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To: Maureen LeBourdais <mlebourdais@cariboord.ca>

Subject: Letter of Support for the Big Lake Community Association/Likely Xatsull Community Forest

Good afternoon Maureen

On April 1 2017, the Big Lake Community Association and the Likely Xatsull Community Forest was offered the opportunity to apply for a new Community Forest. Since that date, an advisory committee representing the communities of Big Lake, Likely and Soda Creek have been working on the application. I sit on the advisory and working on the Community Awareness, Support and Involvement section of the application.

The advisory committee is getting closer to the submission of an application for a new Community Forest in the Big Lake area. A requirement of the in application is to include Community Awareness, Support and Involvement. The submission must contain proof that that there is a high level of community awareness of the application and strong support for the application from a broad cross-section of the community. In particular, the application asks for recognition of the application in an official community plan or endorsement by a city, regional district or band council. The advisory would like to ask the Cariboo Regional District for a letter of support for our application. I am currently waiting for a response from MoF to see whom the letter is to be addresses. I will sent you the information as soon as I know. The letter will be included in our application on or about September 30, 2020.

To assist you with your letter the goals of the Community Forest Program are listed below.

- provide long-term opportunities for achieving a range of community objectives, values and priorities
- diversify the use of and benefits derived from the community forest agreement area
- provide social and economic benefits to British Columbia
- undertake community forestry consistent with sound principles of environmental stewardship that reflect a broad spectrum of values
- promote community involvement and participation
- promote communication and strengthen relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities and persons
- foster innovation
- advocate forest worker safety

Harvesting operations provide a source of revenue for supporting local priorities and community initiatives. Harvest rates and exact locations within the tenure can be set to meet locally determined objectives and interests. About 1.2 million cubic metres of timber is allocated for small tenures such as community forest agreements and woodlot licences.

If you have any questions, please call or email.

Thanks Lisa Kraus

The letter of support for the BLCA/LXCF Community Forest needs to be addressed to:
Mike Pedersen
Regional Executive Director
Ministry of Forests, Land, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
200-640 Borland St.
Williams Lake, BC
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As the letter needs to be included in our application package please do not send the letter to Mike Pedersen. Please send the letter to me by email and mail at Box 93, Likely, BC V0L 1N0