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Honourable Rob Fleming

Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

VIA Email only: [Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Minister Fleming,

**Re: Blackwater Road/Knickerbocker Slide**

The Knickerbocker slide is located about 10 kilometres west of Quesnel on the Blackwater Road, this slide has been active for decades. This road leads to the communities of Bouchie Lake, Baker Creek, Tibbles Lake, Titetown, Batnuni, Nazko First Nation and Kluskus First Nation.

The Blackwater Road is used by the logging industry, mining industry, tourism, ranchers, 3800 residents and 277 students on six school busses everyday.

This slide area continues to slide into the Fraser River, the service contractor Emcon continues to fill in this area and it continues to slide.

If the logging industry, mining industry, tourism and ranchers are unable to access this area, how will they be able to help with British Columbia's economic recovery due to COVID 19?

What is the Ministries plan for the Blackwater Road/Knickerbocker slide area? And what steps is the Ministry taking to communicate with those impacted and ensure public safety of the Blackwater Road/Knickerbocker Slide?

I await your response

Yours truly,

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