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Kevin Flynn, Board Chair  
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Dear Kevin Flynn:

Thank for your letter of March 23, 2022, to Minister Katrine Conroy, regarding the potential impact the proposed mountain goat winter range order may have on the adventure tourism sector. I have been asked to reply, and I apologize for the delay in response.

Since our initial stakeholder review and comment process began in July 2020, the adventure tourism sector in the East Kootenays has been actively engaged with ministry staff leading this draft Government Action Regulation Order process. Their participation has been instrumental in improving both the draft winter range designation and the clarity of the habitat measures for managing mountain goats under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*.

The ministry, however, acknowledges additional work with adventure tourism operators is required to renew their existing *Land Act* tenures. Collaboration with industry sector representatives will be essential to developing viable mitigative measures in their management plans.

Again, thank you for writing to share your concerns.

Sincerely,

Russ Laroche  
Regional Executive Director

pc: Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests