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Grant Miller, President
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RE: SLA Letter Concerning Travel Path for Logging Trucks Harvesting Section 36

Grant Miller,

We have received your letter dated October 12, 2022 regarding the log traffic travelling on Fertile Valley Road (FVR) north of Sacheen Southshore Road. We understand the SLA's reasons for concern, being that the road is heavily traveled. This is a residential section of road, with a high wildlife population and high recreation traffic with a relatively low speed limit. Safety is a top priority at DNR, and we appreciate your request and alternative route option proposal.

We have reviewed and found that the alternate route along FVR, to the south of Sacheen Southshore Road, is comparable in terms of mileage to the majority of anticipated log destinations. We will plan to include language with maps in the contract to obligate logging traffic to travel south on FVR from Sacheen Southshore Road. We also plan to discuss the haul route with potential purchasers and the successful bidder. Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. We are happy to arrive at a solution that will work for the Sacheen Lake community and DNR. For questions, please contact Monika Sowinska @ 509-680-8517 or Monika.Sowinska@dnr.wa.gov, or Andrew Stenbeck @ 509-995-7961, or Andrew.Stenbeck@dnr.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew R. Stenbeck".

Andrew R. Stenbeck
East Uplands District Manager
Washington State Department of Natural Resources