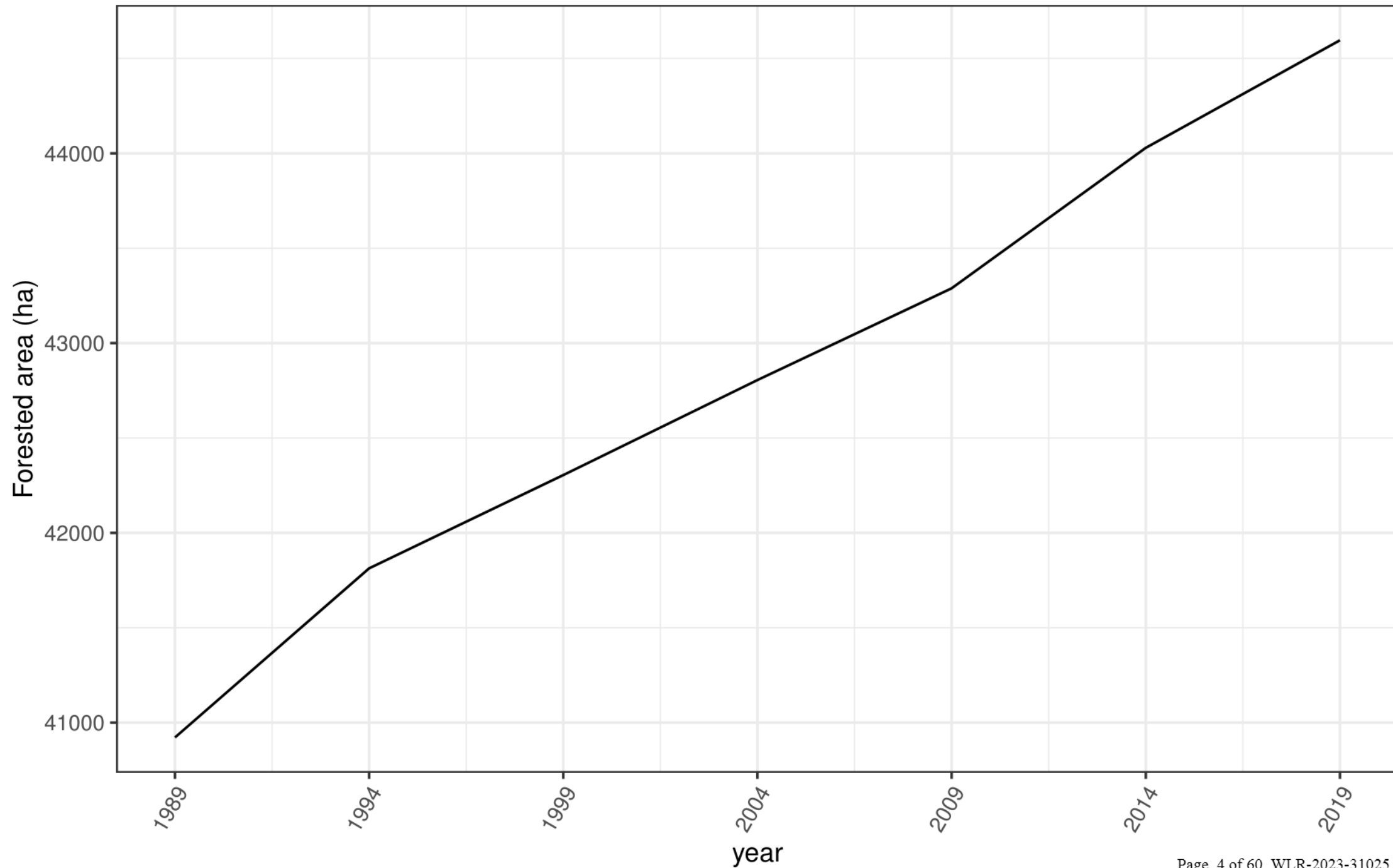
No worries if you don't have time but I will remain hopeful,

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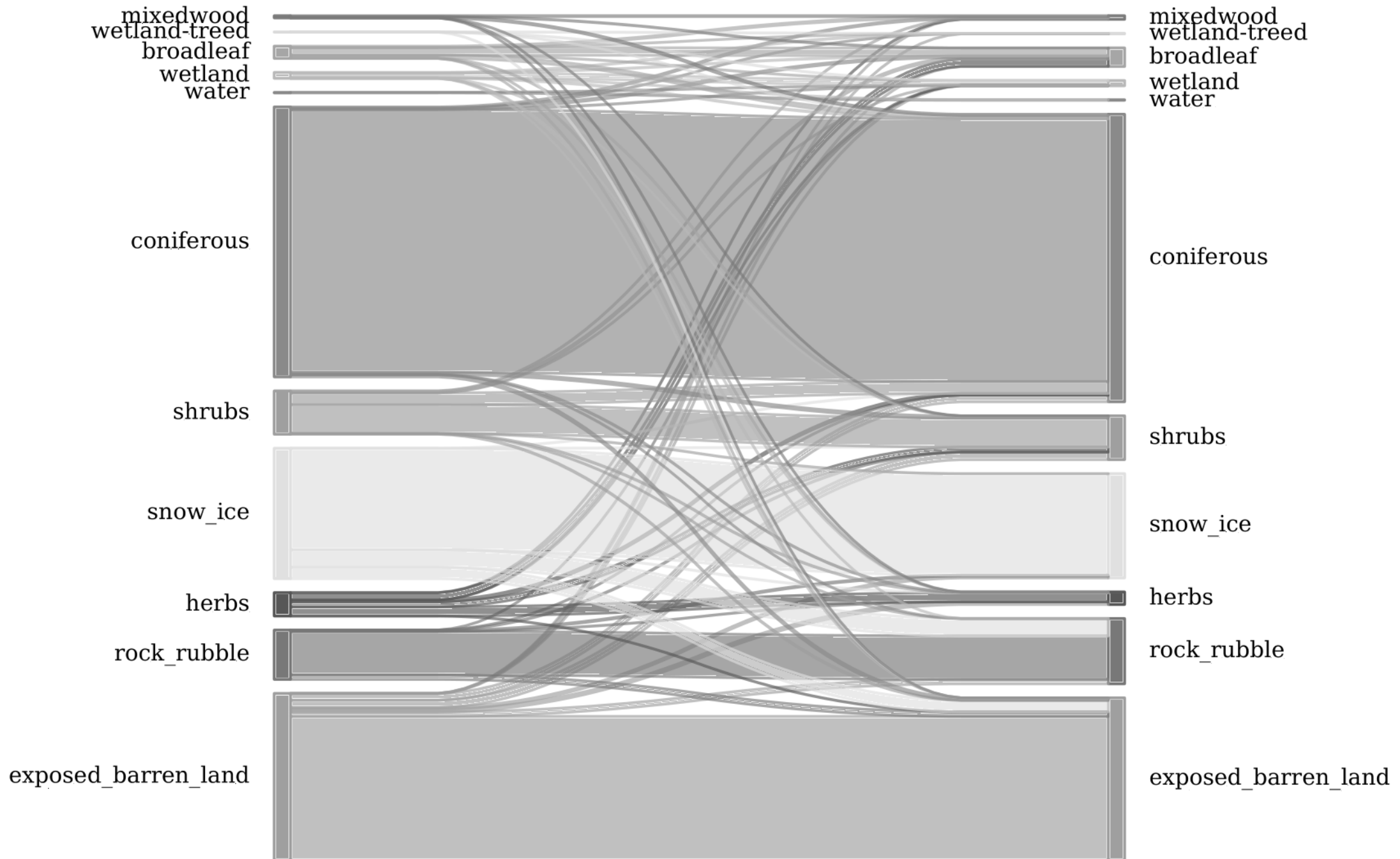
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Good morning,

Thanks for setting this up, Jocelyn!

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I look forward to our discussions.

