

Hi Evangeline and Bobby Sherlock,

I am writing this letter to the Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) today to advise that the Ministry of Forests (MOF) has received and reviewed a copy of a report titled “the Ratcliffe Creek Stream Channel Remediation Construction Review” prepared by Mike Walsh, P, Eng., Skmana Creek Consulting, dated April 28, 2022. The remediation work and completion report are a requirement under Section 47 and 93 of the WSA, Order addressed to the Firvale Wilderness Lodge, on April 17, 2022, in response to some unauthorized instream work in 2021.

The landowner has been extremely cooperative with the ministry’s compliance requirements, and we are pleased to advise that the remediation work has been completed as per the qualified professionals design (see copy of attached report) and to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Forests. It is also recognized that the natural hydrological characteristics in Ratcliffe Creek watershed will likely result in a constantly evolving flow patterns that may present new challenges to containing high flow within the existing channel of Ratcliffe Creek. In view of this observation, containment of flood flows and the challenge of maintaining existing flow paths may require monitoring and consideration of future instream maintenance works to provide additional security of existing landowners properties and associated land uses. Please note, to make changes in and about a stream you must hold a licence, use approval or change approval; or be in compliance with an order, or in accordance with Part 3 of the Water Sustainability Regulation.

I hereby declare that the requirements of the MOF, *Water Sustainability Act*, order have been fulfilled as per outlined in the under Section 47 and 93 of the WSA, Order addressed to the Firvale Wilderness Lodge, on April 17, 2022.

In view of the above and from a flood hazard management perspective, the MOF has no objection to the Firvale Wilderness Lodge’s application for rezoning and supports their request subject to the applicant meeting any flood development requirements imposed by the Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) or the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

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