
Report Encouraging ALR Exclusion

The rules don't match the reality. Agricultural Land Commission rules² permit two residences on each of the subject parcels. On May 21, 1981 when the BC Executive Council approved both parcel's inclusion in the Agricultural Land Reserve, there were five residences on the NW parcel and four residences on the NE parcel. By 17 August 2024 there were seven residences, a large shop and a sawmill on the East parcel. There were seven residences and a Community Center on the west parcel. Then came the 'Fire Dragon'!

Seven residences, homes to ten Villagers, burned to the ground.

In the early 1970's, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with their three young children along with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] journeyed by old school bus from California, searching for a new home. They wintered in Meadow Creek where they were joined by [REDACTED] and his partner [REDACTED]. While there, they learned that they could apply for 'Homestead' lands. [REDACTED] took the lead, as he continued to do until his death in 2022. In 1973 he leased the lands which now constitute the Village, subject to terms requiring land clearance.

[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and their families were joined by others looking to establish new homes during 1974 through 1976. [REDACTED], his partner [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and his friend [REDACTED] arrived from [REDACTED] as did [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and his partner [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] arrived from the USA. They worked together as land partners to construct residences. They purchased a saw mill and obtained a contract to manufacture railway ties so they could earn a living. They all tended gardens to produce food for themselves and to sell at the Celista market. They survived without electricity or telephones, heated their homes and baths with firewood and amongst them, raised fourteen children. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] planted many fruit trees. Others only a few. Most had their own horse which were useful in bringing supplies up the hill. Having satisfied the terms of the homestead lease, [REDACTED] was declared owner of both parcels.

During the late 1970's, after being encouraged by the fledging ALC at a meeting in the hall in Celista, [REDACTED] applied to include his lands in the ALR. He was initially turned down. Since inclusion would reduce property taxes, important for financially struggling families, [REDACTED] appealed. In another effort to reduce property taxes, BC Assessment approved his request to declare the lands as farms. In finally approving ALR inclusion in 1981, the ALC noted, "Mr. [REDACTED]'s dedication and hard work have brought this somewhat marginal land into a relatively high level of agricultural productivity. His efforts have proven that the land, if intensively managed, has capabilities which merit its inclusion in the ALR." Yes, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (now both deceased) with the assistance of their three children, were able to intensively manage the land. Yes [REDACTED] was able, and at 82, is less able to manage a failing "You Pick" orchard and a garden, some of the produce going to market. But NO, as the attached owner comments confirm, this 'somewhat marginal land' no longer has anyone who is willing to commit to 'intensely manage' it. THE LANDS CANNOT, NOW, BE CALLED A FARM.

² ALC Act; 20.1 (1)(a) and (b) and recent revisions.

The Villagers are poised to rebuild; to rebuild homes infrastructure and community spirit. Poised but unable. The road to recovery is blocked because the Village is in the ALR. The plans of the Mennonite Disaster Service, to rebuild five homes are on hold. Recovery efforts by the North Shuswap Disaster Society, as charity allocators for the Shuswap Community Foundation have been curtailed. The incentive to clean up the mess left by the fire and the subsequent remedial logging is lacking. The homeless are living in a variety of temporary accommodation.

If ALR exclusion is not forthcoming;
ten people will be left homeless,
seven properties will become worthless,
a thriving community will be further destroyed,
and the still remaining trauma of a disastrous wildfire will be prolonged.

Excluding the Village from the ALR is not a scheme to reap profit; but a plan to save the works of a lifetime for families whose assets were destroyed as well as the life enjoyment of neighbours who were luckier.

It is very difficult for me to believe that ‘the rules’ will be allowed to destroy a very good example of a close, committed, resilient and joyful community. On behalf of the Village families, I petition exclusion.



Lee Creek Lights

SUPPLEMENTARY ALC EXCLUSION APPLICATION FORM

Owner Information (Registered owner(s) information required).

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code):
[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

Property Information

Legal Description: As to an undivided 1/6 interest as joint tenant with [REDACTED] on BLOCK A OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP 22 RANGE 11 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT

Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-596-042 Size of property (hectares): 2.74

Current method of water supply: Ground Water Well Surface Water Other

Current method of sewerage disposal: Septic System Other

Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)

The current use is residential. There are 2 small houses and a community centre remaining after the fire of August 2024

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Reasoning for ALR Exclusion (i.e. Explain your proposal and explain why your application is necessary.) (Please attach separate pages if necessary). Additional page(s) attached.

