

COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

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Sent by Email: FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development

Dear Minister Conroy:

Re: Impact of Proposed Mountain Goat Ungulate Winter Range

The Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) Board of Directors received concerns from the Heliski and Heli-cat tourism operators regarding the proposed East Kootenay mountain goat ungulate winter range (UWR) under draft Government Action Regulation (GAR).

The CSRD asks that the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource, and Rural Development have further consultation with all stakeholders to help alleviate any concerns and to improve understanding of how the proposed UWR may impact Adventure Tourism.

We are hopeful that continued dialogue with the industry sector will provide clarification about the program and offer balance between supporting both wildlife management and tourism operations.

Yours truly,

COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

Per:

Kevin Flynn Board Chair

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cc: CSRD Electoral Area A Director, Karen Cathcart