Many thanks,

**Corbin Kelley**

**G2G Coordinator**, Natural Resources Department  
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**When:** April 19, 2023 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

Morning all

Corbin – please forward to the appropriate Simpcw folks.

Cheers  
Jocelyn

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Jane

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Thanks Katie, much appreciated.

Jane

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**Subject:** RE: Comment regarding Simpcw declaring protected area on Raush Valley

Hi Jane,

Thanks for the call. As I mentioned on the phone, I am working to get you a response. In the meantime, you can reach out to our correspondence team at [ServiceBC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ServiceBC@gov.bc.ca) and they'll be able to provide direction on the resources you were asking about.

Thanks,

Katie

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Good afternoon,

My name is Jane Skrypnek and I'm a reporter with Black Press Media here in B.C.

I'm reaching out in regards to a news release from the Simpcw First Nation this afternoon, declaring their intention to designate the Raush Valley as a conserved area. I'm hoping to better understand how B.C. designates the area. I'm also looking for a response from the ministry to Simpcw's announcement.

My deadline is ASAP today. Thanks,

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## RE: Raush follow-up question

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Other than Crown Land, not sure what it would be. Maybe Chris has the appropriate name.

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**Subject:** Raush follow-up question

Thanks Shawn,

I have a follow up inquiry from GCPE I am hoping one of you can assist with. Specifically, the reporter is looking for clarification of the "provincial land use status" of the Raush. Any language to provide is greatly appreciated.

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**Subject:** FW: RMG March 30, 2023: Simpcw declare Raush Valley Indigenous Protected Area, Marmot's new mountain terrain , Eagle eye, and MUCH MUCH MORE

Article in the paper on the Raush and IPCAs.

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Cc: David, Chris WLRS:EX <Chris.David@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: March 29, 2023 11:24:34 AM PDT  
Attachments: image002.png, image003.png  
See response below (2 red bullets) I sent yesterday to GCPE that may work.

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Good Morning Lori/Shawn,

Our friends at WLRS are working on this info on the Raush Valley that includes some Forests input. Can we provide an answer to the highlighted questions?

**Reporter**  
Sarah Cox, Editor

**Deadline** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 12:00 PM

**Request**

Hi Katie,

I'm writing a quick news story about the Simpcw declaring an IPCA in the Raush Valley. I'm seeking comment from the government.

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Sarah

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### **Recommendation**

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## RE: FOR REVIEW: WLRS Follow-up Media Request: Raush Valley/Simpcw First Nation Announcement/IPCAs

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Hi David,

Not super urgent, just a gentle reminder about this request. Could you take a look sometime on Thursday?

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Katie

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Sorry, resending this because I forgot to include the proposed response last time!

Hi David,

We received a follow-up question from a previous media request on IPCAs and I worked with Brian and Rhonda to draft a response. The part of our original response that the reporter is asking about is highlighted below. FOR provided some bullets as well.

- Green light from you?

### Reporter

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**Deadline** ASAP

### Request

Thanks Katie. So, what is the “provincial land use status” then?

Jane

### **Recommendation**

**So, what is the “provincial land use status” then?**

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### **Background**

This is a follow-up to a media request from March 27, 2023.

#### *REQUEST:*

Good afternoon,

My name is Jane Skrypnek and I’m a reporter with Black Press Media here in B.C.

I’m reaching out in regards to a news release from the Simpcw First Nation this afternoon, declaring their intention to designate the Raush Valley as a conserved area. I’m hoping to better understand how B.C. designates the area. I’m also looking for a response from the ministry to Simpcw’s announcement.

My deadline is ASAP today. Thanks,

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\*In the office from Sunday to Thursday

#### *RESPONSE:*

Provided Background

The following response is attributable to the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship:

- We respect and acknowledge the efforts of First Nations, like the Simpcw, to protect ecosystems within their territories and care for the water, land, animals, and other natural resources that their communities have relied on for millennia.
- We are committed to working together with First Nations on a co-managed approach to land and resource management.
- Where possible, our preferred approach is for Indigenous-led stewardship interests, such as IPCAs, to be addressed through government-to-government collaborative processes like modernized land use planning.
- This ensures that economic, environmental, social, and cultural values are considered, that collaborative processes can be built with First Nations and that robust engagement can be undertaken with stakeholders, local government, and the public.
- Our government welcomes the opportunity to work with First Nations to better understand and share our collective perspectives and to jointly develop an approach to land stewardship.
- The declaration by Simpcw does not result in a change to current provincial land use status but does indicate an opportunity for Simpcw and the province to continue to engage on long-term stewardship of the area.
- We look forward to continuing to explore land use and stewardship with Simpcw First Nation for the Rausch Valley including managing for important values.



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## New Release Raush

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**Subject:** RE: Request for support: RUSH: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST Interview Request on IPCAs for Minister Cullen

Thanks Brian

This is helpful. Have any of you seen the official [Simpco press release](#)? Shawn Rice says it was an internal community declaration but the media caught wind of it and ran with it. Is this your understanding too? I can't find it anywhere on the web.

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Thanks Jen – attached are the media emails sent over the last 2 days. Lori has approved everything in the attached.

Not sure if it helps with the BN or not.

We can have a look once your draft note is done.

Brian Bawtinheimer

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*I am grateful to live and work on the unceded territory of the lək'wəṇ peoples,  
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I will send a draft copy of the BN to Rhonda for review.

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**Importance:** High

Rhonda/Brian

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I am looking for support to answer the general questions (in red font below) about IPCAs. I have good material from Rhonda and can use that but I want to include you in this as soon as I can because I am stretched for time. I will write the Raush specific details and background. I can reach out to FOR on the forestry questions.

Are you able to help me today?

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*Please let me know what you think.*

*Thanks!  
Roari*

**Recommendation – send bullets as below:**

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Thank you. Jen.

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**Importance:** High

Hi Jennifer, this eApprovals (3767) is with you. There was originally a request for an information note. It appears that this is for a MEDIA request and the Minister wanted background info. We now have questions below that need to be included in your information note.

Sara has also contacted GCPE to see if they have these questions and Sean's response what that Katie would be on the file. I am including her and Sara in this email as turn around times are very tight.

DMO wants a briefing note and strict deadline is for 4:00 to Sara for Lori's review as MNC has an interview on Monday morning at 10:30.

We somehow have to wrangle this one together.

I am out of the office and will be back later this afternoon, which is why I am including everyone.

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**Subject:** FW: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST Interview Request on IPCAs for Minister Cullen  
**Importance:** High

Good morning Brenda and Julie,  
In eApp 3767 Lori would like to make sure that the following questions are answered:

Have the Simpcw requested an IPCA? Does it include the Roush Valley? If so, where is this request at? Is it being considered? What due diligence is required of the Simpcw in the application process?

What is the process of designating an IPCA?

What is the role of the province?

What is the govt's criteria of an IPCA?

(haven't been able to find a BC Govt or govt of Cda description and list of conditions, like for a provincial or federal park for instance)

Is resource development allowed in an IPCA?

Do local residents and interest groups have input?  
Or can the nation unilaterally decide what land is designated for what purpose?

What is the process if there are overlapping First Nation claims?

Can you recommend someone knowledgeable i can speak with about this for an interview?

I would like to note that this IN is due to the MO first thing on Monday April 3, 2023. This means that the ADM approved materials are due to the DMO by EOD March 31, 2023. There will be no option for an extension as the MO needs the note prior to MNC's interview on April 3 at 10:30am. I will also add these questions to the eApp.

*Cheers,*

**Sara Blackstock**

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Hey you two!

These are the additional questions that Lori would like to make sure are addressed in the BN as well.

We chatted about this this morning.

Hope this helps!  
Roari

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Hi Roari



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Hi Lori and Sandra,

Just sharing this media request with you as it pertains to the BN staff are preparing for Monday.

The Minister has agreed to take this interview on Monday if Fran is willing to wait that long, so I thought it might be helpful if the BN was prepared with that in mind.

