



BRITISH COLUMBIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Representing the Beef Cattle Industry of British Columbia

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Forest Appeals Commission

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BCCA File: 2023-007

Attn. Tess Van Weelden

SENT BY EMAIL: FACinfo@gov.bc.ca

Dear Madam/Sir:

The British Columbia Cattlemen's Association (BCCA) hereby applies for Intervener status in the Range Act Appeal of Canabo Cattle Co. Ltd v. December 14, 2021 Decision of the District Manager regarding Minister's Deletion Order pursuant to s. 36 of the Range Act.

Contact information for BCCA is as follows:

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The BC Cattlemen's Association has been representing the interests of beef cattle ranchers in British Columbia since 1929. With almost 1,200 rancher members, the Association is recognized as the provincial voice for the cattle producers of BC.

BCCA acknowledges the District Manager's legal authority to delete land from a Crown land Range tenure under Sec. 36 of the *Range Act*, but we wish to express concern over the lack of due process utilized by the District Manager. The District Manager's deletion order is inconsistent with Ministry of Forests staff inspection reports and was made in the absence of rigorous data collection as per established provincial government protocol. Furthermore, the re-assignment of forage entitlement expressed as Animal Unit Months on the remaining 71% of the range tenure was not done with adequate information or according to provincial protocol.

BCCA seeks to protect the viability of the cattle industry in BC. The rights of range tenure holders and the stewardship of the range resource are important issues for us. The perspective of our organization is farther reaching than that of the individual ranchers involved in this appeal. In our efforts to represent the collective industry, the Association seeks fairness that the rights of range tenure holders across the province are upheld.

Although BCCA is a non-profit organization, we have staff, committees and volunteer member representatives who are professionally qualified to provide assessment of range tenure related issues and we have the practical experience to assess economic impact to ranching operations.

BCCA seeks intervener status in this appeal by way of a written submission.

Previously, the BCCA had sent the Forest Appeals Commission a copy of our letter to the 100 Mile District Manager on January 17, 2023. Your prompt emailed response of January 18th was unfortunately not received by BCCA. We only just learned of your response by way of the Appellant who was sent a copy of your letter. Re-attached to this letter, is the original letter we sent you on January 17, 2023. Should you choose to grant our request for intervener status, we kindly ask that you please accept our January 17th letter as part of our written submission from the BC Cattlemen's Association.

Sincerely,



Brian Thomas, President
British Columbia Cattlemen's Association

Encl./1 – BCCA letter January 17, 2023