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A Registered Charity, Incorporated in 1992, Concerned With: Conservation, Education, & Ecotourism of the Wildlife, Fish, Waters, Wilderness, Biodiversity, & Ecosystems of Old-Growth Cedar Rainforests

"Over 15 acres from our proposals have been protected by law for every dollar we ever received"

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Annual Report to Members, Donors, Collaborators & Potential Supporters

Dear Ancient Rainforest Supporter:

Save-The-Cedar League (STCL) is committed to protecting the world-unique, Ancient Cedar Rainforest ecosystem of Robson Valley. This Rainforest is the most extensive portion of the world's only Inland Temperate Rainforest. The Inland Rainforest is part of the Montane Cordillera Ecosystem that contains more than 50% of ALL the Carbon stored in ALL of Canada's forests. It is one of the most biologically-rich natural forest ecosystems on earth, nourishes earth's life support systems, has some of the highest biodiversity in North America, absorbs 16-50 times the carbon dioxide of tropical rainforests per hectare, and supports giant trees over 15 feet wide, whose ages exceed 2000 years.

Thank you for helping to conserve the world-unique Rainforest that cannot be protected without your support! You have played a pivotal role in protecting millions of acres of remarkable Rainforest, wildlife habitat, and wilderness. Your support towards our public education programs, research, and our collaboration with communities, scientists, other conservation groups, government, and many individuals resulted in many major accomplishments over the past 36 years, where 4.5 million acres of Rainforest have been legislated as protected in Robson Valley. Most of the areas legally protected are shown in green on the map in the centre of our 2009 Conservation booklet (<http://www.savethecedarleague.org/Ecoguide2009.pdf>).

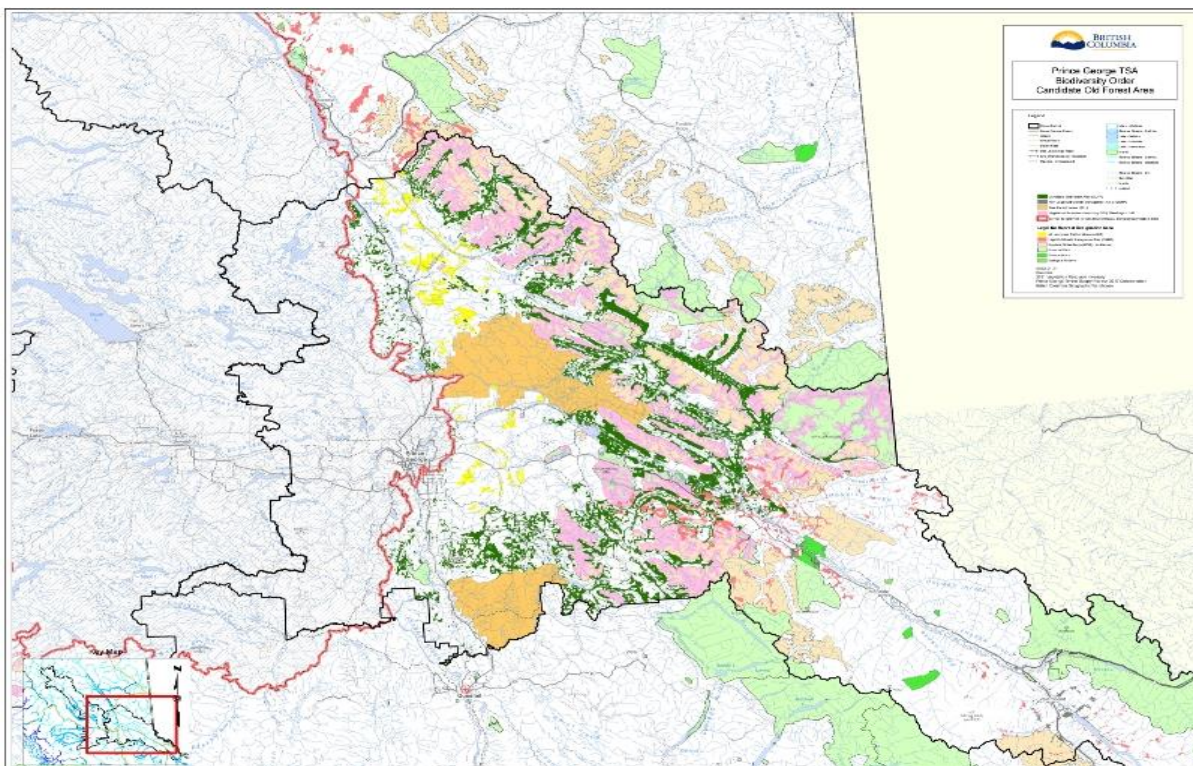
1) Government finally mapped 250,000 hectares (618,000 acres, 965 sq miles) of "candidate no harvest areas" in response to several official Forest Practices Board investigations, all ending in our favor, that STCL and others activated over the last 19 years. All the investigations documented the run-away logging of old growth forests beyond what the law allowed (please see the government's "Candidate No Harvest Areas" map below).