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Lori: It would be helpful if someone from the program area could sit in on the media prep as well, if you're ok with that.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks!  
Roari

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Hi Katie,

I've connected with the Minister and quickly run through the calendar for the next few very busy days. We can fit an interview in on Monday if Fran can make that work. If not, we can provide her with an additional statement to answer her follow-up questions later today.

Please let me know if that works.

Many thanks!  
Roari

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Hi Roari,

Thanks for letting me know!

Katie

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Hi Katie,

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The program area is preparing a BN on this topic for us, but we won't have it until Monday, unfortunately.

Thanks!  
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**Importance:** High

Hi All,

We have received an interview request for MNC to talk about IPCAs. The reporter is looking for a 20-minute interview ASAP. She also provided follow-up questions to her previous media request that she also wants me to get answers for prior to the interview. Is this sometime MNC has capacity for?

Thanks,

Katie

**Reporter**

Fran Yanor, Reporter

Northern Beat News

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**Deadline** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 5:00 PM

**Request**

Hi Again, Nigel,

I have heard from several sources about controversy related to the proposed ICPA in the Raush Valley and require clarification:

Have the Simpcw requested an IPCA? Does it include the Raush Valley? If so, where is this request at? Is it being considered? What due diligence is required of the Simpcw in the application process?

What is the process of designating an IPCA?

What is the role of the province?

What is the govt's criteria of an IPCA?

(haven't been able to find a BC Govt or govt of Cda description and list of conditions, like for a provincial or federal park for instance)

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Do local residents and interest groups have input?

Or can the nation unilaterally decide what land is designated for what purpose?

What is the process if there are overlapping First Nation claims?

Can you recommend someone knowledgeable i can speak with about this for an interview?

Thanks,

Fran

## Recommendation



### **Katie Norris (she/her)**

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## RE: FOR REVIEW: WLRS Follow-up Media Request: Raush Valley/Simpcw First Nation Announcement/IPCAs

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**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: WLRS Follow-up Media Request: Raush Valley/Simpcw First Nation Announcement/IPCAs

Hi Lori,

Just a gentle reminder about this request.

Thanks,

Katie

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**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: WLRS Follow-up Media Request: Raush Valley/Simpcw First Nation Announcement/IPCAs

Hi Lori,

We received a follow-up question from a previous media request on IPCAs and I worked with Brian and Rhonda to draft a response and David has approved. The part of our original response that the reporter is asking about is highlighted below. FOR provided some bullets as well.

- Green light from you?

### Reporter

Jane Skrypnek, Reporter  
Black Press Media  
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778-726-4707 c: 604-999-6721  
**Deadline** ASAP

### Request

Thanks Katie. So, what is the "provincial land use status" then?

## Recommendation

So, what is the “provincial land use status” then?

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## Background

This is a follow-up to a media request from March 27, 2023.

### REQUEST:

Good afternoon,

My name is Jane Skrypnek and I’m a reporter with Black Press Media here in B.C.

I’m reaching out in regards to a news release from the Simpcw First Nation this afternoon, declaring their intention to designate the Rausch Valley as a conserved area. I’m hoping to better understand how B.C. designates the area. I’m also looking for a response from the ministry to Simpcw’s announcement.

My deadline is ASAP today. Thanks,

Jane Skrypnek (she/her)  
Provincial Reporter, Black Press Media  
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\*In the office from Sunday to Thursday

### RESPONSE:

Provided Background

The following response is attributable to the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship:

- We respect and acknowledge the efforts of First Nations, like the Simpcw, to protect ecosystems within their territories and care for the water, land, animals, and other natural resources that their communities have relied on for millennia.
- We are committed to working together with First Nations on a co-managed approach to land and resource management.
- Where possible, our preferred approach is for Indigenous-led stewardship interests, such as IPCAs, to be addressed through government-to-government collaborative processes like modernized land use planning.
- This ensures that economic, environmental, social, and cultural values are considered, that collaborative processes can be built with First Nations and that robust engagement can be undertaken with stakeholders, local government, and the public.
- Our government welcomes the opportunity to work with First Nations to better understand and share our collective perspectives and to jointly develop an approach to land stewardship.
- The declaration by Simpcw does not result in a change to current provincial land use status but does indicate an opportunity for Simpcw and the province to continue to engage on long-term stewardship of the area.
- We look forward to continuing to explore land use and stewardship with Simpcw First Nation for the Rausch Valley including managing for important values.



**Katie Norris (she/her)**

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*I respectfully acknowledge that I work and reside in the traditional territories of the ləkʷəŋən peoples.*

## RE: Request: data analysis of Raush IPCA

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From: Price, Mark A IRR:EX <Mark.Price@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Cage, Rhonda R WLR:EX <Rhonda.Cage@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 4, 2023 10:59:17 AM PDT  
Hi Rhonda. So sorry, s.22 and didn't get to this in time.

Mark

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**From:** Cage, Rhonda R WLR:EX <Rhonda.Cage@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2023 4:02 PM  
**To:** Rice, Shawn FOR:EX <Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca>; Price, Mark A IRR:EX <Mark.Price@gov.bc.ca>; Campbell, Jocelyn WLR:EX <Jocelyn.Campbell@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Request: data analysis of Raush IPCA

Hello gentlemen / Lady,

I have a geomatics Master's student working on representing data for and within IPCA proposals.

I was wondering if you would look at the attached and share with me what questions, comments or impressions come to mind. I am also happy to touch base with you to answer any questions I can or contextualize the project / information.

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Jack, the student, has also been importing industrial and natural disturbance from the data warehouse and external (free or open source) data points related to recreation use and human disturbance but has not yet provided the visual representation for consideration... if impressions lead to questions, comments or identified needs relative to those pieces fire away!

The "Sanky" shows conversion of the stated attribution (e.g. mixed wood or herb) in 1989 to whatever that same area currently exists at in 2021.

The "forested" shows the trend in the amount of land base that was considered "forested" (i.e. the net area that was covered by trees at least 20 years old (free to grow standard) or older).

Please let me know if you have thoughts to share or if you would like to chat. I am looking to get him something by Wednesday – SORRY for short notice but I just got these from him now!

No worries if you don't have time but I will remain hopeful,

*Rhonda Cage* (she/her)

Director, Provincial Initiatives

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**From:** [David, Chris WLRS:EX](#)  
**To:** [Murray, Jenni WLRS:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Pollard, Jennifer D WLRS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: narwhal article on raush  
**Date:** April 18, 2023 11:28:00 AM

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Nope I hadn't seen this one. Thanks for sharing

**Chris David, RPF** (he/him)

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**From:** Murray, Jenni WLRS:EX <[Jenni.Murray@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jenni.Murray@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:27 AM  
**To:** David, Chris WLRS:EX <[Chris.David@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Chris.David@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** narwhal article on raush

You've most likely already seen this

<https://thenarwhal.ca/bc-raush-indigenous-protected-area/>

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**From:** [Corbin Kelley](#)  
**To:** [Campbell, Jocelyn WLRs:EX](#); [Cage, Rhonda R WLRs:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Pollard, Jennifer D WLRs:EX](#); [David, Chris WLRs:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE:s.13; s.16  
**Date:** March 13, 2023 10:34:42 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Good morning,

Thanks for setting this up, Jocelyn!

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I look forward to our discussions.

Many thanks,

**Corbin Kelley**

**G2G Coordinator**, Natural Resources Department

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*“Working together to take care of the land”*



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**From:** Campbell, Jocelyn WLRS:EX <Jocelyn.Campbell@gov.bc.ca>

**Sent:** March 13, 2023 10:24 AM

**To:** Cage, Rhonda R WLRS:EX; Corbin Kelley

**Cc:** Pollard, Jennifer D WLRS:EX; David, Chris WLRS:EX

**Subject:** s.13; s.16

**When:** April 19, 2023 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

Morning all

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Corbin – please forward to the appropriate Simpcw folks.

