

**To: Chief Cindy Daniels and Kate Segall
Co-Chairs, Cowichan Watershed Board
4335 Riverside Road
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June 9, 2025

Dear Chief Cindy Daniels and Kate Segall,

**RE: Response to your May 30, 2025 Letter Providing Feedback on the Khowutzun Forest Services
Community Forest Agreement K1K Forest Stewardship Plan**

Thank you for your letter of May 30, 2025 providing feedback on the Khowutzun Forest Services (KFS) Community Forest Agreement K1K Forest Stewardship Plan.

Both of your comments, regarding Gleadle Creek cold water refuge and the Marbled Murrelet (MAMU) wildlife habitat area are operational comments that can be addressed more appropriately when specific operational plans are being developed. The new British Columbia Forest Operations Map (FOM) system for reviewing planned forestry operations will show future Community Forest K1K planned road building and timber harvesting. The FOM system can be accessed here: [Forest Operations Map](#)

At this time the KFS does not have any proposed road and harvesting plans for the community forest uploaded to the FOM system. Please check there regularly for postings of planned operations from all local major licensees. Specific planned operations can be discussed in detail at that time

The upper reaches of the Gleadle Creek watershed is comprised of small streams that are likely dry in the summer when Cowichan River water temperatures are of concern. The lower part of the watershed, where the creeks are within incised gullies would likely continue to flow to some degree during the summer from ground seepage. This part of the watershed is protected within the MAMU WHA.

WHA 1-034 is a recruitment area for MAMU nesting habitat and the portion of it within the community forest ranges in age from only 56 to 91 years. It is not old growth and there are no mossy platforms suitable for nesting in this area yet. The Provincial Order for this WHA ([MAMU 1-033,034,040_ord.pdf](#)) does contain general wildlife measures suitable for a recruitment WHA but does not include a timing window.

Again, thank you for providing feedback on the KFS Community Forest K1K Forest Stewardship Plan. . KFS now does know of your concerns and will reach out to you to discuss planned development that may be within these areas.



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