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Hi Steve,

Countdown is on for you, Thanks for taking the time to meet when you were in Squamish. I was happy to have the opportunity to chat in a less formal setting! Could you please pass this along to Gary and Al.

I understand that you will likely be putting together some fairly high level province wide recommendations and that these 'Squamish specific issues aren't going to be addressed specifically in your review. That being said I hope that the proposed framework that you come up with can take some of them into consideration.

While there are some rural communities dependent on forestry for their survival, there are also many in the province that have moved past forestry and are dependent on other values that the forests provides for prosperity. In a place like Squamish, all of the valley bottom old growth was logged years ago. Some of the 2nd growth is beginning to provide an 'old forest' experience that is coveted by trail users but there is no mechanism to let it continue to return to 'old forest. The remaining high elevation old growth provides excellent aesthetic value at the beginning of alpine hikes and safe terrain for backcountry skiing.

While the Sea to Sky LRMP and Regional Trails Strategy already do provide guidance to prioritise recreation in this area there is limited capacity for our local Recreation Officer to will within the rest of the forestry office to make any changes.

You've probably read enough, take some time to look at this short video we made last winter about the importance of the trails here:

<https://www.facebook.com/sorca.ca/videos/357087711584081/>

Thanks again for your time and good luck with your difficult decisions.

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