Cheers

Jocelyn

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**Cc:** Rice, Shawn FOR:EX <[Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR Media Request: Robson Valley TSA

Hi,  
Shawn,  
Could you please help Nigel with this one.  
Thanks.  
Lori

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**From:** McInnis, Nigel GCPE:EX <[Nigel.McInnis@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nigel.McInnis@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 11:40 AM  
**To:** Borth, Lori J FOR:EX <[Lori.Borth@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Borth@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: FOR Media Request: Robson Valley TSA

Good Morning Lori,

We have Fran asking about the Robson Valley TSA; would you be able to assist on this?

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**From:** Nigel McInnis <[Nigel.McInnis@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nigel.McInnis@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 11:39 AM  
**To:** McInnis, Nigel GCPE:EX <[Nigel.McInnis@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nigel.McInnis@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FOR Media Request: Robson Valley TSA

**Reporter**

Fran Yanor, Reporter  
Northern Beat News  
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778-350-7047

**Deadline** Friday, March 24, 2023 4:00 PM

**Request**

From Reporter: I have heard conflicting reports regarding logging in the Robson Valley TSA.

Can you pls tell me whether logging or road building permits have been approved, or applied for, by Carrier Lumber/Simpcw Nation in the Raush Valley?

Or direct me to the person within the Min of Forests who can provide me with that level of detailpls.

**Recommendation**

**Background**

**From:** Campbell, Jocelyn WLRs:EX  
**To:** Cage, Rhonda R WLRs:EX; Corbin Kelley  
**Cc:** Pollard, Jennifer D WLRs:EX; David, Chris WLRs:EX  
**Subject:** s.13: s.16

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Hi all

Rhonda and I both now have a conflict on the original date we picked here. Moving it to the next available time that I can see in BC' staff calendar. Corbin, does this work for you and your team?

If not, the next time is May 10th at 11AM.

Let me know which you prefer!

Sorry about this.

Cheers,

Jocelyn

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Morning all

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Corbin – please forward to the appropriate Simpew folks.

Cheers

Jocelyn

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**From:** Pollard, Jennifer D WLRs:EX  
**To:** Irwin, Jill WLRs:EX; McKinley, Robin WLRs:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: ENV Media Request: Raush Indigenous protected area  
**Date:** March 24, 2023 5:55:30 PM

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We can discuss anytime. I will also forward you a senate email with media release.

Jennifer Pollard  
Director, Resource Stewardship Operations  
Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

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**From:** Rice, Shawn FOR:EX <Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca>  
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**To:** Pollard, Jennifer D WLRs:EX <Jennifer.Pollard@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: ENV Media Request: Raush Indigenous protected area

Spoke with Sam at 4:00 today. Can chat with you on Monday if you have time.

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**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 5:18:03 PM  
**To:** Rice, Shawn FOR:EX <Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca>; David, Chris WLRs:EX <Chris.David@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: ENV Media Request: Raush Indigenous protected area

This just came to me from Branch. Sending to you but haven't read full email or news release.

Jennifer Pollard  
Director, Resource Stewardship Operations  
Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

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**Subject:** FW: ENV Media Request: Raush Indigenous protected area

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**Subject:** RE: ENV Media Request: Raush Indigenous protected area

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**Subject:** RE: ENV Media Request: Raush Indigenous protected area

For context, Conservation North issued the attached news release today, which is driving the media inquiries.  
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Thank you!

**Sean Leslie**  
**Communications Director**  
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**Subject:** RE: ENV Media Request: Raush Indigenous protected area

We have Estimates notes and past comms related to IPCAs.

Sean and Glen included on this note.

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**Subject:** FW: ENV Media Request: Raush Indigenous protected area

**Importance:** High

Hi Folks!

Any intel on the below and attached? s.13  
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FYI - MIRR comms will likely be reaching out to WLRs comms for advice on messaging.

Thanks!

AB

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**Subject:** FW: ENV Media Request: Raush Indigenous protected area

**Importance:** High

Hi there,  
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Leanne

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**From:** Binder, Stephen GCPE:EX <[Stephen.Binder@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Stephen.Binder@gov.bc.ca)>

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**Subject:** FW: ENV Media Request: Raush Indigenous protected area

Hi Both,

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media question we've received.

This is the second

Any input from negotiators etc. would be very helpful. (I see Art is on the chain)

SB

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**From:** David Karn <[David.Karn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Karn@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 1:46 PM

**To:** Karn, David GCPE:EX <[David.Karn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Karn@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** McInnis, Nigel GCPE:EX <[Nigel.McInnis@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nigel.McInnis@gov.bc.ca)>; Aronson, Art GCPE:EX <[Art.Aronson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Art.Aronson@gov.bc.ca)>; Norris, Katie GCPE:EX <[Katie.Norris@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Katie.Norris@gov.bc.ca)>; Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <[Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** ENV Media Request: Raush Indigenous protected area

**Reporter**

Laura Keil, Editor  
The Rocky Mountain Goat News  
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250-566-4606 c: 250-566-5135

**Deadline** Monday, March 27, 2023 2:00 PM

**Request**

I'm not sure if this request overlaps ministries, but I'm sending it to you and I know you'll help me out ⇒)

Hoping to confirm the following:

- 1) Can you confirm the Raush Valley is now an Indigenous protected and conservation area managed by the Simpcw?
- 2) How large is the area protected? Can you supply a map?
- 3) How are existing licensees affected by this designation?
- 4) How many licensees are affected? (forestry, grazing recreation etc).
- 5) Any other info on Indigenous protected areas you can share? (I've already spoken with the Simpcw Chief and have info from him).

**Recommendation**

**Background**

**From:** David, Chris WLRS:EX  
**To:** Campbell, Jocelyn WLRS:EX; Pollard, Jennifer D WLRS:EX; Cage, Rhonda R WLRS:EX  
**Subject:** Discussion regarding roles with Simpcw IPCA vision

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Hi Jocelyn and Jennifer

This meeting is to discuss how team BC will work with the Simpcw First Nation.

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Thanks

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**From:** Pollard, Jennifer D WLRS:EX  
**To:** Bawtinheimer, Brian WLRS:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: IPCAs  
**Date:** March 24, 2023 5:47:39 PM  
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I have also forwarded him the other email string that you sent internally that provided more advice re: media.

Shawn Rice is in frequent communications with Simpwc. He communicates well with me.

Lots going on!!!

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**From:** Rice, Shawn FOR:EX <Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 12:22 PM  
**To:** Pollard, Jennifer D WLRS:EX <Jennifer.Pollard@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Cage, Rhonda R WLRS:EX <Rhonda.Cage@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: IPCAs

Thanks. Also have the media asking about logging the Raush.

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**From:** Pollard, Jennifer D WLRS:EX <Jennifer.Pollard@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 12:21 PM  
**To:** Rice, Shawn FOR:EX <Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Cage, Rhonda R WLRS:EX <Rhonda.Cage@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: IPCAs

IPCAs are defined by Indigenous Peoples, not BC.

BC enters into land use planning with partner nations to establish areas to protect and conserve. LUP processes require a Cabinet mandate.

