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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 and enhancement for Whitebark Pine ecosystems within the Wet'suwet'en Territory. 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 effort towards Whitebark Pine (*Pinus albicaulis*) in protecting this keystone species of importance within Wet'suwet'en Traditional Territories.
2. To continue the support the efforts of Dr. Sybille Haeussler and her research team.
3. Follows 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.

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. 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,

Mike Ridsdale

Office of the Wet'suwet'en  
EA Coordinator  
Natural Resource Department



October 26, 2016

Habitat Conservation Trust Fund

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

I am writing in support of Sybille Haeussler's application for an HCTF grant to support the continued efforts for whitebark pine restoration in West central BC.

We at BC Parks are very conscious of the multiple threats facing whitebark pine populations and their associated ecosystems. We have worked with Ms. Haeussler and her associates for the past few years and believe very strongly in her efforts.

We are happy to endorse this initiative, and look forward to continued collaboration with the research team. Our office will provide in-kind contributions in the form of staff time and vessel access to aid in the restoration works in Nenekëkh / Nanika-Kidprice and Morice Lake Provincial Parks.

BC Parks fully endorses this project application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Parminter".

Mark Parminter,  
North Tweedsmuir Area Supervisor

pc: Darren Fillier, BC Parks Conservation Specialist, Northern Region  
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October 31, 2017

Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation

Dear HCTF Board Members

**Re: BVRC Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Restoration and 2018 Whitebark Pine Cone Collection**

Pacific Inland Resources, a division of West Fraser based in Smithers, BC, is targeting whitebark pine to comprise 2% of its landscape species composition for high elevation areas in the Engelmann Spruce – Subalpine Fir (ESSF) subzone. In 2017, in collaboration with Sybille Haeussler and the Bulkley Valley Research Centre, we planted our first 200 whitebark pine seedlings in a high elevation block north of Smithers. We would like to purchase registered whitebark pine seeds to grow and plant more whitebark pine to meet our silvicultural target, but whitebark pine seeds are not currently available for purchase.

We recognize the difficulty of collecting seeds from this endangered wildlife tree species and need to collect and screen seeds from parent trees that display evidence of resistance to the white pine blister rust fungus. Seed collections of this nature are very costly and cannot yet be carried out as part of routine forest operations. We support the work of the Bulkley Valley Research Centre in coordinating a 2018 seed collection for whitebark pine that will make it possible for us to acquire and grow whitebark pine seedlings to meet our reforestation targets.

While we are unable to make a financial commitment to the seed collection at this time, we are definitely in support of the 2018 seed collection taking place and will look for any opportunity to help ensure the success of this project.

Sincerely,

Garth Ehalt RPF

Silviculture Supervisor

Pacific Inland Resources

A Division of West Fraser Mills Ltd.

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## Canadian Forest Products Ltd.

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### Houston

November 1, 2017

Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation and Forest Enhancement Society

Dear Board Members

#### **Re: BVRC Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Restoration and 2018 Whitebark Pine Cone Collection**

Canfor's Houston Fibre Operations includes forest harvesting and other activities within the habitat of whitebark pine, a species that was recently listed as endangered in Western Canada. We recognize that the tree has high wildlife values and is an important part of healthy high mountain ecosystems in portions of our operating area. As part of commitment to environmental stewardship, and to diversify silvicultural practices and tree species composition in view of climate change, Canfor Houston is very interested in planting a component of whitebark pine in suitable high elevation cutblocks within the Engelmann Spruce-Subalpine Fir biogeoclimatic zone (ESSFmk and ESSFmc subzones). Our company has been involved in whitebark pine restoration work in the Kootenays, but to date have been unable to purchase registered whitebark pine seeds to supply our Houston-area planting operations.

We recognize the difficulty of collecting seeds from this endangered wildlife tree species and the need to collect seeds only from parent trees that display evidence of resistance to the white pine blister rust fungus. Seed collections of this nature are very costly, requiring specialized skills and cannot yet be carried out as part of routine forest operations. Pooling resources to make a joint collection that will meet the needs of industry, provincial parks, conservation agencies and other users will greatly increase the efficiency of seed collection and ensure that appropriate procedures are followed to protect the tree and obtain the highest quality seed. We are aware that the Bulkley Valley Research Centre has been building expertise in whitebark pine seed and seedling production since 2011 and support their work to coordinate a 2018 seed collection in west central BC that will make it possible for us to acquire and grow whitebark pine seedlings to meet our reforestation targets. We will make a financial and/or in-kind contribution from our silvicultural budget to help ensure that the BVRC collection can take place in 2018. However at this time we are unable to specify an amount of financial or in kind support until we make a review of the project logistics so as to determine how we can best support this project. We look forward to the opportunity to assist in a successful seed collection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter Tymkow".

Walter Tymkow BFT, SPL  
Forestry Supervisor - Silviculture



November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

Habitat Conservation Trust Fund  
107 – 19 Dallas Road,  
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**Re: HCTF Proposal “Restoring Whitebark Pine Ecosystem to Enhance Subalpine Bear Habitat.”**

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 in the proposed Burnie-Shea protected area.

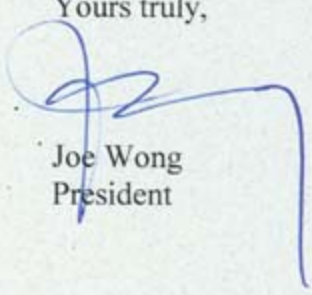
We feel strongly that this study will further enhance our abilities to understand the whitebark pine – lichen ecosystems (ESSFmk/02) that are an exceptional feature of the Burnie-Shea. The effects from the cumulative stresses of climate change, diseases and pests such as the mountain pine beetle attack 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 ecological 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