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Dear Kevin Flynn:

Thank you for your letter of March 7, 2022, to Minister Conroy, requesting enhanced public notification relating to detonation of explosives. I have been asked to respond.

Blasting related safety and notification requirements fall under the mandate of WorkSafe BC. If there are concerns with the current requirements for safety or notification, you are encouraged to share your concerns directly with WorkSafe BC.

Local residents with concerns about blasting in their area are encouraged to be proactive when observing notification signs. If additional information is required to aid residents, it is strongly advised to immediately contact the identified proponents as the best source of information when signage is first observed.

The Ministry of Forests and the Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship are in the process of modernizing forest management legislation and policy. Proposed changes include increased communication and information sharing between forest development proponents and all stakeholders including nearby residents. The enhanced communication will provide an avenue for concerned residents to engage with the proponents and advise them of concerns such as the desire for more detailed notification in the event blasting will take place during road building activities.

Again, thank you for writing, and I hope this helps address your concerns.

Sincerely,

Gerry MacDougall  
Regional Executive Director

Kevin Flynn, Chair

pc: Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests