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Minister of Forests, Lands and
Natural Resource Operations
P.O. Box 9049 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Re: Logging in Peachland's Watersheds

Dear Minister Donaldson;

The District of Peachland would like to express its concerns to you, about the amount of logging that is continuing to take place in Peachland's watersheds. The community is very concerned that our watersheds are being negatively impacted, and would like to see forestry activities pause, until such time as a comprehensive watershed assessment has been conducted.

A number of years ago the mountain pine beetle caused devastation to our forests, and logging companies had to harvest a great deal of beetle killed trees in order to get the value out of the timber, and to reduce the fuel load for wildfires. That beetle killed wood has now been harvested, but it seems that the logging companies are attempting to continue with the increased pace of harvesting that was necessary a number of years ago.

We are concerned that the cumulative effects of harvesting, droughts, fires, and climate change are having negative effects on our water quality and quantity of flow in our watersheds. Our elected officials and the Healthy Watersheds Committee do not support any additional approvals for cutblocks in the Peachland watersheds until a complete watershed assessment has been conducted, and a stakeholder engagement plan for future logging activities is in place.

We would ask that your Ministry support our request for a 'time out' on further cutblock permitting, so that the cumulative impacts on water quality, quantity and flow can be thoroughly examined, and we can be provided with a better overall view of the health of our watersheds.

Thank you kindly for your attention.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Fortin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cindy Fortin, Mayor and
Chair of Healthy Watersheds Committee

- c. Council
 - MLA Dan Ashton
 - MP Dan Albas
 - CAO Elsie Lemke
 - Director of Operations Joe Mitchell
 - Healthy Watersheds Committee