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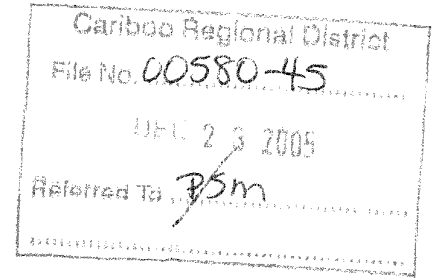
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Al Richmond  
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Dear Mr. Richmond:

I am writing you on behalf of Hunter Harrison, President and CEO of CN in response to your letter of Dec. 8, 2005 regarding a proposed log sort and reload operation in Lac La Hache, BC.

We understand there has been considerable discussion of this issue in the local community, including the public meeting of residents on Nov. 17 referred to in your letter. The written comments that were forwarded to us from local residents certainly emphasize there have been community concerns with the proposed facility.

CN is a good corporate citizen, and whenever possible, we prefer to work with local community and business leaders to ensure our operations are compatible with local zoning and planning requirements. We also take into account the impacts of our operations on nearby residents.

As you know, CN has been working closely with the log sort proponent to identify alternative sites that can be served both by the railroad and by road. We have not yet determined where that facility will be built, but we do want you and local residents to know that our contractor has decided not to build such a facility at Lac La Hache.

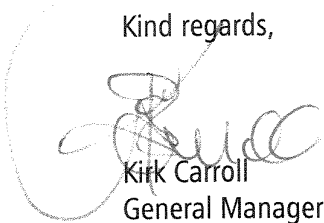
On the unrelated issue of compensation for cattle that may have been fatally injured by a CN train, our policy and practice is consistent in all jurisdictions across Western Canada. Any time livestock is hit, we ask the rancher to fully document his or her claim as they would have done when BC Rail was operating the line, and provide details in writing to:

CN Claims Office  
10229 127 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5E 0B9

A claims agent will start a file and contact the rancher if more information is required.

We recognize that CN operates differently in some respects from the former BC Rail, and we look forward to working with the Cariboo Regional District over the coming year to build a better working relationship between the railroad and local residents.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Carroll", is written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Kirk Carroll  
General Manager, Operations  
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