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ICE and IPCAs:

[Newsletter \(squarespace.com\)](#)

Try this link to the federal site:

[Indigenous-Led Area-Based Conservation - Canada.ca](#)

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**From:** Rice, Shawn FOR:EX <[Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 11:36 AM

**To:** Pollard, Jennifer D WLRs:EX <[Jennifer.Pollard@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Pollard@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** IPCAs

Jennifer, do you have any information on IPCAs that I can share with a CFA licensee I the Robson Valley. s.13; s.16  
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**From:** Pollard, Jennifer D WLR:EX  
**To:** Irwin, Jill WLR:EX; McKinley, Robin WLR:EX; David, Chris WLR:EX  
**Subject:** FYI: FOR Media Request: Robson Valley TSA  
**Date:** March 24, 2023 5:56:31 PM  
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**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 3:02 PM  
**To:** Pollard, Jennifer D WLR:EX <Jennifer.Pollard@gov.bc.ca>; Cage, Rhonda R WLR:EX <Rhonda.Cage@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: FOR Media Request: Robson Valley TSA

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**From:** McInnis, Nigel GCPE:EX <Nigel.McInnis@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 2:37:03 PM  
**To:** Rice, Shawn FOR:EX <Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Borth, Lori J FOR:EX <Lori.Borth@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR Media Request: Robson Valley TSA

Hey Shawn/Lori,

Did you see this release (attached)

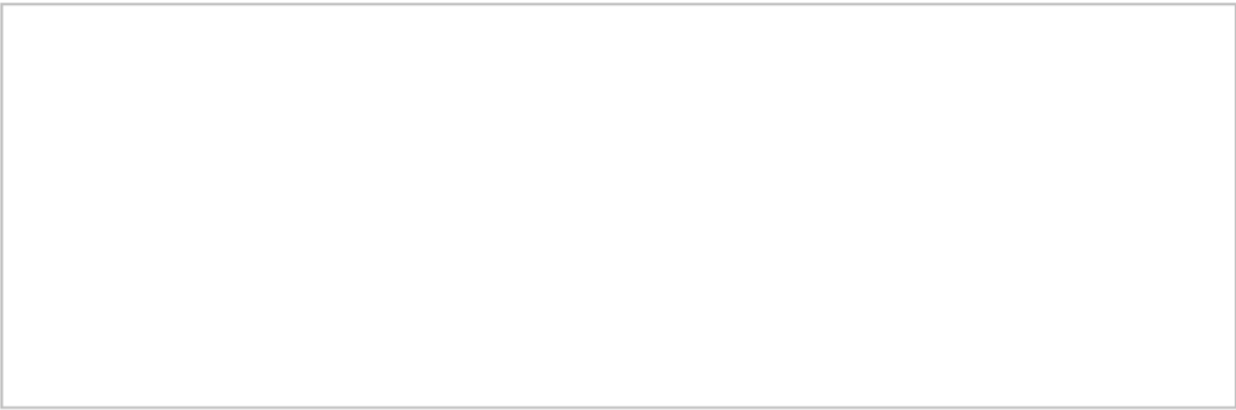
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**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 12:52 PM  
**To:** McInnis, Nigel GCPE:EX <Nigel.McInnis@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Borth, Lori J FOR:EX <Lori.Borth@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR Media Request: Robson Valley TSA

Yes.

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**From:** McInnis, Nigel GCPE:EX <[Nigel.McInnis@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nigel.McInnis@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 12:05 PM  
**To:** Rice, Shawn FOR:EX <[Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Borth, Lori J FOR:EX <[Lori.Borth@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Borth@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR Media Request: Robson Valley TSA

Thanks Shawn! Can we say then:

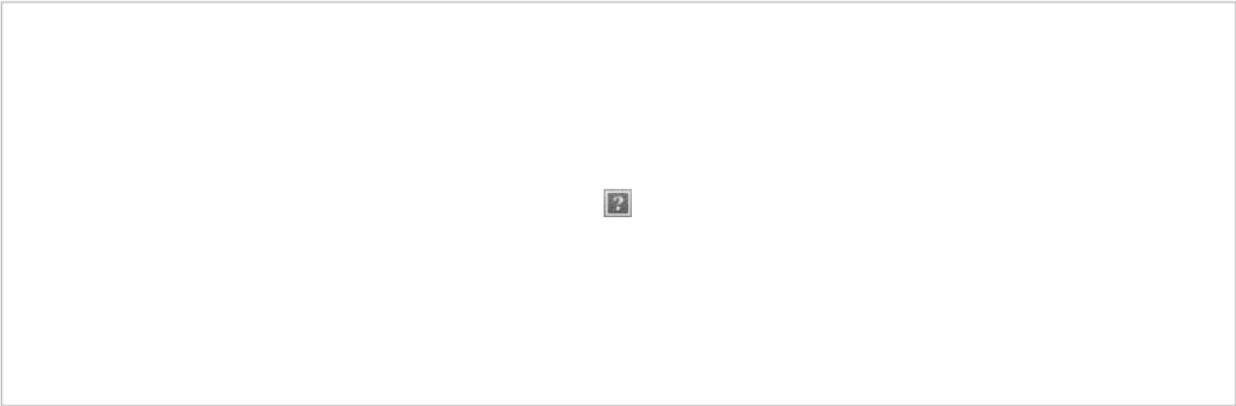
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**From:** Rice, Shawn FOR:EX <[Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 11:45 AM  
**To:** McInnis, Nigel GCPE:EX <[Nigel.McInnis@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nigel.McInnis@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Borth, Lori J FOR:EX <[Lori.Borth@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Borth@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR Media Request: Robson Valley TSA

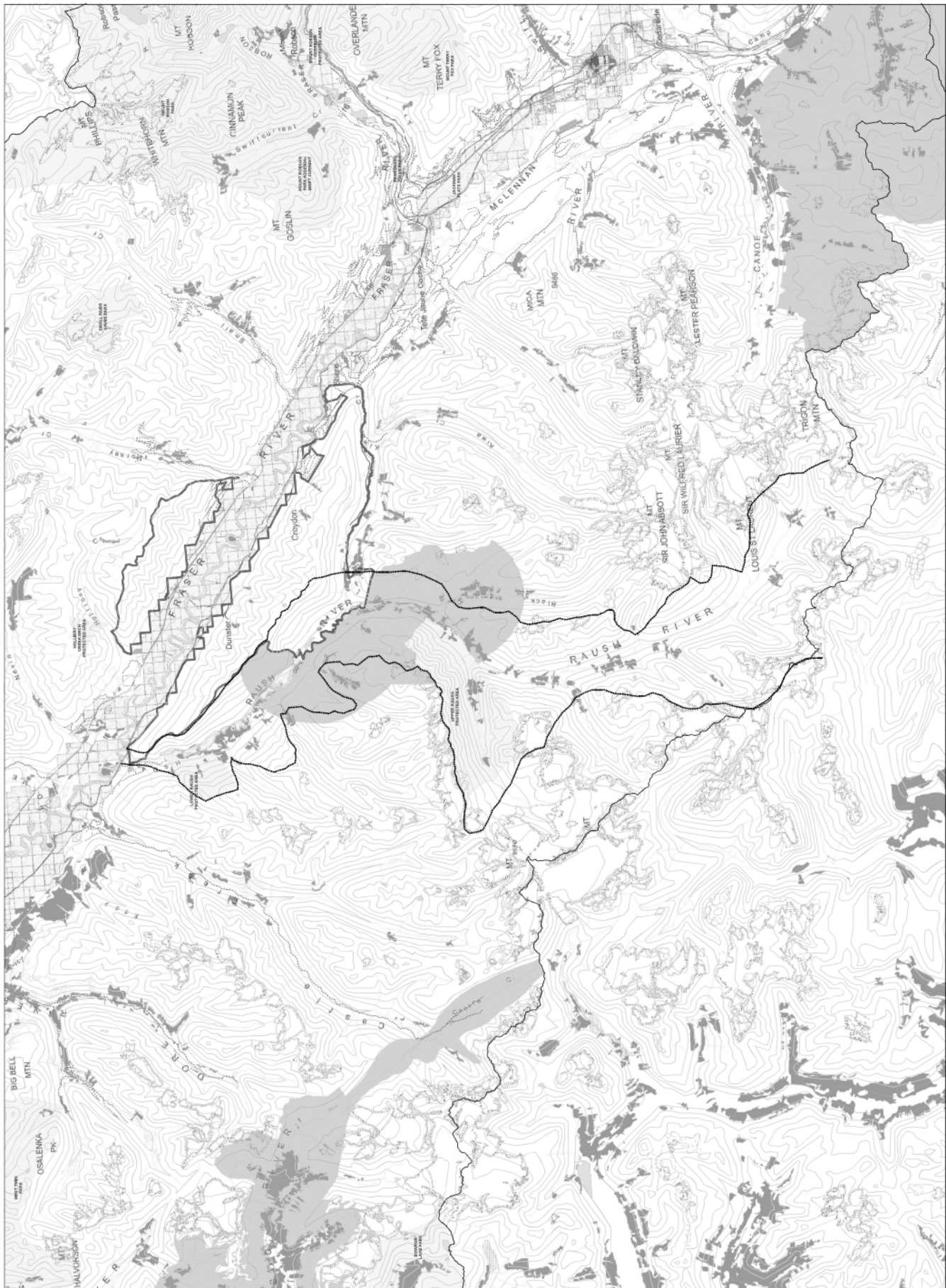
We have not received nor approved any CP or RP applications for the Raush Valley

