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Dear Kevin Kriese:

Thank you for your letter of August 15, 2019, to Minister Donaldson, regarding the Forest Practices Board's (the Board's) feedback on proposed changes to the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA). I have been asked to respond.

I would like to acknowledge the Board's many recommendations over the years highlighting improvements to FRPA and its supporting policy framework. The Board's past recommendations, its more recent report proposing a framework for landscape-level planning and this letter (prioritizing enhancements to the authority of the minister, public engagement, and the Board's mandate) are much appreciated. We continue to use these insights as a foundational consideration in the process we are following to improve FRPA. We continue to look for opportunities to strengthen the management of BC's forest and range resources and value the Board's input as we work towards this goal.

As you will be aware, we have recently completed an extensive public and stakeholder engagement exercise. The ministry was pleased with the level of participation in the exercise. The input we received from a broad array of individuals and organizations is an important source of information and validation from the public regarding our current direction. Improvements to FRPA is one of the ministry's top priorities, and we look forward to continuing to work with the Board on this initiative over the coming months and years.

Yours truly,

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