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Dear Paul,

Re: **Supporting Information for April 14th, 2009 Expression of Interest - Climate Change Adaptation Research for Forest & Rangeland Ecosystems**

The Bulkley Valley Research Centre would like to take this opportunity to introduce our organization. We are a registered not-for-profit society based in Smithers, British Columbia. We conduct high quality interdisciplinary research on our environment, including its human dimensions. The purpose of the Centre is to advance scientific and technical knowledge as well as improve public understanding of the sustainable management of our natural and cultural resources. Since 2002, we have conducted extensive forest ecosystem adaptation and climate change research. A complete list of our research projects can be found on our website.

We also are very proud of the relationships we have with local First Nations groups. We have an established protocol for engagement with First Nations groups, which has been used effectively for the past 3 years, and has provided First Nations with opportunities for employment, information sharing and capacity building. Our First Nations engagement protocol surpasses industry standard expectations for First Nations consultations and involvement, by incorporating traditional knowledge at higher levels in the research planning process. Moreover, it continues to evolve, as the needs of First Nations change within the research and resource management process.

Our vision at the Bulkley Valley Research Centre is to establish the Bulkley Valley as an internationally recognized setting for excellence in environmental research. Moreover, we offer to serve as a forum for those concerned with environmental research, management and sustainability, and we strive to identify common research priorities and to provide opportunities for collaboration. These priorities provide the foundation for the Centre's research program and operations.

If you would like more information regarding the Bulkley Valley Research Centre, please visit our website at: www.bvcentre.ca or phone (250)847-2827.

Please contact us if you have any questions, or wish to discuss our protocol in detail.

Regards,

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