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Nanaimo: PML Program Review Information Meeting - 28th June 2019

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The Forests - we all realize that the Forest Industry is a valuable resource for the Economy of British Columbia.

The Public are well aware of the impact a living Forest has on our environment, the retention of water in the Forest Floor and to assist in maintaining the Province's watersheds which many citizens depend on to replenish our domestic wells and the value for the Agricultural Lands. The dependance of the wildlife and birds on a living Forest, as well, as the fish who are dependent on the creeks, streams, rivers, lakes and the oceans as well as the wetlands and swamps to reproduce the species.

Domestic

Water Wells - consideration of citizens who are dependent on domestic water wells.

Shallow wells - logging in a watershed could affect the quality and quantity of water in the future. Example:

there is still in the Extension/Myles Lake Road vicinity an area that is flogged to be logged with a spur road and new culvert this maybe 10 acre section is (we think) a mini watershed for 5 domestic wells - in this 10 acre section is

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a pond/swampy area with a creek flowing through the 10 acres under the road through the 5 residents properties. This section of land has been brought to the logging companies attention for over 15 years.

Deep wells - logging roads being built near communities who are dependent on wells for their domestic could be affected by blasting the rock to develop these logging roads. Once, a well is lost due to blasting at a certain distance, or the water quality may change - sometimes that well cannot be recovered even if it is re drilled. The only way to prove loss or quality of the water would be to measure water quantity and quality before blasting

Fire Prevention: More chipping and less burning. Better cleanup of slash and debris around residential areas.

Recently, logging was completed on the door step of the Community of Extension. The clean up of the logging slash was excellent with the chips being hauled away and reforestation was completed. The Extension Volunteer Fire Department were pleased to assist in the clean up by working with Island Timberlands in the wood being available to the Public. As well, the clean up along Nanaimo Road has been

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completed. Unfortunately, about a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile distant from the Extension Fire Hall adjacent to the Nanaimo City water line and Myles Lake Road there are six large piles of debris with 30 homes on Myles Lake Road (the only entrance and exit) to the Residential homes. Smoke and potential for fire if burned.

Provincial Permits for Fire Departments to assist in Wild Fires. This is opportunity would be appreciated as a Volunteer Department could assist quicker than the Wildfire Dept could arrive.

Locked Gates

Parks on a Community Doorstep ~~and~~ and the Forests that are adjacent to lakes, rivers, streams
** example: Rosewood Lake (Community of Extension and Sun Grove Park)
Communication to timber Companies, especially when a wildfire is present with Coastal Fire and the Public.