

The Honourable John Horgan, M.L.A.  
Premier of British Columbia  
West Annex Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
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Re: Request for Public Consultation Regarding Backcountry Closures

Dear Premier,

It is of great concern that the Government of BC has not provided adequate consultation opportunities regarding the closures in the backcountry that relate to the issues surrounding species at risk. Industry stakeholders and the general public deserve a say to their government about this very important issue.

Backcountry access is crucial for those who own (snowmobile, cat/heli-skiing) industry-based businesses, tourism-based businesses, and taxpayers and homeowners in rural BC. The ripple effect of these potential closures could be catastrophic to our economy and to our lifestyle. It is for this reason that I am asking the BC Government to engage with the public about an issue that could deeply affect many rural British Columbians.

The preservation of healthy wildlife populations is a goal worthy of pursuit, yet a fine balance must be achieved with concern for the livelihoods of many citizens. Please give British Columbians the consultation that they deserve about this very important issue. Backcountry access fuels our economy and provides immeasurable cultural and social benefits. Many opportunities for community building and quality family time are found in the great outdoors, providing mental and physical health benefits to those who answer the call of the mountains.

Please let us work together with this government to explore the best ways to address the challenges that we are facing.

Sincerely,

Name

Date

Signed at Revelstoke, BCcc: Doug Clovechok, M.L.A. Columbia River-Revelstoke