The land is not suitable for agricultural use. We have occupied the land since 1975 as a residential community. The fire of 2023 destroyed almost all the homes that were built by hand and over many years as an expression of art. In order to receive help from any sources we need to be removed from the ALR for permit reasons. Most members of the community are in their senior years and it is important to house them sooner than later. Most had no insurance and could not rebuild on their own given financial and physical standing.

Declaration:

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Name of Owner:

Signature of Owner:

Date (mm/dd/yy)

SUPPLEMENTARY ALC EXCLUSION APPLICATION FORM

Owner Information (Registered owner(s) information required).

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code):

[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Property Information

Legal Description: As to an undivided 1/6 interest on Block A of North East 1/4 of Section 31 Township 22 Range 11 West of the 6th Meridian Kamloops Division Yale District

Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-596-051

Size of property (hectares): 2.51

Current method of water supply:

Ground Water Well

Current method of sewerage disposal:

Septic System

Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)

The original homestead burned to the ground during the wildfire. It had been occupied by my [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].
[REDACTED] The use was residential.

Reasoning for ALR Exclusion (i.e. Explain your proposal and explain why your application is necessary.) (Please attach separate pages if necessary).

We have had a community on these lands for 50 years. In that time we have built a beautiful community along with many lovely homes where we brought up our families, created productive gardens and slowly turned the land unto a very happy village.

During the last 50 years we have built a community centre {LEE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE} where much theatre, music, dance classes and yoga has been held. In the beginning we bought a small sawmill and as we cut down the trees we cut them into railroad ties and sold them to the railroad in Grinrod. We rented a D 8 bulldozer to clear the land as was required by the land commissioner. We are one of the last homesteads in B C and are very proud of the fact that for many years we lived without hydro, running water or a maintained road. It has taken a lot of years and sacrifice to get to the community we had. I'm writing this to let you know that it was not easy to build a community and hold it together for all these years but we are a very proud bunch to have succeeded in this adventure.

On august 17th 2023 this all changed. Of 16 structures on the land, 11 burned to the ground, eight of them being homes of families for many decades. We sincerely want to rebuild our community and our main problem is being in the ALR. We have reviewed some of the documents of our inclusion in the ALR and it says the land is barely agricultural. Our request is for you to remove us from the ALR. With the help of our local and other organizations we can once again rebuild our vibrant community. We are very proud of the houses we saved from the fire but need your help with our request to rebuild the homes that were lost.

Neither my [REDACTED] nor I has any intention of farming my lands.

Thank you for your attention.

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Name of Owner: [REDACTED]

Signature of Owner [REDACTED]

07/20/2024
(mm/dd/yy)

SUPPLEMENTARY ALC EXCLUSION APPLICATION FORM

Owner Information (Registered owner(s) information required).

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code):
[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Property Information

Legal Description: As to an undivided 1/3 interest with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as Joint Tenants on Block A of North East 1/4 of Section 31 Township 22 Range 11 West of the 6th Meridian Kamloops Division Yale District

Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-596-051

Size of property (hectares): 2.15

Current method of water supply:

Ground Water Well

Surface Water

Other

Current method of sewerage disposal:

Septic System

Other

Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)

House, BARN, outer sheds,

SUPPLEMENTARY ALC EXCLUSION APPLICATION FORM

Owner Information (Registered owner(s) information required).

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code):

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Property Information

Legal Description: As to an undivided 5/6 interest with [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] on BLOCK A OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP 22 RANGE 11 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT

Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-596-042

Size of property (hectares): 13.68

Current method of water supply:

Ground Water Well

Surface Water

Other

Current method of sewerage disposal:

Septic System

Other

Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)

No buildings on my piece.

Reasoning for ALR Exclusion (i.e. Explain your proposal and explain why your application is necessary.) (Please attach separate pages if necessary). Additional page(s) attached.

The land is too steep + Rocky for agricultural purposes.

We lost seven houses to forest fire + [REDACTED]
CANNOT Rebuild till we are out of the
A.L.R. [REDACTED]

The Mennonite Disaster Relief society is promising to rebuild our houses but it is not possible to get building permits in our current situation with the A.L.R.

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[REDACTED]
Name of Owner:

[REDACTED]
Signature of Owner:

July/30/2024
Date (mm/dd/yy)

SUPPLEMENTARY ALC EXCLUSION APPLICATION FORM

Owner Information (Registered owner(s) information required).

