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Jim Snetsinger, Chair
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Dear Jim Snetsinger:

I would like to extend my gratitude to you and your board members for the dedication, expertise, and skills with which you serve the people of British Columbia.

As the Minister responsible for the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC), I am providing this letter of direction which builds upon Executive Council's expectations outlined in the mandate letter sent April 6, 2021. I expect that these two letters will provide FESBC with specific direction on the priorities, and expectations, for the coming fiscal year as reflected in the goals, objectives, and performance measures in your 2022/23-2024/25 Service Plan. I expect the five foundational principles included in your organization's mandate letter (putting people first, lasting and meaningful reconciliation, equity and anti-racism, a better future through fighting climate change, and a strong sustainable economy that works for everyone) will continue to inform your policies and programs.

FESBC has been provided \$25 million in fiscal year 2022-23. With the new funding, I expect that the Society will make substantive progress on the following priorities:

- Identify and fund projects to reduce wildfire risks to communities, and
- Optimize the recovery and utilization of low-value residual fibre resulting from wildfire risk reduction treatments.

In delivering these priorities, I expect that FESBC will work closely with the Ministry of Forests and BC Wildfire Service to:

- Target the funding to projects near higher-risk communities and critical infrastructure,
- Ensure sound wildfire risk reduction practices are used in funded projects, and
- Avoid duplication in wildfire risk reduction efforts or land management conflicts.

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I also expect that the Society will continue to expand its collaboration with Indigenous-owned and small and medium enterprises to provide opportunities for them to participate in the forestry economy.

In keeping with our best practice to publicly post Crown Agency mandate letters and letters of direction, you are asked to sign this letter on behalf of the board to acknowledge Government's direction to your organization. The signed letter is to be posted publicly on your website in Spring 2022.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and your board colleagues as you take steps to enhance our forests and continue to work closely with Indigenous peoples in building a strong sustainable resource economy for all British Columbians.

Sincerely,



Katrine Conroy
Minister



May 18, 2022

Jim Snetsinger, Chair
Forest Enhancement Society of BC

Date

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