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March 18, 2021

Township of Spallumcheen
4144 Spallumcheen Way,
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Re: Planned Logging – Rose Swanson Mountains- Township of Spallumcheen

Dear Mayor Fraser:

Thank you for your letter which was received on February 14, 2021.

From your correspondence I understand your main concern is around the quality and quantity of public and stakeholder referral regarding planned BCTS timber sale auction in the Rose Swanson Operating Area.

I appreciate the township’s passion for the health of the Rose Swanson Area, it clearly provides a wealth of recreation opportunities hence the Sensitive Area Land Act Order which continues to designate the area as sensitive for recreation and sets out objectives that must be met. It has and continues to be BCTS’s aim to plan timber harvest consistent with those objectives as it is also clear that the sensitive area designation did envision multiple use of the area.

BCTS has heard the community regarding referral and has committed to a six month pause while updated Results and Strategies specific for the Rose Swanson Sensitive Area can be developed, shared, and then refined with valuable input from stakeholders and public. The Results and Strategies are a description of specific measurable and verifiable outcomes and steps to meet the objectives within the Rose Swanson Sensitive Area Order. Prior to incorporating into the BCTS 2018 Forest Stewardship Plan, BCTS welcomes the opportunity to work both inside the Township’s select committee and outside through other public processes to engage the public and stakeholders on reviewing and commenting on the Results and Strategies. Once engagement is complete, the amended Results and Strategies will be added to the Forest Stewardship Plan and submitted to the District Manager for approval. Once approved any subsequent changes to the proposed harvest plan based on the amendment can also be completed.

The professionals employed within and by the BCTS program are bound to; a Professional code of ethics, meeting all environmental and legislative requirements as well as meeting BCTS’s third party certification.

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Thank you for your respectful dialogue about the harvest planning and referral for the Rose Swanson area and your continued commitment to supporting the management of crown forest adjacent to your community. We hope to continue to build upon the relationship between the Township of Spallumcheen and the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and use it as an example of positive collaboration. While we may not agree on every detail, I am confident that our BCTS team will continue to build plans that are consistent with the values you've identified as well as balancing the sustainability of our forests and timber processing industry. BCTS is committed to continue to engage with the Township when planning future activities to strike a balance between the host of values being managed in this diverse and important forest.

Sincerely,



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