The Board continuously found that biodiversity was at high risk in the Prince George Timber Supply Area during all their investigations, but nothing was ever done by government to follow the law. The new 2022-23 map was accompanied by an official 2022 Ministry of Forests "District Managers' Letter of Expectations for the

Implementation of the Order Establishing Landscape Biodiversity Objectives in the Prince George Timber Supply Area, 2004."

The public, major forest licensees, and the government's own logging company BCTS were sent the map and letter, the District Manager wrote they were released "to ensure that immediate impacts to timber harvesting operations were mitigated". The District Manager also wrote: "The District Managers within the PG TSA expect that major forest licensees and BCTS will abide by this letter of expectations regarding implementation of the (2004) Order....(that) will not be compromised, nor will the integrity of the "candidate no harvest areas"...that will temporarily address the risk to old forest biodiversity, and provide transparency to the public on how old forest is being managed...the "candidate no harvest areas" will be respected as no harvest areas...they spatially identify a minimum of 100% of the (2004) Order target..."candidate no harvest areas" will remain intact until another landscape level planning process amends or replaces the implementation of the (2004) Order...(the candidate no harvest areas) will be avoided in future harvesting..."

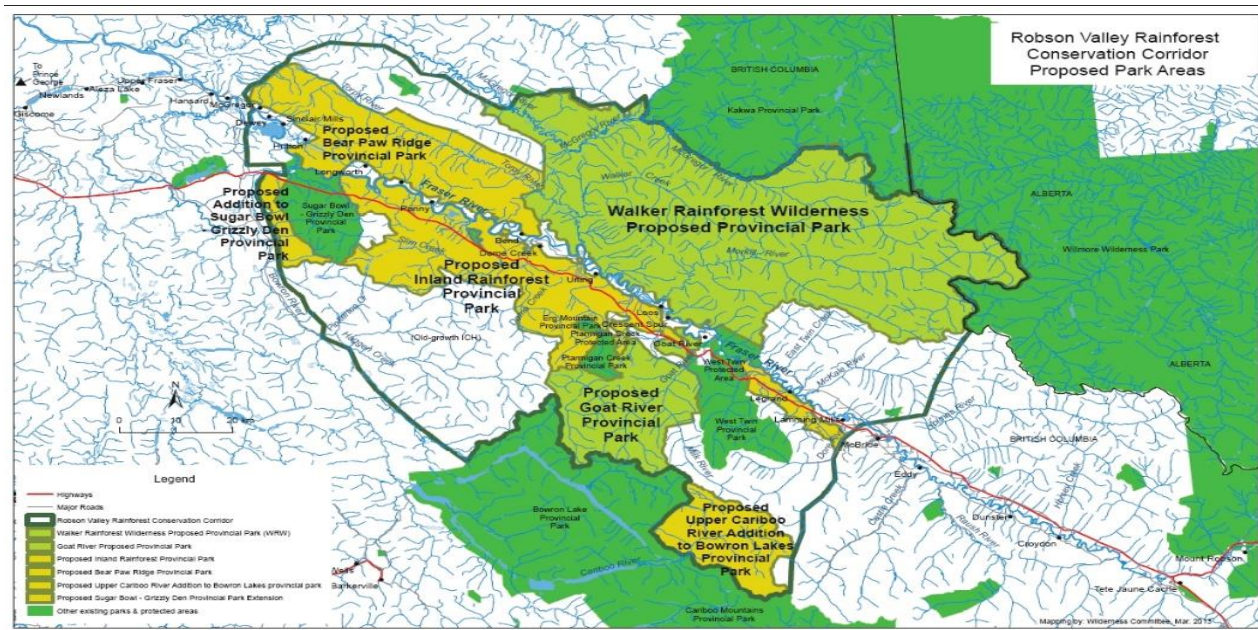
Well, that all should seem like good news to anybody reading the government's official letter of direction. However, as soon as the letter of direction quoted above and the "no logging areas" map below were sent to all Prince George Timber Supply Area (PGTSA) District Managers, licensees, and the public, the largest old forest wilderness areas with the highest, most threatened biodiversity, containing the highest density government-mapped "candidate no harvest areas", instead immediately started being logged in Robson Valley. Public complaints have since been ignored, so the illegal logging continues to date. The proposed Walker Rainforest Wilderness (WRW) of the highest biodiversity in the entire PGTSA has 100% of its old forest colored dark green on the government's map below depicting "candidate no harvest areas", yet continues to be logged, despite the government letter and several complaints by the public that the logging is illegal.



