

# Friends of the Nemaiah Valley

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Dear Mr. Case;

Enclosed please find our response to your request from the conservation community for input to a conservation strategy for the CCBAC.

Attached is a report prepared for us by O.R.Travers. R.P.F.

As a rule we do not participate in the official provincial government planning process because the limitations within which it operates (under the CCLUP and lower level sub-regional plan) are inflexible and designed to perpetuate a process of ecological devastation. The timber targets therein are simply incompatible with good stewardship.

Additionally, the Forest Stewardship Plans prepared under this process do not take sufficient cognizance of traditional and cultural values of the Tsilhqot'in people.

We hope that through the process you are engaged in it may be possible to influence policy makers, hence we are very pleased to be able to provide input into a conservation strategy. It may be that a changing environment and climate caused by some of the very actions our organization has resisted, such as liquidation of our forests through clear-cutting, will also bring about attitudinal changes in government.

Recognition may be dawning that we have been going about the matter of developing economies in the wrong way. It may be that we will now begin to rectify some of our past errors. Specifically, we hope it is decided to save some vestige of the sub-boreal pine forests of the Chilcotin in an untouched state. We ask that the ?Elegesi Qiyus Wild Horse Preserve, declared by some writers to be a "Canadian treasure" be such an area.

Sincerely,

David Williams  
President  
Friends of the Nemaiah Valley

