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Hi Steve,

The purpose of this email is to provide comments on the Old Growth Strategic Review being conducted by the Province. I understand there were challenges with meeting earlier this month due to conflicts with other meetings and cancelled flights due to the weather.

As we review and update our Official Community Plans we include recognition of the old growth management areas (OGMAs) in our electoral areas and include maps of those areas in the Plans. I have attached a map of OGMAs in our Electoral Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory, where more than 50 Old Growth Management Areas are located. We reference the mapped areas when providing comments on referrals for use of Crown lands. Some of the mapped areas overlap with the location of trails that provide excellent recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

Our understanding it that most, if not all, of the OGMAs in our region are non-legal, and therefore can be harvested provided it is replaced with an area that has equal or better biological attributes. We would benefit from having greater clarity regarding how it is determined that a replacement area is of equal or better biological attributes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Best Regards, Donna

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