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Karen Goodings, Chair
Peace River Regional District
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Dear Ms. Goodings:

Thank you for your letter of December 3, 2009 regarding the 2010 Invasive Plant Program Partnership addressed to Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Agriculture and Lands. As Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for the program, I am pleased to respond on behalf of Minister Thompson.

The Ministry supports invasive plant management in British Columbia to ensure the protection of our land resource for the benefit of the entire province. We appreciate the continued efforts being made in North-Eastern British Columbia to manage the invasive plants, and we are pleased with the progress reported in the region.

The contribution to the Peace River Regional District made in 2008/09 was intended for a three year period, providing the District with as much funding stability as possible during these challenging economic times. No additional funding support in 2009/10 will be available from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands. Linda Wilson, Manager, Invasive Plant Management, will notify regional invasive plant organizations if an opportunity arises for accessing additional funds.

Thank you for your initiative in managing invasive plants and for your contribution to the protection of British Columbia's land resource.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Kislock
Assistant Deputy Minister

January 28, 2010