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**To: Sybille Haeussler**

**RE: Support Letter**

The Wet'suwet'en have been supportive of Bulkley Valley Research Centre (BVRC) efforts of protecting the Whitebark Pine ecosystems. The Office of the Wet'suwet'en (OW) will continue to work collaboratively towards the protection for Whitebark Pine ecosystems within the Wet'suwet'en Territory and agree to the findings that are presented within this application for Whitebark Pine SARA Listing. The OW wants to continue working collaboratively with the Scientific community and governmental agencies, in ensuring that our valued ecosystems are there for the future generations to enjoy based on discussions by the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Leaders.

**Therefore the Office of the Wet'suwet'en support:**

1. The amending SARA List of Species At Risk to include Whitebark Pine (*Pinus albicaulis*) to protect this keystone species of importance move ahead within Wet'suwet'en Traditional Territories.
2. To continue the support the efforts of Dr. Sybille Haeussler and her research team
3. Our long term goal of contributing to the combined efforts of protecting valued ecosystems within Wet'suwet'en Territory and assurance of our resource needs
4. To increasing Whitebark Pine densities to sustainable levels and to allow them to be harvested again on a food, social and ceremonial levels by Wet'suwet'en Nation.

This support approval comes from the Natural Resources department of the Office of the Wet'suwet'en , which acts in accordance with the needs of the Wet'suwet'en community on Land and Water related issues as related through the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary system.

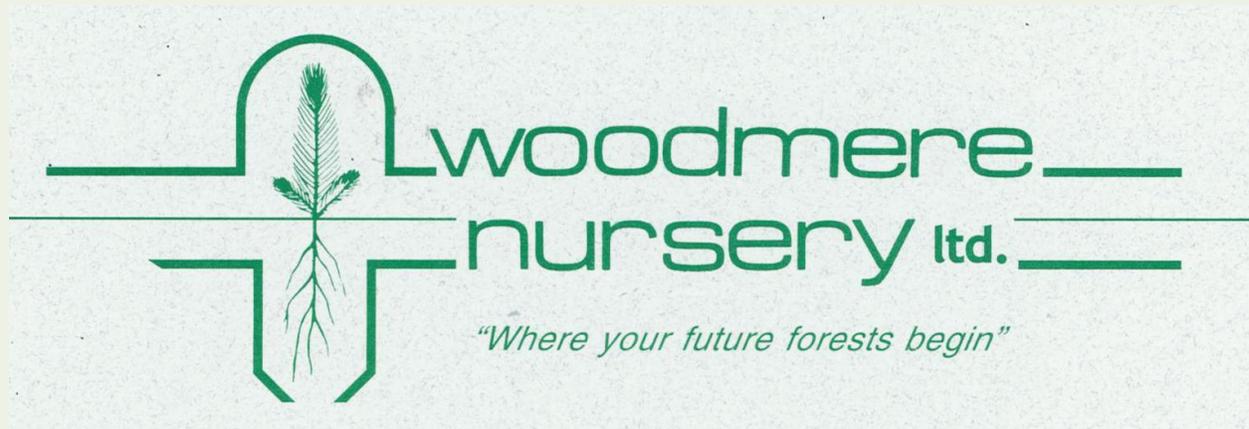
The Natural Resources department recognizes the Bulkley Valley Research Centre as an organization which manages the current Whitebark Pine monitoring project. It has been successful and helpful in supporting monitoring of the Wet'suwet'en community's endeavors in protecting our territories. Protection of our valued resources is of the utmost importance in order for the Nation to continue thriving with our culture, and way of life.

Sincerely,

For:

David de Wit

Office of the Wet'suwet'en  
Natural Resource Manager



March 7, 2011

**Re: Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Restoration**

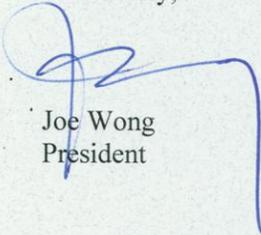
Woodmere Nursery Ltd., would like to add its support to the proposal by the Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research & Management to undertake a wildlife habitat enhancement and restoration project near Smithers.

We feel strongly that this study will further enhance our abilities to understand the whitebark pine - lichen ecosystems that are an exceptional feature of this region. The effects from the cumulative stresses of climate change, diseases and pests such as the mountain pine beetle attack imposed on such a major contributor of this ecosystem, whitebark pine stands, must be studied. Since the research will provide natural resource and wildlife habitat managers a valuable tool to make sound ecosystem management decisions that will benefit all users.

This project will allow Woodmere Nursery the opportunity to research and eventually develop propagation methods for this difficult species. Woodmere Nursery Ltd. is prepared to provide an in-kind contribution estimated at \$1000 to support this much needed research project. Our in-kind contribution will provide whitebark pine seedlings and will also allow access to our greenhouses for further studies if needed by the researchers of this proposal.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Joe Wong  
President



FILE: 87700 – 20 / Nanika

March 8, 2011

Mountain Equipment Coop  
Community Contributions Program – Research Grants

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Re: Endangered Whitebark Pine Ecosystems in the Mountains of West Central BC**

I am writing in support of the proposed research to develop restoration strategies for endangered whitebark pine ecosystems of West central BC threatened by mountain pine beetle, blister rust and climate change.

We at BC Parks are very conscious of the multiple threats facing whitebark pine populations and their associated ecosystems. The work proposed by Ms. Haeussler and associates is timely in its applicability to some of our own assessment and planning activities.

We are happy to endorse this research initiative, and look forward to collaborating with the research team. Our office can provide in-kind contributions of access to air photos, maps, and our own knowledge of Neníkëkh / Nanika-Kidprice Provincial Park.

BC Parks fully endorses this project application.

Sincerely,

Mark Parminter,  
A/North Tweedsmuir Area Supervisor

pc: **Mike Neto**, A/ Section Head Parks and Protected Division, Ministry of Environment, Northern Region - Skeena  
**Darren Fillier**, Conservation Biologist, Parks and Protected Areas, Ministry of Environment, Northern Region - Skeena  
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Nov. 1, 2010

Dear Sybille

As discussed with you earlier, we are pleased to assist you with your project '**Restoring Whitebark Pine Ecosystems of West Central British Columbia to Enhance Habitat for Bears and other Subalpine Wildlife**'. We have approximately 100 whitebark pine (*Pinus albicaulis* Engelm.) seedlings from 4 provenances (representing both southern and more northern seedlots) that can be made available to you for your initial spring planting (May-June 2011).

These seedlings were supplemental to a whitebark trial conducted at UNBC, Prince George campus, in 2008-2009 (FIA-FSP funded, Project # Y091062). The seedlings will be approximately 2.5 yr old at the time of your planting. They are currently growing in containers out doors and have already over-wintered outside last year (2009-10).

We see our involvement with your project as an opportunity to share information, and consult with respect to the biology and occurrence of whitebark pine in its northern range. Our group has experience in germinating and growing WBP under greenhouse conditions and we will be pleased to share these methods with you, if needed.

Your study has the potential to contribute to the limited body of knowledge on whitebark pine in Canada, and to aid in the restoration of these biologically important habitats. Whitebark pine is a remarkable species, at high risk and in decline, it has the ability to adapt to high elevation ecosystems characterized by extreme climate and soils. We wish you the very best of success with your project.

(In kind value of contribution estimated to be approximately \$300)

Sincerely,  
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