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SUBJECT: Tolt Triangle Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Dear Mr. :

I want to congratulate you and the Carnation-Duvall Citizens Corps Council on your success in developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Family forest owners and homeowners in North Lake Joy Estates, Tolt River Highlands, Lake Joy, and The Reserve at Lake Joy, support the process and agree to the plan

The primary fuel reduction strategy identified in the plan is to create shaded fuel breaks by reducing hazardous fuels along roads. This is a sound strategy utilized by other Washington communities.

Recent fire reports indicate structures that do not utilize fire resistant building materials can easily ignite and spread from house to house without igniting adjacent trees. Your plan includes a comprehensive education and outreach plan for current and future residents. As you review your education plans in the future I encourage you to provide structure ignitability reduction information for existing homes and new construction in the planning area.

This plan communicates a very important message about protecting our forests and homes from wildfire. As you move forward with implementation you can be sure that the Department of Natural Resources South Puget Sound Region will continue to participate both as an advisor and landowner in the Tolt area.

Sincerely,

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