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Mr. Brian Amies, RPF, President  
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VIA EMAIL to: [bdamies@gmail.com](mailto:bdamies@gmail.com)

Dear Brian:

**Re: Support for Funding Application to Address Wildfire Risk Reduction**

It has come to my attention that in your position you are working to improve and condition both the awareness of residents and the physical landscape within appropriate areas within your jurisdiction as it relates to wildfire risk reduction through an application to the Forest Enhancement Society of BC.

The advent and continuation of widespread and catastrophic wildfire events in the province are providing rationale for local governments and other vested stakeholders to take action planning and providing treatments to high risk areas to resist wildfire risk using established silviculture based practices.

The Town of Golden has actively worked for the past 4 years to actively treat identified areas on the fringe of its jurisdiction to reduce wildfire risk and understands the criticality in doing so.

Opportunities to address landscape treatments are now clearly available under the auspices of the Province's *Community Resiliency Investment Program* through such authorities like the FESBC. In any applications for funding assistance to this or any other associated grant program concerning wildfire risk reduction you have enthusiastic support from the Town of Golden, both from administration and Council as a local government partner and neighbor in the interest of reducing our collective risk from wildfires.

Sincerely,

Jon Wilsgard  
Chief Administrative Officer/  
Corporate Officer

