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"With the most recent political changes to the Ministry of Forests, there is no one left to take overall responsibility for the protection and stewardship of our forest lands. When you add to this situation the previous changes to other ministries, such as fish, wildlife, water, recreation and parks, who is minding the store?

It is very discouraging that government has been able to get away with quietly dismantling laws and programs that were set up over the past century to care for our forest lands. And the outgoing premier has the audacity to "vow to push through" changes, that doesn't include public involvement.

We must have a comprehensive, open and balanced public review of how people want our natural resources managed and by whom. And this is needed now, before we see the inevitable arguments about privatization of our forest lands, based upon the reasoning that there are not enough public resource officers to do the job. Who's forests are they, anyway?"

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