

## **Lillooet Timber Mart**

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Dear Jackie,

We are writing to express serious concern and dismay about the apparent lack of action on the 6.5 Mile Slide on Highway 12, north of Lytton.

The slide occurred in mid-February, destroying one lane of the highway. Since then, there has been only single-lane alternating traffic and a weight restriction of 14,500 kg.

As you know well, the communities of Lytton are undertaking monumental re-construction projects involving many millions of provincial and federal dollars in the wake of the devastating Lytton Creek wildfire of 2021.

The current weight restrictions on Highway 12 seriously impact many businesses in Lillooet. We are all having to pay much higher freight rates on all freight from the Lower Mainland as heavy trucks are forced to drive an extra hour or more to deliver product to Lillooet businesses.

But for many businesses, such our building supply business, the local concrete business and local construction and timber contractors, the impacts are even more grave.

Heavy trucks from these Lillooet businesses must all now detour 1.2 hours via Cache Creek to deliver product or carry loads to or through Lytton.

As the major construction projects in the communities of Lytton proceed, this detour represents a serious competitive penalty to Lillooet businesses as we try to service Lytton clients.

We are hoping you, as our legislative representative, can provide us with the latest information on the timeline for repairs to Highway 12 and also convey to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure the necessity and urgency that this work be completed as soon as humanly possible.

Sincerely,

Robert McCabe

Joyce Harder