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December 4, 2023

Josh Pressey  
Regional Executive Director  
Regional Operations Cariboo  
Ministry of Forests  
200-640 Borland Street  
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Dear Mr. Pressey,

On April 20th, 2023 the Horsefly River Roundtable sent you a letter requesting a moratorium on industrial forest activities in the Horsefly River Watershed. The letter detailed eight reasons for this request and a following eight initiatives we felt should be implemented as soon as possible. To date we have not received a reply or rebuttal of any description from your department.

On June 7, 2018, your predecessor declared in an Order that the Horsefly River Watershed, FR-5-001, is a Fisheries Sensitive Watershed. The Order outlined a set of principles and practices to be followed in order to maintain natural hydrological conditions to protect fish habitat for Sockeye, Kokanee, Chinook and Coho salmon, Bull and Rainbow trout and other fish species.

The Horsefly River Roundtable embraced the announcement and looked forward to improvement of water quality, ultimate protection of naturally functioning ecosystems and an end to the continued degradation caused by industrial forest operations within the Horsefly River Watershed.

Horsefly River Roundtable and our stakeholders continue to observe a marked decrease of water quality caused by increased siltation and degradation of the land base within the Horsefly River watershed. It appears harvesting pressure continues to accelerate, without any regard for the legal objectives of Order FR-5-001 and no clear plan for how those objectives are being, or will be met. We would appreciate a response to our concerns outlined in the April 20th letter as it appears that the Order is being completely ignored.

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Sincerely,

*Original Signed*  
*Hard copy mailed Dec 9 2023*

Brian Englund  
Horsefly River Roundtable Chair

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