

Honourable Mary Polak  
Minister of Environment  
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October 14, 2014

Dear Minister Polak,

We are writing to draw your attention to the more than 25,000 letters submitted by Sierra Club BC, ForestEthics Advocacy and Sum of Us, opposing Kinder Morgan's application to change the boundaries of four parks and protected areas in order to build its proposed Trans Mountain pipeline.

The parks and protected areas are: Finn Creek Park, North Thompson River Park, Lac Du Bois Grasslands Protected Area and Bridal Veil Falls Park.

Based on a review of the park management plans and the proposed pipeline route, we have determined these boundary adjustments fail to meet the most basic principle of the Boundary Adjustment Policy, that such adjustments must maintain the integrity of the protected area values.

The project poses unacceptable risks to a variety of values, including important salmon and trout habitat and fragile grasslands ecosystems. B.C. parks and protected areas have been set aside for ecological values and for the benefit of British Columbians, not international pipeline companies. Kinder Morgan's proposed diluted bitumen pipeline has no place jeopardizing the ecological and recreational values of B.C.'s parks and protected areas.

We call on you to heed the groundswell of public opposition, by rejecting Kinder Morgan's application to change park boundaries.

As a reminder, more than 167,000 people signed a petition calling for the repeal of the Park Amendment Act (formerly Bill 4). The petition was tabled in the legislature by the opposition environment critic on May 14, 2014.

We were extremely disappointed that Bill 4 was introduced without public or First Nations consultation and that minimal effort was made by the Province to publicize the comment period for Kinder Morgan's park boundary adjustment application.

The actions of this government to deny or minimize British Columbians' say in the future of our park system, undermines the systems' integrity and also our democratic decision-making processes. This disturbing and unwelcome shift increases the influence of industrial corporations in the management of our parks and protected areas.

Once again, we request that you listen to British Columbians: please maintain the integrity of B.C. parks and protected areas by rejecting Kinder Morgan's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Peart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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On behalf of: Sierra Club BC, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – BC Chapter,  
ForestEthics Advocacy and Sum of Us.

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