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To: The Honourable Rich Coleman
Minister of Forests and Range and
Minister Responsible for Housing

Re: **Forest and Range Practices Advisory Council (PAC) Recommendation to
Minister regarding Regulatory Review and Forestry Roundtable**

PAC would like to acknowledge and support the recent regulatory review and forestry roundtable that were announced by the Premier.

PAC's formal mandate that you established is to:

1. *Undertake periodic reviews of the requirements that apply to:*
 - *Operational planning and forest or range practices under the Act; or*
 - *The regulation and the standard; and*
2. *Make recommendations on any other specific matters that are referred to PAC by the minister.*

PAC's mandate may yield potential overlaps and potential synergies with the proposed regulatory review. PAC members also discussed the potential impacts of this review on the range portion of the Ministry therefore:

PAC recommends that the Minister direct his staff to:

- a. ***Ensure that PAC is consulted as part of this regulatory review;***
- b. ***Consider PAC membership on the review committee; and***
- c. ***Ensure that the range side of the Ministry be included in the review.***



PAC members also pointed out the parallels between the forest and the range sectors in terms of the factors that are causing these sectors to be in the current serious financial situation. PAC members also identified gaps in the membership of proposed forestry roundtable therefore:

PAC further recommends that the Minister consider:

- a. Including both Local Government and Range representatives on the forestry roundtable; and*
- b. Establishing a parallel roundtable to address the serious situation in the range industry in British Columbia.*



Garry Merkel
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