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Attention: Nora Hannon, Wildfire Supervisor

RE: Letter of Support – Wildfire Mitigation Planning – FL A30171 – CP 413 – Queens Bay

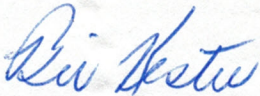
Cooper Creek Cedar Ltd (CCC), the woodlands department of Porcupine Wood Products, provides this letter of support for the planning and the public engagement of the forest development of Cutting Permit 413 – Queens Bay. The single cutblock cutting permit has been developed with a fire mitigation objective to create a 90-ha area adjacent to private land that will reduce ignition of a wildfire through significant ground fuel reduction and will minimize the spread of an existing wildfire by creating crown separation.

The development of the cutting permit has resulted in a positive relationship among the Queens Bay community, Cooper Creek Cedar, the RDCK and the forest industry in general. While allowing CCC to develop an economically feasible cutting permit in a contentious area because of the adjacency to the community, the community has been very supportive and believes the creation of the fire mitigation area is very beneficial to the community. This initiative is a positive first step in bridging some of the gap between community perception about logging “in their back yard” and the Licensee proposing the development.

Cooper Creek Cedar Ltd looks forward to continuing to work with the RDCK and the Queens Bay community on the final development and harvesting of CP 413.

Sincerely

Cooper Creek Cedar Ltd
Woodlands Manager



Bill Kestell, RPF