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Re: Secwépemc Chilcotin River Emergency Table

Llenllenéy'ten (High Bar First Nation) supports the creation of the Secwépemc Chilcotin River Emergency Table. The concerns of timelines and risks to Farwell Canyon are substantiated. As Secwépemc Nations, protecting our rivers requires our involvement and rights guiding all phases of decision-making.

We share the concerns that, at this stage and given the documented impacts, neither DFO nor the Province is proactively doing more to address the risks at Farwell Canyon. The lack of coordination and meaningful Secwépemc inclusion is troubling. As a Nation located downstream, High Bar First Nation is directly affected by what happens at Farwell Canyon. Another landslide could have serious consequences for our fish stocks, the health of the river, and our members' ability to exercise their rights.

Drawing on our Nation's direct experience responding to the Big Bar Landslide, working at strategic and technical tables in emergency conditions, especially when it involves our livelihoods, cannot be understated. HBFN has also been actively engaged on the archaeological side, providing feedback and monitoring with our field staff tracking the environmental and archaeological impacts. After the Chilcotin landslide happened, our band administrator, staff member, and I flew over the area to see the situation firsthand. The experience reinforced the critical importance of an early response and coordinated Indigenous involvement to avoid any preventable impacts on fish, cultural sites, and our communities. Whether it be working at technical tables or coordinating with the Province, DFO, and other Nations, we must continue to create the space to voice our interests and objectives.

We're supportive of the direction this is heading and are open to participating, including at the technical level, to help move this forward in a good way.

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