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Ministry of Forests, Lands,  
Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
Victoria, BC

**RE: Engage BC – Wildlife and Habitat in BC**

To All Concerned.

As BC shifts to a Governance model that supports a deeper and broader understanding of the challenges facing wildlife, habitat, social needs and wants, the United Bowhunters of BC wish to submit the following comments for consideration in the development of a made for BC wildlife management and habitat management model.

The United Bowhunters of BC agrees that, B.C.'s diversity of wildlife provides an integral social and lifestyle component to British Columbians.

The UBBC agree it is important to have dialogue with all citizens of BC. However, there are many polarizing perspectives on the direction for wildlife. We therefore encourage the Government to weigh input not only on the number of urban voters but to keep a balance with the value of informed and knowledgeable users from rural communities across the Province.

Political expedience and vote-mindedness has no place in this discussion. We believe it is important to identify the purpose of having healthy wildlife populations and vital to determine measurable objectives for habitat and wildlife management. Hunters want, a huntable wildlife population as an objective.

With realistic objectives set, the input from various stakeholders (industry-Forest, Energy, Mining, Tourism - Indigenous People, Rural Communities, Hunters, Mtn Bike Riders and other Back Country Enthusiasts) must be compartmentalized for decision and direction. We believe a focus on wildlife and habitat, provides opportunities to shift hunting seasons and conservative harvest methods as a component of wildlife management solutions.

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The UBBC, Traditional Bowhunters of BC (TBBC), British Columbia Archery Association (BCAA) and all bowhunters of BC appreciate the opportunity to submit proposals and participate in the future of our wildlife.

We look forward to continued communications on this topic.

Sincerely,

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