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Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC

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Dear Ministers Donaldson and Heyman,

RE: MILLER CREEK FOREST SERVICE ROAD

The Miller Creek FSR was recently inspected by BFWSS.

This road was constructed for timber extraction and has been heavily used for that purpose over many years. During that process it has been abused and neglected in the extreme. The road is lengthy with many steep grades in terrain that has a high risk of failure, which could result in the blockage of Miller Creek and threaten downstream properties.

It is noted that the road is posted as "Wilderness Forest Service Road – Not Maintained". There should be no such thing as a "Not Maintained" road in the forest industry. There are only two options for Forest Service Roads:

- 1) Maintain them.
- 2) De-activate and reclaim them.

Cross ditches and/or waterbars may reduce the level of maintenance but does not eliminate it, particularly when they are poorly designed and haphazardly installed as is common in the Kettle/Boundary drainage.

In this particular case, there is ample evidence of severe erosion and washing of the road surface. Ditches are fouled, road lacks crown, and there has been no construction of waterbars or other means of water control or dispersement.

Posting a road as "Wilderness – Not Maintained" is nothing but an attempt to escape responsibility and accountability. It is an irresponsible act that should be vigorously pursued.

Authorized by:

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