Government's Map for the letter quoted above where "Candidate No Harvest Areas" are dark green, yet instead logging began for many of them and continues. The WRW is the darkest green old forest on the map.

2) STCL is trying to retain a lawyer to discover how the government can continue breaking the law, and how it can do exactly the opposite of its official 2022–23 “remedy letter” quoted above, where it falsely claims it provide(s) “transparency to the public on how old forest is being managed.”

3) STCL continued to demand that government protect more old-growth within STCL's Rainforest Conservation Corridor (=RCC) throughout 2022–23. The Ancient Cedar Park legislated 6 years ago protected 12,000 ha (12%) of STCL's proposed Inland Rainforest Park (total of 98,000 ha, please see map below). We will continue during 2023–24 to provide scientific and economic information to government to legislate the rest of the Inland Rainforest Park, and to enact three other proposed provincial parks within STCL's RCC during 2023–24 (please see: (<http://www.savethecedarleague.org/EdRep5.pdf>)). These three other proposed parks are: 1) Walker Rainforest Wilderness Park (284,000 ha), 2) Bear Paw Ridge Park (77,000 ha), and 3) Goat River Park (55,000 ha). STCL also proposes additions to the existing Sugar Bowl–Grizzly Den and Bowron Provincial Parks. The Walker Rainforest Park by itself will become one of BC's largest provincial parks.



All four new proposed parks of 514,000 ha are connected to each other, and are connected to several existing parks, providing one of the largest terrestrial protected areas in the world! The world's only Inland Temperate Rainforest, Chinook salmon, core populations of 6 large mammal focal species that signify wilderness (Mountain Caribou, Grizzly Bear, Cougar, Wolverine, Lynx, & Wolf), hundreds of other wildlife and plant species, fantastic Rocky and Cariboo Mountain habitats and streams will be protected in these parks. STCL helped place most of the land inside these proposed parks in legally protected areas under various government programs over the last 36 years, but the current legislations are weaker than Provincial Park status. STCL's current proposals add important new areas and combine all the government protected area programs into one, large, connected-area of provincial parks. Our proposals have been enthusiastically endorsed by many members of the public, scientists around the world, several government bodies, and our collaborators (<http://savethecedarleague.org/WalkerRainforestWildernessParkStrategyRep2012.pdf>).

4) Our current partnering with Conservation North, The Lheidli T'enneh, other First Nations, and The Valhalla Wilderness Society to advance protection of the Walker Rainforest Wilderness, the Goat River, and the Ltha Koh

Indigenous Conservation Area during 2021–23 successfully collected data, made films, and engaged the public and government. One area has received a potential new protected area. The Walker/Goat areas contain habitat for 18 federally-listed, endangered species of birds, mammals, fish, lichens, and plants, and the highest population densities in the Inland Rainforest for several large mammal populations.

<http://www.savethecedarleague.org/docs/Inland%20Rainforest%20CAD.pdf>.

STCL continues to be a strong voice for the Ancient Cedar Rainforest of Robson Valley, so endangered old-growth ecosystems and their biodiversity will continue to flourish into the future. We are certain that the benefits to the ecosystem, wildlife, and the people will be important, long-lasting, and sustainable.

STCL continues to produce high conservation value out of every dollar we have been kindly donated. An average of 15 acres of Parks, Caribou Reserves, and Old Growth Management Areas from STCL's proposals has been protected by law for every dollar we ever received. STCL needs your support to continue our important work of being a catalyst for protecting the Ancient Rainforest. Please show your support for the conservation of the Ancient Cedar Rainforest by filling out the attached 2024 Membership Renewal and Donation Form below. We sincerely thank you for your support, kindness, and generosity!

Sincerely,

Rick Zammuto

2024 Membership Renewal and Donation Form

NAME _____

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Enclosed is \$15 for Tax-Deductible Membership in Save-The-Cedar League, and a Further Tax-Deductible Donation of \$_____. Supporter \$50; Sponsor \$100; Patron \$250. (Official tax receipts are mailed to you for all Memberships and Donations, Charitable Organization Registration No. 890892490RR0001).

Donate Online by Credit Card at <http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=d68125>.

\$_____. Adopt an Ancient Cedar Grove that stores tons of Carbon to turn back Global Warming and Climate Change (\$25 Donation).

\$_____. "Ecoguide and Conservation Biology Plan for Robson Valley, 2nd Edition, 2009, 50 pages (\$3 Donation; free to members).

\$_____. "Mighty River: A Portrait of The Fraser," 294-page book by former STCL Director The Late Dick Bocking (\$25 Donation).

\$_____. Grizzly Bear Gathering on Bearpaw Ridge Documentary DVD that STCL got legally protected in 2002 (\$11 Donation).
