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Subject: Chilcotin Flooding

Dear John MacLean -

We've seen some serious flooding on British Columbia's Chilcotin River and it's effecting some of our central interior ranchers.

The Ministry of Agriculture has been in touch with the Cariboo Regional District, cattlemen and farmers in the area and are working with them to determine impacts to infrastructure, livestock and forage, and what role the Ministry can play in supporting people effected by the flood.

Ministry staff are working with emergency teams in the Regional District and T̓silhqot'in National Government to complete aerial surveys of the area, which will help us form a better idea of the areas impacted and next steps. Staff have been deployed to the Regional District's Emergency Operations Centre to support ranchers and farmers in the area and are also working closely with the BC Cattlemen's Association to ensure coordination and support is provided to the ranching community.

With the flood waters expected to recede in the next couple of days, the Ministry of Transportation is positioned to send their crews to assess roads for repairs once water levels recede. Crews will be working with local government and Indigenous community to prioritize regional needs. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Thank you to the ranchers in the Cariboo Region for their strong relationships and engagement with our Ministry.

Kindest Regards,



Lana Popham
Minister