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John Neville
President
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Dear Mr. Neville:

Thank you for your letter of February 21, 2011 addressed to the Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations outlining your concerns with the possible changes to visual quality objectives in the Lakes TSA. Minister Thomson has asked me to reply on his behalf and to provide you with an update on the process and where the Nadina District is with their review.

The district was pleased with the number of responses to the public review on the possible changes in management to scenic areas in the Lakes TSA. Overall the public response was mixed with many of the respondents favouring a relaxation of the objectives and many wishing to maintain the current management practices.

The District Manager, Josh Pressey, anticipates making a decision in early September whether the district will move ahead on proposing changes and if so in what scenic areas. If changes are to be made, a formal Government Action Regulation to change visual quality objectives in certain scenic areas will be undertaken.

If you wish to obtain more information or provide additional comment, please contact Josh Pressey (250) 692-2200.

Sincerely,

Eamon O'Donoghue
Regional Executive Director – Skeena Region
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

pc: Josh Pressey, District Manager, Nadina District