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Chair Karen Goodings
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Dear Chair Goodings:

Thank you for your letter of December 3, 2009, reviewing the development and accomplishments of the Pine Pass Project and the evolution of that project to the current Pine Pass Invasive Plant Management Area.

The initial focus of the 2006 pilot project was to test the effectiveness of using a single agency delivery approach to stop the spread of oxeye daisy and hawkweed into the Peace River area. Since that time, pooling resources and delivering invasive plant management activities through this partnership approach has enhanced on the ground effectiveness of control, increased awareness of the issue in the local communities and encouraged additional stakeholder participation.

I am pleased that the Ministry of Forests and Range has been an active, collaborative partner in this initiative. Invasive plants are a serious issue in British Columbia, and we are continually striving to improve invasive plant management within the constraints posed by current fiscal realities. Local engagement, multi-stakeholder partnerships and pooling of resources to deliver invasive plant management activities in the Pine Pass Invasive Plant Management Area is an efficient and effective approach. The Ministry of Forests and Range Invasive Plant Program will continue to place this initiative as a high priority in 2010/11.

Thank you for your support and efforts to address invasive plants in this area.

Sincerely,

Pat Bell
Minister

February 25, 2010