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May 31st, 2022

Council
Columbia Shuswap Regional District
PO Box 978
Salmon Arm, BC
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Dear Council,

Thank you for having us at your April 21, 2022, council meeting to present on BCTS activities in the Sicamous and Wiseman Creek Community Watershed areas.

In correspondence with representatives for CSRD and during the Council meeting you have stated that CSRD would like BCTS to halt logging activities in the Sicamous and Wiseman Creek watersheds for the next two years due to BGC Engineering's determination that this drainage is very high risk for a debris flood or debris flow within the next two years. You have outlined that not harvesting for two years would have considerable ecological value and would allow vegetation regrowth within the Two-Mile fire area, reducing the risk to the communities in CSRD.

BCTS has presented the findings from the joint site-specific Terrain Stability and Hydrologic Assessment for the proposed salvage in Wiseman and Sicamous Creek watersheds to Council. This work has been completed by Michael Milne (Hydrologist) of MJM and Associates and Ryan Williams (Prof. Geoscientist) of Azimuth. The findings in the Terrain Stability and Hydrologic Assessment show that by following all recommendation within the report, including the outlined remediation work on legacy roads and trails within the study area, Wiseman and Sicamous Creek watershed will become more resilient than their post fire state. BCTS is committed to implementing these recommendations and replanting trees as quickly as possible after harvest.

BCTS remains committed to the safety of the public while conducting salvage harvesting in the Wiseman and Sicamous Creek watersheds. We are going to be moving forward with our current plans for salvage harvest and will continue to communicate with CSRD when there are changes



or updates to the plan. These updates will also include progress updates during the salvaging operation, and any updates that CSRD informs BCTS that they would like to receive. BCTS values CSRD's input and concern in this matter, please contact me if you have any further concerns or comments.

Sincerely,

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