

Monday, July 13, 2026

The Honourable Ravi Parmar
Minister of Forests
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Re: Follow-up to BC Nature's January 27, 2025 Letter Regarding Your Ministerial Mandate

Dear Minister Parmar,

On January 27, 2025, BC Nature wrote to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister of Forests and to express our support for a forestry sector that is both economically resilient and ecologically sustainable. We appreciated the opportunity to share our perspective but are disappointed that we have not received a response.

We recognize that your ministry has faced significant challenges over the past eighteen months, including market uncertainty, trade pressures, wildfire recovery, and the ongoing transition of British Columbia's forest sector. These circumstances make thoughtful stewardship of our forests more important than ever.

The concerns we raised in our original letter remain highly relevant. British Columbia's forests are essential not only to our economy but also to biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, clean water, and the well-being of communities throughout the province. We continue to believe that long-term prosperity depends on maintaining healthy, functioning forest ecosystems alongside a sustainable forest industry.

We encourage your ministry to continue advancing the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework, implement the recommendations of the Old Growth Strategic Review, complete modern Forest Landscape Plans with meaningful public and Indigenous participation, and ensure that biodiversity conservation is fully integrated into forest management decisions. These initiatives provide an opportunity to demonstrate that responsible stewardship and a competitive forest economy are complementary goals, not competing ones.

BC Nature represents 64 naturalist clubs and more than 6,000 members across British Columbia. Our members include scientists, foresters, naturalists, educators, and conservation practitioners who contribute thousands of volunteer hours each year to stewardship, monitoring, citizen science, and environmental education. We are committed to working collaboratively with government to help conserve the natural heritage that supports both wildlife and people.

We respectfully request a response to our original correspondence and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you or members of your ministry to discuss how BC Nature can contribute to the future of sustainable forest stewardship in British Columbia.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harold Sellers".

Harold Sellers
President, BC Nature

Reference: <https://bcnature.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-01-Ministerial-Mandate-Honourable-Ravi-Parmar.pdf>