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## **URGENT: Clear-Cutting Threatens Bragg Creek & Moose Mountain Trails**

Over 20,000 Albertans have already spoken up against West Fraser Timber's plan to log right through one of Alberta's most beloved recreation zones. Plot Twist: A 5km potential clear-cut around Bragg is now up in the air as well.

Ask yourself: **Why are we paying a \$90 Conservation Pass to watch these forests be destroyed?**

This handout gives you powerful, direct questions to ask government reps and West Fraser officials at today's Open House. **Your voice matters. Use it.**

### **Questions for Government Officials**

#### **Fish & Wildlife**

- Do West Fraser's operations follow the same environmental rules as trail societies? If so, why are their surveys done in-house rather than by neutral third parties?
- Which species are most at risk from this clear-cut? Can you name one that actually benefits?

#### **Planning & Land Use**

- Why invest in PRAs and trail infrastructure while letting logging destroy the outdoor experience around them?
- What's the minimum volume West Fraser *must* log under their agreement?
- Can you extend the consultation period until the majority of users are satisfied?

#### **Stewardship & Certification**

- How can logging be justified in an area funded by the Kananaskis Conservation Pass?
- Has the tourism GDP contribution of these trails been factored into the decision? Cutting down trees in an area that generates *\$10M in GDP seems like it hasn't*.

#### **Engagement & Consultation**

- Has there been full and documented support from First Nations and all PLUZ stakeholders — not just industry partners?



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### Questions for West Fraser Timber Company

- What percentage of your total Forest Management Area does this harvest actually represent? Is destroying Alberta's second-most popular trail network really necessary?
- The 2012/2014 harvest avoided trails. Why are 5 of 7 new cutblocks *on* trails? 🤔
- Is this harvest following FireSmart protocols? Are you removing slash/stumps to reduce future fire risk? Are the protocols verified by a neutral third party?
- Why are trails on the edge of cutblocks not being protected?
- Can you guarantee a 10% stand retention rate of trees 🌲 inside all cutblocks?
- Will regrowth be diverse or just fast-growing, flammable pine monoculture?
- Why are you ignoring the 20-year green-up buffer between harvests required in Section 5.9.5 of the Alberta Forest Management Plan?
- Are you prepared to reimburse \$2M+ for the public and volunteer investment that went into building and maintaining these trails?

### Ask About CHFR (Community Hazardous Fuels Reduction)

- Why does CHFR propose a 5km buffer when expert-designed firebreaks (like Canmore's) only needed 1.1km? 🤔
- What happens in 5–15 years when saplings regrow—younger, more flammable, and less valuable? Does that mean we value short-term profit over longevity?
- What science supports this strategy? Or is it just a revenue-generating convenience logging plan disguised as fire prevention?

### Mic-Drop Talking Points

- "This isn't conservation. It's a liquidation sale of our trees and tourism assets."
- "You don't fight fire risk by clear-cutting a tourism goldmine."
- "Logging this land is like torching a winning lottery ticket and blaming the wind."
- "Trail builders donated thousands of hours. Will West Fraser pay that back?"
- "The only thing growing here is corporate volume quotas — not trees."

### Action Steps

- Visit every booth or table. Ask the hard questions. Demand real answers.
- Make sure government reps know this isn't just a logging issue — it's a tourism and recreation emergency. Let them know how you really feel about this.
- Scan the QR code. Sign the petition. Stay involved: [growkananaskis.com](https://growkananaskis.com)

**Let's protect what actually makes Kananaskis worth visiting. Question everything.**