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Norm Parkes, Regional Director

SOUTHERN INTERIOR REGIONAL OFFICE

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

447 Columbia Street

Kamloops BC V2C 2T3

November 4, 2010

Dear Mr. Parkes,

Re: Standards to protect wetland at Strawberry Flats (Highway 3B at Nancy Greene Summit)

The Friends of the Rossland Range Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that the Rossland Range is responsibly managed to preserve its important natural, recreational, cultural and economic values.

Our activities include public education and engagement, participation in review of plans and tenures, acting as catalyst for a comprehensive recreational plan for the Rossland Range, developing a Forest Interpretation site, and supporting a Streamkeepers initiative.

As part of our Streamkeepers function, we are creating an inventory of watercourses and riparian areas of particular interest in the Rossland Range.

The wetland just to the south of the Ministry's gravel operations at Strawberry Flats (Highway 3B at Nancy Greene Summit) has been identified as being worthy of protection for its ecological and aesthetic values, as well as for its instructional value in our Forest Interpretation project.

Could you advise us regarding standards and protocols the Ministry has in place to safeguard this wetland?

Thank you for your consideration.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 250.362.5624, or our Chair, Kim Deane, at 250.362.5648.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Vogel, B.Sc, A.Ag

Streamkeepers Coordinator

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