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Honorable Charlie Wyse, MLA - Cariboo South
Legislative Assembly
Room 201, Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Honorable Charlie Wyse,

Re: Lac des Roches & Birch Lake Development Opportunity

This is to update you on Lac des Roches and Birch Lake land development opportunity which was the subject of a Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the former Land and Water British Columbia Inc. on December 9, 2004. Recently, the Province of British Columbia terminated the RFP process and set aside the land development opportunity, as it does not fit in with the Province's goals and objectives.

Crown land is a valuable public asset which is administered within a legislation, regulation and policy framework. The Province's responsibility is to ensure Crown land is well managed to further its strategic goals and objectives. The sustainability and optimization of social, environmental and economic benefits are key considerations in Crown land management decisions. The potential benefit and risk to the Province that could flow from the proposed land development at Lac des Roches and Birch Lake were not seen on balance to substantively advance such goals and objectives, and the opportunity was set aside accordingly.

The Province will continue to work closely with local governments, First Nations, the public and investors to support and facilitate new and expanded recreational development opportunities for the benefit of all British Columbians.

Thank you for your interest in the Crown land at Lac des Roches and Birch Lake. Your views and recommendations are appreciated.

Yours truly,


Marie Sturman
Manager, Crown Land Opportunities Branch