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**From:** Borth, Lori J FOR:EX <[Lori.Borth@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Borth@gov.bc.ca)>



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  - Paved Road
  - Gravel Road
  - Rail Line
  - Electrical Transmission Line
  - Pipeline - Underground
  - River or Stream - Definite
  - Lake - Definite
  - Marsh
  - River or Stream - Definite
  - River or Stream - Indefinite
  - River or Stream - Disappearing
  - River or Stream - Dry
  - Sand Bar
  - Kofield

- ParcelMap BC**
- Crown Agency
  - Crown Provincial
  - Federal
  - First Nation
  - Mixed Ownership
  - Municipal
  - Private

- Dunster Community Forest
- Legal Conservation Lands
- Ungulate Winter Range
- Private Protected
- Proposed UWR
- Priority Referral area
- Tenure Roads
- Forest Service Road
- Other Road Permit
- SUP
- Dunster Community Forest Road Permits

**Raush Valley  
Robson Valley TSA  
Omineca Region**

**From:** [Rice, Shawn FOR:EX](#)  
**To:** [Pollard, Jennifer D WLRs:EX](#); [Cage, Rhonda R WLRs:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: RMG March 30, 2023: Simpcw declare Raush Valley Indigenous Protected Area, Marmot's new mountain terrain , Eagle eye, and MUCH MUCH MORE  
**Date:** March 29, 2023 8:12:33 AM  
**Attachments:** [RMG March 30 A1.jpg](#)  
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Article in the paper on the Raush and IPCAs.

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**From:** Law, Janet C FOR:EX <Janet.Law@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023 6:04 AM  
**To:** Rice, Shawn FOR:EX <Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca>; Caswell, Jason FOR:EX <Jason.Caswell@gov.bc.ca>; Jacob, Raymond F FOR:EX <Raymond.Jacob@gov.bc.ca>; Evans, Lee FOR:EX <Lee.Evans@gov.bc.ca>; Greenfield, Jeremy A FOR:EX <Jeremy.Greenfield@gov.bc.ca>; Pillipow, Ray FOR:EX <Ray.Pillipow@gov.bc.ca>; Bogh, Tara FOR:EX <Tara.Bogh@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: RMG March 30, 2023: Simpcw declare Raush Valley Indigenous Protected Area, Marmot's new mountain terrain , Eagle eye, and MUCH MUCH MORE

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**From:** Admin  
**Sent:** 29 March 2023 06:00:00 (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**Subject:** RMG March 30, 2023: Simpcw declare Raush Valley Indigenous Protected Area, Marmot's new mountain terrain , Eagle eye, and MUCH MUCH MORE

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**From:** Norris, Katie GCPE:EX <[Katie.Norris@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Katie.Norris@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023 11:48 AM  
**To:** McKay, Ashley GCPE:EX <[Ashley.McKay@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ashley.McKay@gov.bc.ca)>; Richardson, Roari WLRs:EX <[Roari.Richardson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Roari.Richardson@gov.bc.ca)>; Jones, Tristan WLRs:EX <[Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca)>; Dekleer, Lisa WLRs:EX <[Lisa.Dekleer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Dekleer@gov.bc.ca)>; Andrews, Scott WLRs:EX <[Scott.Andrews@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Scott.Andrews@gov.bc.ca)>; Walters, Hailey WLRs:EX <[Hailey.Walters@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Hailey.Walters@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <[Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST Interview Request on IPCAs for Minister Cullen

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Katie

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**From:** McKay, Ashley GCPE:EX <[Ashley.McKay@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ashley.McKay@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023 11:44 AM  
**To:** Norris, Katie GCPE:EX <[Katie.Norris@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Katie.Norris@gov.bc.ca)>; Richardson, Roari WLRs:EX <[Roari.Richardson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Roari.Richardson@gov.bc.ca)>; Jones, Tristan WLRs:EX <[Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca)>; Dekleer, Lisa WLRs:EX <[Lisa.Dekleer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Dekleer@gov.bc.ca)>; Andrews, Scott WLRs:EX <[Scott.Andrews@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Scott.Andrews@gov.bc.ca)>; Walters, Hailey WLRs:EX <[Hailey.Walters@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Hailey.Walters@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST Interview Request on IPCAs for Minister Cullen

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**From:** Norris, Katie GCPE:EX <[Katie.Norris@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Katie.Norris@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023 11:41 AM  
**To:** Richardson, Roari WLRs:EX <[Roari.Richardson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Roari.Richardson@gov.bc.ca)>; McKay, Ashley GCPE:EX <[Ashley.McKay@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ashley.McKay@gov.bc.ca)>; Jones, Tristan WLRs:EX <[Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca)>; Dekleer, Lisa WLRs:EX <[Lisa.Dekleer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Dekleer@gov.bc.ca)>; Andrews, Scott WLRs:EX <[Scott.Andrews@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Scott.Andrews@gov.bc.ca)>; Walters, Hailey WLRs:EX <[Hailey.Walters@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Hailey.Walters@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** URGENT MEDIA REQUEST Interview Request on IPCAs for Minister Cullen  
**Importance:** High

Hi All,

We have received an interview request for MNC to talk about IPCAs. The reporter is looking for a 20-minute interview ASAP. She also provided follow-up questions to her previous media request that she also wants me to get answers for prior to the interview. Is this sometime MNC has capacity for?

Thanks,

Katie

**From:** [Pollard, Jennifer D WLRs:EX](#)  
**To:** [Cuell, James W WLRs:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Shepherd, Jolene WLRs:EX](#); [Cage, Rhonda R WLRs:EX](#); [Rice, Shawn FOR:EX](#); [David, Chris WLRs:EX](#); [Bawtinheimer, Brian WLRs:EX](#)  
**Subject:** For ED review: RUSH: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST Interview Request on IPCAs for Minister Cullen  
**Date:** March 30, 2023 5:02:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Attachment 1 Map of Simpcw First Nation Territory and the Raush Valley IPCA.docx](#)  
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I am sending this primarily to James for review and approval. I expect some edits will come of his review later this evening. James hopes to have this to ADM's office by EOD tomorrow – it will need to go through several other steps to get there.

I borrowed heavily from previous key messages for the Ministry Response section. James, let me know if we need to tweak to make more specific for this media meeting.

I am also sending it to those of you involved in these discussions.

Rhonda – I know you offered to review the BN, please do and let us know if there are any clangers.

Shawn – please review my forestry section – is it right? Did I miss anything major? Tricky to keep this to two pages.

I have tried to ensure Lori Hall's expectations of the note were met – see her questions in red font way down in the email string.

Thanks everyone!

