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Dear Interior Watershed Task Force Members:

Thank you for your letter of May 5, 2026, regarding the recent meeting on May 2, 2026. It was a pleasure to connect in person and to hear your perspectives on advancing watershed protection across British Columbia's (B.C.'s) Interior.

I appreciate the important key actions you brought forward, including modernizing the *Water Sustainability Act* and *Forest and Range Practices Act* to better prioritize forest protection and watershed and ecosystem health. Your thoughtful and clear articulation of these priorities helps inform ongoing policy discussions.

The B.C. government is committed to working across ministries to advance the conservation, protection, and sustainable management of watersheds. In collaboration with colleagues at the Ministry of Forests, we are exploring opportunities to implement recommendations from the [Old Growth Strategic Review](#) and the [draft Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework](#). This work is of increasing relevance, as we respond to the realities of climate change and increasing pressures on water systems.

Thank you again for your continued leadership and dedication. I look forward to ongoing collaboration with the Interior Watershed Task Force.

Sincerely,

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