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Dear Mr. Sametz-Asgari,

We are writing to you today to follow up on a letter of request sent to you by our two organizations on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. To date we are disappointed that we have never received a response to this letter.

In our request, we asked that our organizations be given the opportunity to have a seat at the table for any future discussions regarding vehicle access in the Chilliwack "Gill Bar" area.

We noted that our members were deeply concerned by the article in the Chilliwack Progress on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 titled "**DFO shuts down vehicle access to Gill Bar in Chilliwack**" that stated the coordination was unsuccessful with our groups, which in part led to the decision to implement the temporary closure.

We would like to re-iterate again, that we have not been consulted on this decision or the concerns that brought this decision to light and we welcome the opportunity to be included to find a positive solution for all parties.

In the article, of July 28, 2022, it also stated this was a "*temporary measure until the long-term management planning process, currently underway, concludes*". It has now been a full year since this decision was implemented and we are asking for an update on this file and an invite to be at the next meeting to discuss these issues.

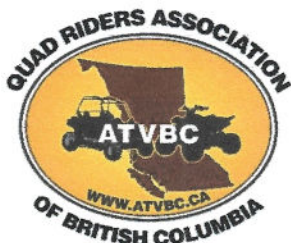
We believe that both ATVBC and 4WDABC need to be included in the process to allow for proper consultation to take place. This would allow our members to provide feedback and allow for truly inclusive consultation to take place.

We look forward to continuing to support safe and responsible recreation through education and awareness.

Sincerely,



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