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**From:** Cage, Rhonda R WLRs:EX <[Rhonda.Cage@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rhonda.Cage@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:47 PM  
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**Cc:** Shepherd, Jolene WLRs:EX <[Jolene.Shepherd@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jolene.Shepherd@gov.bc.ca)>; Cuell, James W WLRs:EX <[James.Cuell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:James.Cuell@gov.bc.ca)>; Rice, Shawn FOR:EX <[Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shawn.Rice@gov.bc.ca)>; David, Chris WLRs:EX <[Chris.David@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Chris.David@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for support: RUSH: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST Interview Request on IPCAs for Minister Cullen

If you send me what you have by eod I can take a look and make edits tonight and distribute to the group for their consideration in the morning. I have consistent gcpe and other internally approved messaging for pretty much all of the questions in red -s.13  
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*Rhonda Cage* (she/her)  
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**From:** [Pollard, Jennifer D WLRs:EX](#)  
**To:** [Cuell, James W WLRs:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FYI: Messaging on IPCAs  
**Date:** March 30, 2023 5:05:00 PM  
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[WLRs Media Request Raush Valley Simpcw First Nation Announcement IPCAs\\_Jane Skrypnek\\_Black Press\\_27March23.docx](#)  
[WLRs Media Request IPCA Raush Valley Simpcw\\_Fran Yanor\\_Northern Beat News\\_27March23.docx](#)  
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**To:** Blackstock, Sara WLRs:EX <Sara.Blackstock@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca>; Roe, Sandra WLRs:EX <Sandra.Roe@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Messaging on IPCAs

Hey Sara,

I've attached our latest IN and some media responses on IPCAs. We have a couple more IPCA media responses going through approvals. I'll CC you in so you can see them as well.

Please let me know if you need anything else or some help with this.

Cheers,



**Katie Norris (she/her)**

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*I respectfully acknowledge that I work and reside in the traditional territories of the lək'wəḡən peoples.*

**From:** [Rice, Shawn FOR:EX](#)  
**To:** [Pollard, Jennifer D WLR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Raush  
**Date:** March 30, 2023 3:45:11 PM  
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This is the one I used for the fat sheet. However, it may be better to use the one that Simpcw used given that we are responding to their announcement.

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**Subject:** RE: Request for support: RUSH: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST Interview Request on IPCAs for Minister Cullen

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I will send a draft copy of the BN to Rhonda for review.

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**From:** Pollard, Jennifer D WLRS:EX  
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**To:** Cage, Rhonda R WLRS:EX <[Rhonda.Cage@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rhonda.Cage@gov.bc.ca)>; Bawtinheimer, Brian WLRS:EX <[Brian.Bawtinheimer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brian.Bawtinheimer@gov.bc.ca)>  
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**Importance:** High

Rhonda/Brian

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I am looking for support to answer the general questions (in red font below) about IPCAs. I have good material from Rhonda and can use that but I want to include you in this as soon as I can because I am stretched for time. I will write the Raush specific details and background. I can reach out to FOR on the forestry questions.

Are you able to help me today?

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*Please let me know what you think.*

*Thanks!*

*Roari*

***Recommendation – send bullets as below:***

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Thank you. Jen.

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**From:** Larkin, Brenda WLRS:EX <[Brenda.Larkin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brenda.Larkin@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2023 10:55 AM

**To:** Pollard, Jennifer D WLRS:EX <[Jennifer.Pollard@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Pollard@gov.bc.ca)>

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**Subject:** RUSH: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST Interview Request on IPCAs for Minister Cullen

**Importance:** High

Hi Jennifer, this eApprovals (3767) is with you. There was originally a request for an information note. It appears that this is for a MEDIA request and the Minister wanted background info. We now have questions below that need to be included in your information note.

Sara has also contacted GCPE to see if they have these questions and Sean's response what that Katie would be on the file. I am including her and Sara in this email as turn around times are very tight.

DMO wants a briefing note and strict deadline is for 4:00 to Sara for Lori's review as MNC has an interview on Monday morning at 10:30.

We somehow have to wrangle this one together.

I am out of the office and will be back later this afternoon, which is why I am including everyone.

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**From:** Blackstock, Sara WLRS:EX <[Sara.Blackstock@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sara.Blackstock@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2023 10:36 AM

**To:** Larkin, Brenda WLRS:EX <[Brenda.Larkin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brenda.Larkin@gov.bc.ca)>; Chaplin, Julie WLRS:EX <[Julie.Chaplin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Julie.Chaplin@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** FW: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST Interview Request on IPCAs for Minister Cullen

**Importance:** High

Good morning Brenda and Julie,

In eApp 3767 Lori would like to make sure that the following questions are answered:

Have the Simpcw requested an IPCA? Does it include the Raush Valley? If so, where is this request at? Is it being considered? What due diligence is required of the Simpcw in the application process?

What is the process of designating an IPCA?

What is the role of the province?

What is the govt's criteria of an IPCA?

(haven't been able to find a BC Govt or govt of Cda description and list of conditions, like for a provincial or federal park for instance)

Is resource development allowed in an IPCA?

Do local residents and interest groups have input?  
Or can the nation unilaterally decide what land is designated for what purpose?

What is the process if there are overlapping First Nation claims?

Can you recommend someone knowledgeable i can speak with about this for an interview?

I would like to note that this IN is due to the MO first thing on Monday April 3, 2023. This means that the ADM approved materials are due to the DMO by EOD March 31, 2023. There will be no option for an extension as the MO needs the note prior to MNC's interview on April 3 at 10:30am. I will also add these questions to the eApp.

*Cheers,*

**Sara Blackstock**

Executive Coordinator

Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

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**From:** Richardson, Roari WLRS:EX <[Roari.Richardson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Roari.Richardson@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2023 10:25 AM

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**Subject:** FW: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST Interview Request on IPCAs for Minister Cullen

Hey you two!

These are the additional questions that Lori would like to make sure are addressed in the BN as well.

We chatted about this this morning.

Hope this helps!

Roari

Roari Richardson

Chief of Staff

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[image001.png](#)

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Jolene

Have we included the attachment in eApproval. I have attached here.

Thank you!

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Good morning

This is due to the ADM by 10:30 am this morning

The attached version is the one that is currently moving up the line.

Thanks

**Jolene Shepherd** (she/her)

Regional Executive Assistant North Area  
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If you send me what you have by eod I can take a look and make edits tonight and distribute to the group for their consideration in the morning. I have consistent gcpe and other internally approved messaging for pretty much all of the questions in red – which highlight we need to do a better job with extension and information on what IPCAs are relative to provincial processes, g2g and MLUP.

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I have been able to pull together answers to all Lori's questions from various sources of emails, letters and an early Cab Sub we developed for a Type C INFO ONLY mLUP. I don't believe we used this document in the final Cab Sub. Good news – we have something developed for the next round of Cab Subs!

I will send a draft copy of the BN to Rhonda for review.

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Rhonda/Brian

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I am looking for support to answer the general questions (in red font below) about IPCAs. I have good material from Rhonda and can use that but I want to include you in this as soon as I can because I am stretched for time. I will write the Raush specific details and background. I can reach out to FOR on the forestry questions.

Are you able to help me today?

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*Please let me know what you think.*

*Thanks!*

*Roari*

***Recommendation – send bullets as below:***

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Thank you. Jen.

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Hi Jennifer, this eApprovals (3767) is with you. There was originally a request for an information note. It appears that this is for a MEDIA request and the Minister wanted background info. We now have questions below that need to be included in your information note.

Sara has also contacted GCPE to see if they have these questions and Sean's response what that Katie would be on the file. I am including her and Sara in this email as turn around times are very tight.

DMO wants a briefing note and strict deadline is for 4:00 to Sara for Lori's review as MNC has an interview on Monday morning at 10:30.

We somehow have to wrangle this one together.

I am out of the office and will be back later this afternoon, which is why I am including everyone.

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Good morning Brenda and Julie,

In eApp 3767 Lori would like to make sure that the following questions are answered:

Have the Simpcw requested an IPCA? Does it include the Raush Valley? If so, where is this request at? Is it being considered? What due diligence is required of the Simpcw in the application process?

What is the process of designating an IPCA?

What is the role of the province?

What is the govt's criteria of an IPCA?

(haven't been able to find a BC Govt or govt of Cda description and list of conditions, like for a provincial or federal park for instance)

Is resource development allowed in an IPCA?

Do local residents and interest groups have input?

Or can the nation unilaterally decide what land is designated for what purpose?

What is the process if there are overlapping First Nation claims?

Can you recommend someone knowledgeable i can speak with about this for an interview?

