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*Via email:* brad.vis@parl.gc.ca

Brad Vis, MP for Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

**To:** Mr. Brad Vis:

**RE: BC Wildfires Petition**

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The District of Lillooet (the "District") Councillor Laurie Hopfl has taken part in conversations with many stakeholders across our community regarding the needed changes to protect BC forests and every living thing in them.

On December 7, 2021, Councillor Hopfl made a notice of motion at the District Regular Council Meeting and sought Council support for a call to action as outlined in a petition, "BC Wildfires" that was signed by 46 Lillooet area residents.

The BC Wildfires petition, enclosed with this correspondence, is addressed to the Government of Canada and asks for the Government of BC and Canada to empower local persons, those working with licensees, industry and contractors, Indigenous communities, ranchers and workers such as fire fighters, forestry workers, and all those that see the day-to-day issues and have front line knowledge to provide feedback on the inconsistencies and shortcomings with regard to forest management and wildfire prevention in order to help bring about much-needed change.

Inspired by the Ontario government who assembled an 'All Hazards Agency' that employs people to manage fire, flood and slides, we believe that BC needs this type of agency as well.

We believe that impacts to lumber prices and job availability, mill closures, current and future mudslides, damage to critical habitat, and house insurance increases are trickle effects that will continue to have detrimental effects on BC's future if we do not make necessary changes to current forest practice procedures.

Consequently, the District of Lillooet calls upon the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide better forest management and wildfire protection by assessing the current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working and to re-evaluate and change those that are not.

As such, the District Council passed resolution R-235-2021:

*THAT Mayor and Council accept the petition "BC Wildfires" for information;*

*AND THAT the petition be provided to the House of Commons and that MP Brad Vis may address the petition there;*

*AND THAT staff write a letter on behalf of Mayor and Council that reiterates and supports the points in the petition;*

*AND FURTHER THAT the letter be sent to the MLA, MP, and all Councils of BC communities.*

We respectfully request that you present the BC Wildfires petition to the Clerk of Petitions and upon receiving certification, to the House of Commons.

We invite other BC communities to adopt similar resolutions and join our efforts to bring about change in BC.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Mayor Peter Busse  
District of Lillooet

cc: All UBCM Member Local Governments  
Jackie Tegart, MLA for Fraser-Nicola  
encl. BC Wildfires petition

## BC Wildfires:

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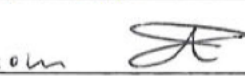


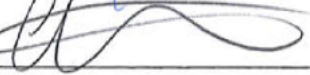
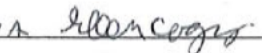
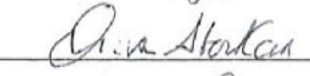

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Reference: Youtube: 'A Valley Destroyed', The story of Monte Lake & Paxton Valley, Part 1 & 2

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THEREFORE

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Robin Jones	123 Main Avenue Mission		Robin Jones
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14. Paddy Weston	116-11 <sup>TH</sup> AVE		P Weston
15. JEFF LOR	632 Main St		JL
16. Daryle Hayward	112 Hoey		Daryle Hayward
17. Shirley Mackay	2827 Transcan Lytton, BC Hwy		S. Mackay
18. Patrik Loring	2827 Transcan Lytton, BC Hwy		Patrik L. Loring
19. B McCandless	Texas CK Hil		B McCandless
20. Debbie Cain	165 Ponderosa Hwy		D Cain
21. Mario Tajama	Yalalom Rd 1990		M. Tajama
22. LINDA LOR	632 Main St		L. Loring
23. Ron Taylor	405 Kennedy Pa		RON TAYLOR
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25. Wendy Dorman	Box 1402, Lillooet		Wendy Dorman
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27. BRETT LESTER	WINNIPEG		B. Lester
28. LACH MACDONALD	760 MOMA RD		L. MacDonald
29. LAUREN WHEAT	PO Box 2045 Lillooet B.C.		Lauren Wheat
30. Brian & Weeks	270 TAYLOR RD.		Brian & Weeks

ONCE BOTH SIDES OF THIS PETITION ARE COMPLETED, PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE POSTAGE-FREE TO:

BRAD VIS, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT – House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

A paper petition must contain a minimum of 25 valid signatures with addresses. A petition must contain original signatures written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied or otherwise transferred to it. Each petitioner must sign (not print) their name directly on the petition and must not sign for anyone else. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness.

# PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

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34. WAYNE COOK	Box 1507 Lillooet, B.C.		Wayne Cook
35. Bob Armitstead	Lillooet BC		Bob Armitstead
36. Ron McKay	Lillooet BC		Ron McKay
37. Michael/Sam	Lyttton BC		Michael/Sam
38. Maria Torres	Lillooet		M. Torres

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