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Dear Minister,  
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I am writing this letter to comment on the proposed private power development on Glacier and Howser Creeks in the Kootenay area.

This project affects caribou, grizzly and goat habitat and rare intact old-growth forests. Much of the data collected by AXOR's research biologists is incomplete and insufficient. I have particular concern for the blue-listed Bull Trout population in both creeks.

Along with my many environmental concerns, I would like to express concerns about the negative economic impacts this project will have on our area. As the Minister, you are able to consider any other matters relevant to the public interest. Because our area is developing its tourism sector that relies heavily on pristine backcountry, I am concerned that this development will negatively impact our potential for economic development. Specifically, we lose the opportunity to develop small tourism businesses in a popular recreational spot. This development will be detrimental to existing and potential tourism in the area. Although the proponents assure us that this development will create 6 full-time permanent jobs, there is no guarantee that they will hire locally. With so many forestry jobs recently lost, 6 possible jobs hardly equates to the loss of the greater potential offered by a growing tourism sector.

I'm also concerned about the effect on our  
water supply

Sincerely,

Allan Acker