I would like to note that this IN is due to the MO first thing on Monday April 3, 2023. This means that the ADM approved materials are due to the DMO by EOD March 31, 2023. There will be no option for an extension as the MO needs the note prior to MNC's interview on April 3 at 10:30am. I will also add these questions to the eApp.

*Cheers,*

**Sara Blackstock**

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Hey you two!

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**Importance:** High

Hi All,

We have received an interview request for MNC to talk about IPCAs. The reporter is looking for a 20-minute interview ASAP. She also provided follow-up questions to her previous media request that she also wants me to get answers for prior to the interview. Is this sometime MNC has capacity for?

Thanks,

Katie

**Reporter**

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## Recommendation



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## BRIEFING NOTE FOR INFORMATION

**DATE:** March 30, 2023  
**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Minister Cullen  
**ISSUE:** Media interest in Simpcw First Nation's declaration of the Raush Valley Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area

### KEY POINTS:

- The Province of BC recognizes that Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCA) are Indigenous-led, self-determined and can include a broad range of interests that will vary by each IPCA across BC. The Province of BC is exploring the concept to understand our role and interests and recognizes that an IPCA does not require Crown-land designation. BC has not set criteria for supporting a Nation's vision for an IPCA.

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- Where an Indigenous government identifies the desire to involve the provincial government and there is a shared interest to develop conservation management goals, there are several strategic approaches to address the complex interests including Modernized Land Use Planning (MLUP).

### BACKGROUND:

- On March 27, 2023 Simpcw posted a news release on their FaceBook page declaring the Raush Valley IPCA and it states that "designating the Raush Valley as an IPCA is a commitment to Simpcw's intentions to conserve this biodiverse valley, and to protect Símpcwemc (Simpwéw) traditional and ongoing use of the area."
- The Raush Valley is an area of cultural significance for the Simpcw and they have an interest in entering into land use planning with the Province. The entire watershed is largely undeveloped, rich in recreation opportunities as well as old growth values. It supports diverse wildlife habitats and biodiversity that provide environments to practice and maintain Simpcw's cultural activities.
- The Simpcw have a long history of protecting the valley, either through campaigning for protected areas or proactively negotiating with forest companies in harvest planning.

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- In 2001, two areas totaling 6,861 hectares within the watershed were protected under the *Parks Act* as recommended for protection by the Robson Valley Land and Resource Management Plan (1999).

### DISCUSSION:

- There is no formal Provincial legislative process to recognize the Indigenous designation of an IPCA. Stated conservation and management goals by Indigenous peoples offer an opportunity for the Province and Indigenous communities to explore and determine mutually agreeable management and conservation goals.
- Aligning Indigenous-led conservation with land use planning and working through that process ensures economic, environmental, social, and cultural objectives are met and that robust consultations with Indigenous peoples, stakeholders and the public are included.
- WLRs has not yet sought a land use planning mandate for the area covered by the Simpcw territory, including the Raush Valley.

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- The Province has not received any permit applications for the Raush Valley between the two protected areas.

#### MINISTRY RESPONSE:

- BC is excited to continue conversations with Simpcw with respect to their declared IPCA.
- The declaration by Simpcw does not result in a change to current provincial land use status but does indicate an opportunity for Simpcw and the province to continue to engage on long-term stewardship of the area.
- BC recognizes that a supporting legal framework for IPCAs is necessary and any work on this front would be co-developed provincially with First Nations.
- Land use designations to support the IPCA are best considered through government-to-government land use planning and public engagement. Land use planning allows for a transparent process that ensures interested groups understand what kinds of land use changes are being contemplated.
- Prior to any land use or statutory decision (including new related permits or designations) government would consult with all potentially impacted First Nations.
- Agreement between the Simpcw and the B.C. Government on the management, roles, responsibilities, outcomes etc. for the area is developed through land use planning.
- Government-to-government collaboration through land use planning process ensures that economic, environmental, social, and cultural objectives are met and that robust consultations with Indigenous peoples, stakeholders and the public are included.
- As we engage in government-to-government processes with Indigenous partners we will explore all opportunities at our disposal to realize the shared stewardship vision for the land. This includes all tools (regulatory, legislative and policy) within both Colonial and Indigenous law.

**Attachment(s):** Map of the Simpcw First Nation Territory and the Raush Valley IPCA

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It sounds about right.

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Thanks to Carly for getting us this number so quickly!

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**Program staff consulted:** Brian Bawtinheimer, Rhonda Cage, David Muter & ENV & FOR

**Request**

Hi Katie,

I'm writing a quick news story about the Simpcw declaring an IPCA in the Raush Valley. I'm seeking comment from the government.

- 1) Is the government aware of the declaration? What is its response?
- 2) Will the government allow Carrier to access its Raush Valley tenure by building a logging road through the Lower Raush Protected Area?
- 3) Is any part of the Raush Valley included in old-growth deferrals? If so, how many hectares are included?
- 4) Will the government permit logging in the Raush Valley between the two protected areas?

Questions for ENV:

- 1) What is the status of Carrier's 2021 application for an investigative parks use permit to explore potential road options in the Lower Raush Protected Area? I checked the parks use permit application website but the list of permit applications only goes back to 2022. The search function on the website is not helpful - I can't search for Raush or Carrier so can't tell if the permit was granted or see a copy.
- 2) Where can I find the data Carrier gathered for an assessment?

My deadline is noon tomorrow.

thank-you,

Sarah

**Response**

Hi Sarah,

The responses to the first four questions are attributable to the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship. I understand that you also had two questions for the Ministry of Environment. Their

responses to your questions are also provided below.

Cheers,

Katie

**Is the government aware of the declaration? What is its response?**

- Yes, we are aware of the declaration.
- We respect and acknowledge the efforts of First Nations, like the Simpcw, to protect ecosystems within their territories and care for the water, land, animals, and other natural resources that their communities have relied on for millennia.
- Our government welcomes the opportunity to work with First Nations to better understand and share our collective perspectives and to jointly develop an approach to land stewardship.
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- We look forward to continued discussions with Simpcw on this matter.

**Will the government allow Carrier to access its Raush Valley tenure by building a logging road through the Lower Raush Protected Area?**

- BC Parks had initial discussions with Carrier Lumber in 2021 to provide information about the steps that would be required to apply for an investigative use permit for a proposal to build a road through Lower Raush Protected Area.
- Carrier Lumber has not applied for an investigative use permit at this time.

**Is any part of the Raush Valley included in old-growth deferrals? If so, how many hectares are included?**

- There are old growth deferral areas within the Raush Valley.
- The Province is respecting the confidentiality of G2G engagements with First Nations by not sharing the specific locations of deferral areas.
- If we were to publish details of areas that are deferred/not deferred, this would result in the responses of individual First Nations being disclosed without their consent.

**Will the government permit logging in the Raush Valley between the two protected areas?**

- Government has not received any permit applications for the Raush Valley between the two protected areas.
- Prior to a decision of any new permits, government would consult with all potentially impacted First Nations.
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**The following responses are attributable to the Ministry of Environment:**

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- See above.

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**Responded** Monday, March 27, 2023 5:13 PM

**Program Staff Consulted:** Brian Bawtinheimer, David Muter

**Request**

Good afternoon,

My name is Jane Skrypnek and I'm a reporter with Black Press Media here in B.C.

I'm reaching out in regards to a news release from the Simpcw First Nation this afternoon, declaring their intention to designate the Raush Valley as a conserved area. I'm hoping to better understand how B.C. designates the area. I'm also looking for a response from the ministry to Simpcw's announcement.

My deadline is ASAP today. Thanks,

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**Responded** Monday, March 27, 2023 5:14 PM

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**Request**

I'm not sure if this request overlaps ministries, but I'm sending it to you and I know you'll help me out =)

Hoping to confirm the following:

- 1) Can you confirm the Rausch Valley is now an Indigenous protected and conservation area managed by the Simpcw?
- 2) How large is the area protected? Can you supply a map?
- 3) How are existing licensees affected by this designation?
- 4) How many licensees are affected? (forestry, grazing recreation etc).
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