

The Honourable Doug Donaldson, MLA
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Sent by email: WildlifeAndHabitat@gov.bc.ca

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Dear Minister Donaldson:

RE: Wildlife and Habitat Engagement

The Truck Loggers Association represents independent timber harvesting contractors operating within British Columbia. Our 500 member companies are the link in the supply chain that harvests trees and delivers logs to sawmills and pulp mills. The TLA's role is to advocate on behalf of our members to ensure people who work in BC's forests share in its prosperity.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on ways to improve the way wildlife and their habitat are managed, as changes will have a significant impact on contractors' harvesting operations. To be successful in developing possible management tools and make a balanced decision, we believe it is important to consider scientific, social and economic interests; be open to new models and data; and listen to all impacted stakeholders. We also believe that focusing on single species management is fraught with problems, for example, the futile effort of the spotted owl protection in the United States.

We look forward reviewing the results from the online discussion, and an opportunity to provide further input in the future.

Regards,



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Executive Director