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Dear Bill Bourgeois:

Thank you for your letter of March 1, 2018, regarding forest stewardship in British Columbia.

I appreciate your thoughts and feedback on the presentation that I made at the Association of BC Forest Professionals Conference on February 23, 2018. In that letter, you suggest that you agree with taking a long-term forest stewardship approach that engages local communities; however, you also suggest that there is a piece missing: a long-term vision for British Columbia's forests along with associated legally-binding goals and objectives.

As you also note in your letter, the Chief Forester has identified a vision and established timber goals and objectives. These goals and objectives are being implemented by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, and go some distance in addressing your concerns; although, they are not legally binding. The Professional Reliance Review underway should offer some insight for improvements. I will keep your perspective in mind as that process, and other work that government is undertaking, unfolds.

Again, thank you for taking the time to express your views and for your continued efforts to strengthen forest stewardship in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Donaldson".

Doug Donaldson  
Minister