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Dear Carl,

Thank you for meeting with us earlier this spring to review the harvest plans for the Russ Creek area.

As you are well aware, Russ Creek is a showcase of waterfalls; a unique and important watercourse on Texada, which is increasing in recreation value as it becomes better known. As in the past, along with the 'quad' trail built by Casey, more and more trails are being developed allowing more Texadans to enjoy this wonderful example of backcountry beauty.

Casey mentioned that in addition to the minimum regulated 20-meter buffer on each side of Russ Creek, he would add another 20 meters along with a 10-meter transitional buffer where small trees would be left.

In setting a vision standard on the Sunshine Coast Trail (SCT), the Stillwater Pilot project of 2001 set a goal of a 50 m wide reserve zone on each side of the SCT. For Russ Creek, please consider the same 50 m wide no harvest zone along with an additional 50m wide select harvesting zone, leaving smaller trees and vegetation on both sides of Russ Creek. As we understand, this cut block borders Russ Creek for a very limited distance and our requested increased buffer zone would not significantly lower yields but it would forever ensure that Russ Creek remained, as it is today, a legacy for Texada Island.

We understand that your business is up for sale, or has been sold. Is the new owner aware of the discussion of an increased Russ Creek buffer zone?

We would like to publically acknowledge you and the new owners as partners of the future while publically showcasing how industry and conservation can work together the Texada Way.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,
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