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code):
[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Property Information

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Size of property (hectares): 2.74

Current method of water supply:

Ground Water Well Surface Water Other

Current method of sewerage disposal:

Septic System Other

Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)

Residential there are 2 small houses and a community centre on the property of which I have a joint tenancy with my [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Reasoning for ALR Exclusion (i.e. Explain your proposal and explain why your application is necessary.) (Please attach separate pages if necessary). Additional page(s) attached.

We need to be removed from the ALR .50 that we can rebuild our homes which have been destroyed by the August 2023 fire. The land is not suitable for agriculture. I built my home over many years starting in 1975 and would like to be able to rebuild.

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Name of Owner:

Signature of Owner:

Date (mm/dd/yy)

SUPPLEMENTARY ALC EXCLUSION APPLICATION FORM

Owner Information (Registered owner(s) information required).

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code): [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] E-mail: None

Property Information

Legal Description: As to an undivided 1/3 interest with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as Joint Tenants on Block A of North East 1/4 of Section 31 Township 22 Range 11 West of the 6th Meridian Kamloops Division Yale District

Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-596-051

Current method of water supply: 2 ACRES RESERVOIR OWNED BY 11 PEOPLE

Current method of sewerage disposal: ON SITE SEPTIC

Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)

2 to 3 ACRES FRUIT TREES,
 LARGE GARDEN PERSONAL + FOR FARMERS MARKET } ALL COMPLETELY
 BARN, BURNED IN MASSIVE FIRE OF 2023. ORGANIC

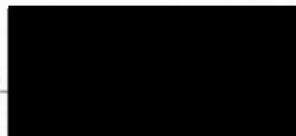
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Name of Owner:



Signature of Owner:



Date (mm/dd/yy)

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SUPPLEMENTARY ALC EXCLUSION APPLICATION FORM

Owner Information (Registered owner(s) information required).

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code):

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Property Information

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Size of property (hectares): 2.15

Current method of water supply:

Ground Water Well

Surface Water

Other

Current method of sewerage disposal:

Septic System

Other

Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)

The land is used for a garden and orchards.
One single detached Home and Shop.

Reasoning for ALR Exclusion (i.e. Explain your proposal and explain why your application is necessary.) (Please attach separate pages if necessary). Additional page(s) attached.

Orchards and garden don't produce enough to cover the cost of raising and producing. Animal damage due to climate change makes production limited as well. Sub. far soil makes it hard for agriculture production as well.

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Name of Owner:

Signature of Owner

Date (mm/dd/yy)

07/08/2024

SUPPLEMENTARY ALC EXCLUSION APPLICATION FORM

Owner Information (Registered owner(s) information required).

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code):

[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Property Information

Legal Description: As to an undivided 1/3 interest with [REDACTED] as Joint Tenants on Block A of North East 1/4 of Section 31 Township 22 Range 11 West of the 6th Meridian Kamloops Division Yale District

Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-596-051

Size of property (hectares): 2.51

Current method of water supply: Ground Water Well Surface Water Other

Current method of sewerage disposal: Septic System Other

Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)

I do not currently reside on (PID) 008-596-051.

Decision:

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08/05/2022

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Date (month/year)

Signature of Owner

Name of Owner

Reasoning for ALR Exclusion (i.e. Explain your proposal and explain why your application is necessary.) (Please attach separate pages if necessary). Additional page(s) attached.

Owner Information (Required)

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code): [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

Property Information

Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-588-051

Legal Description: As to an undivided 1/3 interest with Block A of Lot 14 of Section 31 Township 22 Range 11 West of the 1st Meridian, Division 1, Section 14, District 10, British Columbia

Current method of water supply: Mains Surface Water Ground Water Well Other

Current method of sewage disposal: Septic System Other

Existing Land Use (i.e. how is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property): [REDACTED]

do not currently reside on (PID) 008-588-051

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

08/03/2024

Name of Owner:

Signature of Owner:

Date (mm/dd/yy)

Reasoning for ALR exclusion,

July 30, 2024

The reason these two properties, of which my name is on the title of one, need to be excluded from the ALR is because tragically eight homes of relatives and close friends were lost last year to the Bush Creek East fire and they cannot be rebuilt under current ALR rules. These two properties (the two 40-acre pieces) were part of an intentional community project starting in the early 1970's. My [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] applied for, and were granted, the properties through a homesteading government program long since discontinued. They invited four other couples to join them, and the group set about clearing the land and building homes cooperatively. It is worth noting that neither property had water, sewage or electrical services, and maintaining the road from the end of the public road has always been handled by the residents. The result was a community where people worked hard, helped each other out, lived largely self-sufficiently or did without. This self-sufficiency extended even to my own birth as I was born nearly 50 years ago at home with three neighbours acting as midwives, two of whom are now homeless after the fire. Each of the houses that burned was owner-built, each was a unique construction, and most were built with hand-tools.

For myself growing up, gardening, preserving food, and growing and harvesting hay for our horse was a big part of the year's work. Later my [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] purchased a large number of fruit trees as their "retirement plan". However, our gardens and hay field growing on sloping land could never have produced food on a large scale. In some years the water reservoir ran low making keeping the garden alive difficult. Lately climate change has wreaked havoc on the fruit trees leading to three years of die-off and almost no yield. Although with enough effort one can grow food pretty much anywhere, most of the 80 acres would be considered very low quality land in terms of agricultural potential.

I do not know if the rules have changed since our families opted into the ALR, if their intent was to ignore the rules, or if the families were not aware of the rules when the properties were included, but the intent was always for the 80 acres to be home to the same families who built the community starting in the '70's. Obviously nobody could have foreseen a devastating fire destroying eight homes, but had they known that in the case of a fire destroying the community only a couple homes could be rebuilt, there is no way they would have entered into the ALR. I can guess that a lower tax rate was part of the attraction of joining the ALR for people living simply; almost all of the residents have always lived below the poverty line, accepting living without electricity for many years, and to this day living without a plowed road in the winter. But I don't know the exact reason why the group decided to join the ALR originally. However, in spite of living simply, these families created and contributed to the immediate and greater community by building a community centre,

hosting annual events, sharing artistic talents and volunteering. My [REDACTED] sold eggs to her neighbours for years before her death last year, and my [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have sold vegetables and tree fruit at local farmers' markets for close to 20 years, but only on a very small scale of production and sales.

I understand the importance of protecting farmland and know that my family planned to grow food on our share of the property for as long as they were physically able. My [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] always supported the spirit of the ALR even if they were unaware of the regulations that came with being included in it. However the priority now is bringing my friends and relatives home, able to live once again on the land where they worked so hard to build homes and create a community. If we remain in the ALR this can't happen and most will be homeless, probably for the rest of their lives, relying on family members living elsewhere to charitably house them. The tragedy of the loss of their humble but beautiful homes is cruelly compounded by rules preventing rebuilding.

Please accept our request to be allowed to leave the ALR in order to allow the eight homes to be rebuilt.

[REDACTED]

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

SUPPLEMENTARY ALC EXCLUSION APPLICATION FORM

Owner Information (Registered owner(s) information required).

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code):

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Property Information

Legal Description: As to an undivided 1/3 interest with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as Joint Tenants on Block A of North East 1/4 of Section 31 Township 22 Range 11 West of the 6th Meridian Kamloops Division Yale District

Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-596-051

Size of property (hectares): 2.15

Current method of water supply: Ground Water Well Surface Water Other

Current method of sewerage disposal: Septic System Other

Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)

Single dwelling, detached, home

Reasoning for ALR Exclusion (i.e. Explain your proposal and explain why your application is necessary.) (Please attach separate pages if necessary). Additional page(s) attached.

Fruit trees

We found it isn't a "viable" business to farm them with today's costs, etc!

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[Redacted]

Name of Owner:

[Redacted]

Signature of Owner:

JULY 10 2024

Date (mm/dd/yy)

SUPPLEMENTARY ALC EXCLUSION APPLICATION FORM

Owner Information (Registered owner(s) information required).

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code):

Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Property Information

Legal Description: As to an undivided 5/6 interest with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] on BLOCK A OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP 22 RANGE 11 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT

Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-596-042

Size of property (hectares): 12.96

Current method of water supply:

Ground Water Well

Current method of sewerage disposal:

Septic System

Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)

Previous to the wildfire a residence and storage shed existed. Both burned to the ground. My property was used as a residence. It was not farmed.

Reasoning for ALR Exclusion (i.e. Explain your proposal and explain why your application is necessary.)

I was born in [redacted] Ontario in [redacted] I graduated with an honours standing in Psychology from Guelph University and as a young adult I headed west and found my way to the North Shuswap where I joined a partnership on an Agricultural Homesite Lease for the two 40 acre parcels previously mentioned. This required clearing and cultivating 30 of the 80 acres within a 10 year period. I cannot underline strongly enough that there were absolutely no offsite services nor barely a road to this land. It was dry.... We worked diligently to find and provide water to it. Eventually I drilled a 220 ft well to gain enough to water my garden. We fell and moved the trees with horses. We made a deal to provide all the necessary work and payment to bring hydro onto the land. We helped each other build our houses ... and they were strong, creative and unique. I learned a huge amount and suffered a lot of work and stress as well to achieve these things. When I finished building my house I wanted to pay it forward and so I took a position as [redacted] of the [redacted] in Salmon Arm and developed and spearheaded the application for a 3.5 million dollar housing project called Clover Court that offers affordable housing to the disabled, mentally ill, seniors, mentally challenged, and low income families. The success of this endeavour is directly connected to and a result of my love of my owner built home on Lee Creek Drive. Sadly, through no fault of mine... it has burned in the fires And I am now [redacted] years old. This is my home, my life blood... I cannot afford, nor wish to live anywhere else. Our homes were grandfathered in and we paid taxes on them for 50 years as we completed them. I simply ask to be allowed to rebuild what was mine. Thank you for your consideration.

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[redacted]

Name of Owner:

[redacted]

Signature of Owner:

July 22/24
Date (mm/dd/yy)

SUPPLEMENTARY ALC EXCLUSION APPLICATION FORM

Owner Information (Registered owner(s) information required).

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code):
[REDACTED]

Phone: _____

E-mail: [REDACTED]

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Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-596-042

Size of property (hectares): 12.96

Current method of water supply:

Ground Water Well

Surface Water

Other

Current method of sewerage disposal:

Septic System

Other

composting toilet

Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)

Residence

Reasoning for ALR Exclusion (i.e. Explain your proposal and explain why your application is necessary.) (Please attach separate pages if necessary). Additional page(s) attached.

I have never farmed my land, nor do I plan to in the future.

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Name of Owner: [Redacted]

Signature of Owner: [Redacted]

Date (mm/dd/yy) 07/11/24

SUPPLEMENTARY ALC EXCLUSION APPLICATION FORM

Owner Information (Registered owner(s) information required).	
Full Name: [REDACTED]	
Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code): [REDACTED]	
Phone: [REDACTED]	E-mail: [REDACTED]

Property Information	
Legal Description: As to an undivided 5/6 interest with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] on BLOCK A OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP 22 RANGE 11 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT	
Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-596-042	Size of property (hectares): 12.96
Current method of water supply:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground Water Well <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
Current method of sewerage disposal:	<input type="checkbox"/> Septic System <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)	

My residence burned to the ground in the wildfire. Prior, the land was used as a residence.

My [REDACTED] and I moved to Lee Creek in the early 1970's upon recommendation from some friends. We were interested in the potential opportunity to purchase land and eventually build a house. Our friend [REDACTED] had been granted a land lease through the Homestead Act. This agricultural lease required potential property owners to clear a specific amount of the land before any individual titles would be granted.

We set about complying to these lease requirements. We dug a shallow well, cleared property and built our log home which we moved into the fall of 1977. By 1981 five families had built their houses on the West 40 and settled on the land. We did not receive individual title to our property until 1985 and by then [REDACTED] had placed both 40 acre parcels in the ALR.

There are several reasons why it is imperative that we seek exclusion from the ALR. Specifically on our property is the lack of water. The shallow well that we dug supplied an unreliable source and although we had some fruit trees and a garden, there were many years where the well water was so low we had to haul water in to meet our needs.

There is also the age factor. I am [REDACTED] years old and my [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]. We do not have the physical ability to put in the effort to maintain our property in the manner we did when we were younger. However the land is still our home where, over fifty years, children were raised, gardens were grown, precious memories made. Now that the devastating Bush Creek fire of 2023 has erased all that we had built, we hope to realize our vision of a smaller home on our property, one where the physical demands to maintain a place are more suited to a retirement lifestyle.

One of our biggest concern is our limited financial resources. We do not have the financial ability to purchase another house. There is also a severe shortage of affordable long term rentals in the Shuswap especially when we are living on a senior's pension

We have been offered and approved by the Mennonite Disaster Service to build us a replacement home on our burned property. We would have been able to move back this year if our property was not in the ALR. If we are able to get out of the ALR, the Mennonite Disaster Service is still committed to building a modest home for us, one of five in the burned area by next year. This offer answers all our dreams of moving back to our property and living our remaining years in familiar comfort and peace.

We would appreciate your timely attention to our application.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

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Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code): [REDACTED]	
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Property Information	
Legal Description: As to an undivided 5/6 interest with [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] on BLOCK A OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP 22 RANGE 11 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT	
Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-596-042	Size of property (hectares): 12.96
Current method of water supply:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground Water Well <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <i>NONE</i>
Current method of sewerage disposal:	<input type="checkbox"/> Septic System <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>NONE</i>
Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)	

As of Aug, 2023, There is no structures on the land as the fire burned everything. There was a home, a fenced yard and a dog pen. There was a out house. The land is steep and rocky so not much was growing there, a few flowers and a small strawberry patch.

Reasoning for ALR Exclusion (i.e. Explain your proposal and explain why your application is necessary.) (Please attach separate pages if necessary). Additional page(s) attached.

The land is steep and rocky with thin rocky soil. The water source (The creek) is unreliable. The steepness of the land make the use of farming equipment difficult. Since the fire, 85% of the trees and shade cover is gone and the soil is highly exposed to the elements, wind & sun. The tree root system is gone and the soil is much dryer. The land never was good for farming and is even less useful now.

we want to rebuild our homes and strive to put the land back to a beautiful area as it was before.

5 people lost their home to the fire. We are all seniors and low income people. Relocating is not reachable for us. There is no financial gain, we just want our homes back.

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Name of Owner:



Signature of Owner:

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Date (mm/dd/yy)

SUPPLEMENTARY ALC EXCLUSION APPLICATION FORM

Owner Information (Registered owner(s) information required).

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code):
[REDACTED]

Phone: _____

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Property Information

Legal Description: As to an undivided 1/3 interest with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as Joint Tenants on Block A of North East 1/4 of Section 31 Township 22 Range 11 West of the 6th Meridian Kamloops Division Yale District

Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-596-051

Size of property (hectares): 2.51

Current method of water supply:

Ground Water Well

Surface Water

Other

Current method of sewerage disposal:

Septic System

Other

Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)

Residence.

Reasoning for ALR Exclusion (i.e. Explain your proposal and explain why your application is necessary.) (Please attach separate pages if necessary). Additional page(s) attached.

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I am employed in other than farm work. This is a residential community. Those who lost their homes to the fire should be allowed to rebuild.

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code): [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

Property Information

Legal Description: As to an undivided 1/2 interest with Eric Kerner, Lillian and Larissa Angeline Lujan as Joint Tenants on Block A of North East 1/4 of Section 31 Township 22 Range 11 West of the 6th Meridian Kamloops Division Year District

Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-886-021 Size of property (hectares): 2.31

Current method of water supply: Ground Water Well Surface Water Other

Current method of sewage disposal: Septic System Other

Existing Land Use (i.e. how is the land used, what buildings and structures are on the property):

Residence

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[REDACTED]

Name of Owner:

[REDACTED]

Signature of Owner

Date (mm/dd/yy) 08/03/24

SUPPLEMENTARY ALC EXCLUSION APPLICATION FORM

Owner Information (Registered owner(s) information required).	
Full Name: [REDACTED]	
Mailing Address (house number, street name, city, province, postal code): [REDACTED]	
Phone: [REDACTED]	E-mail: [REDACTED]

Property Information	
Legal Description: As to an undivided 1/6 undivided interest on Block A of North East 1/4 of Section 31 Township 22 Range 11 West of the 6th Meridian Kamloops Division Yale District	
Parcel Identifier (PID): 008-596-051	Size of property (hectares): 2.51
Current method of water supply:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground Water Well
Current method of sewerage disposal:	<input type="checkbox"/> Septic System
Existing Land Use (i.e. How is the land used? What buildings and structures are on the property?)	

Residence.

Reasoning for ALR Exclusion (i.e. Explain your proposal and explain why your application is necessary.) (Please attach separate pages if necessary). Additional page(s) attached.

To whom it may concern

I lived on this property for 46 years until the Bush Creek wildfire burned my house down in August of 2023. Currently, ALR rulings prohibit me from rebuilding creating a hardship for me. While we have had some limited crops such as fruit trees, residential gardens and chickens, the land is not really capable of supporting major crops especially since the fire tore through. Further, the water supply is not reliable for the growing of crops once the freshet supply has run dry.

Please consider these points in your decision.

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Name of Owner:

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Signature of Owner:

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Date (mm/dd/yy)