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To: The Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Legislature Assembled

The Petition of the undersigned residents of British Columbia states:

THAT the remaining forests on Perry Ridge have been identified on GIS cover maps as some of the last intact areas in the southern portion of the West Kootenay region, a connectivity corridor between Kokanee Glacier and Valhalla Provincial Parks;

THAT according to International Union for the Conservation of Nature, forests are one of the most important solutions to addressing the effects of climate change. Approximately 2.6 billion tons of carbon dioxide, one-third of the CO<sub>2</sub> released from burning fossil fuels, is absorbed by forests every year;

THAT the remaining forests on Perry Ridge, in the Slocan Valley, BC need protection to absorb carbon dioxide as part of the solution to Climate Change;

THAT Perry Ridge has been identified as an important cultural wetland by the Sinixt Nation with identified archaeology sites;

THAT Perry Ridge is a unique geological fragile landform and provides domestic drinking and agricultural water to hundreds of farms and homes along the base of the mountain;

THAT the residents of Perry Ridge have a right to enjoyment of their homes and protection of their properties without the increased risk of landslides, resulting from forest removal;

THAT Perry Ridge is part of the tourist scenic visual corridor along Highway 6, Rails to Trails and the Slocan River;

Your petitioners respectfully request that the Honourable House remove the remaining intact forests on Perry Ridge from the working forest and declare it an Eco Reserve

Dated 2nd day of November 2018

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