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Dear Cariboo Regional District

We are pleased to advise that the Province, the Tsilhqot'in Nation and Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government entered into Bridging Agreements the week of June 4, 2018 for a 2 year term.

These Bridging Agreements reflect a joint commitment to address the interests of third parties in the Tsilhqot'in Declared Title Area as we take gradual steps to implement the Supreme Court of Canada decision recognizing the rights of the Tsilhqot'in to the management, benefit and control of the Declared Title Area.

The purpose and goal behind the Bridging Agreements is to allow residents and operators in the area to continue with activities previously tenured by the Province prior to the declaration of Tsilhqot'in Aboriginal title, while both governments work collaboratively towards a stable transition. The Bridging Agreements also allow the public to continue to enjoy provincial recreation sites and protected areas in the Declared Title Area.

Through the Bridging Agreements the Xeni Gwet'in and Tsilhqot'in provide consent and authorization for specific commercial operations including commercial recreation guides, other licences and leases under the Land Act, guided angling, commercial operations in Ts'il?os Park and Nuntsi Park, trapping, and recreation sites in the Declared Title Area and secure access for such purposes.

There may be increased compliance and enforcement activities in the area this summer, some of which may be joint patrols, as both the Province and the Tsilhqot'in Nation work to ensure conflict and misunderstanding is avoided.


The parties share a common goal of increasing clarity on access and use of the Declared Title Area for residents and operators. To that end, a second letter is being prepared that will clarify and confirm the specific activities for which you are authorized under provincial tenures. You will also be invited to meet with a representative of BC and a representative of the Xeni Gwet'in to discuss the list of authorized activities at that time.

We understand the need to provide longer-term clarity in order for you to continue with your business planning for operations in and around the Title area and will continue to work together to provide this.

Thank you,



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