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Dear Mr. Thomas,

Thank you for your letter, dated January 17, 2023, outlining British Columbia Cattlemen's concerns regarding a Minister's Order that was made effective January 3, 2022, for Grazing Licence RAN076345 held by Canabo Cattle Co.

I appreciate your concerns regarding this decision and can assure you that changes made to existing tenures are done in full consideration of all land base values and interested parties. This particular decision included the interests of three tenure holders including Canabo Cattle Co. and was made, in-part, to proactively ensure that resource stewardship objectives are met and maintained rather than taking a reactive position. I can also confirm that range staff met with all concerned parties in order to obtain the most comprehensive information prior to making a final decision.

This boundary amendment was made to allow for more efficient resource use for all three range agreement holders and allows each party to have access to exclusive use areas where they can control the timing, livestock type and distribution of livestock. This was a complex decision with many factors considered, including both short and long-term implications to the resource values and all three agreement holders' needs.

I appreciate that the BCCA has a role in advocacy for its members and it is important to recognize that a complete understanding of the information is key to being able to evaluate the appropriateness of this decision.

You are likely aware that this decision has been appealed to the Forest Appeals Commission, and the determination, once made, will be available for review by the public.

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Please contact me at (778) 576-8879 or Christopher.Cooper@gov.bc.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,



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