

**Allison/Borgeson Lake Ratepayers Association**

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**Honourable MLA Dr. Terry Lake**

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**RE: Proposed Interfor Logging at Stringer Lake area**

Dear Sir:

My name is Susan Dixon and I am the current president of the Allison/Borgeson Lake Ratepayers association. At our last meeting, it came to our attention that Interfor was planning to log an area above Allison Lake that is designated in our community plan as a water resource area. This designation of a water resource area has been a part of the above ratepayers plan for the past five years and has been included as a Water Resource Area in the area H Official Community Plan that will be presented to the RDOS Area H Board for initial approval on July 19, 2012. As the Minister of Environment, I am confident that the plan to log in an area where the snowpack directly feeds the water table in our valley will be of concern for your ministry as well.

As a Kamloops resident I have followed your progress first as my mayor and now as a provincial MLA representing the North Thompson for the past several years. As a veterinarian I am sure you will remember the drought years that we have experienced in Kamloops and also in the Okanagan/Similkameen region. At Allison Lake the drought impacted our particular community severely. Lake levels and corresponding water table levels were the lowest in memory. Given the changing climate conditions affecting North America now and the fact that our watershed is small and directly related to snowpack and precipitation we have concerns. Our members are rightfully concerned that the logging will adversely affect the snowpack that feeds our watershed and the water for a number of residents below us as well.

I have enclosed the letter that we have sent to the Ministry of Forests asking them to look into this matter for our members, and I would appreciate the opportunity to speak to you or your representative as soon as possible. I thank you for your kind assistance in advance.

Yours very truly

Susan Dixon  
President  
Allison/Borgeson Lake Ratepayers Association