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Dear Mr. Paillé and Mr. Voyageur,

Thank you for your frank and straightforward assessment of the status of the Cree Quebec Forestry Board's work with respect to forest planning and the implementation of its overall mandate. Rest assured that the Cree Nation Government shares many of the concerns raised in your letter of August 20, 2015 as we have been without a functional harmonized adapted forestry regime since 2013.

While not ideal, these three years of "transition" have provided with us several lessons that we hope to incorporate into a finalized agreement allowing us to address several issues that we may have otherwise missed. As you are also aware, the Cree Nation Government was able to resolve its outstanding difficulties with the Government of Quebec over the Baril-Moses Traps. This new agreement has provided us with a deadline of December 1, 2015 in order to harmonize the Sustainable Forest Development Act with the Paix des Braves Agreement and we are confident in achieving this goal.

Once again, I thank you for your ongoing dedication to these matters and for the support that the Board has provided to both parties during these challenging last three years.

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Grand Chief/Chairman

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