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Mr. Randall Barrett, President  
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Dear Mr. Barrett and Ms. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of June 5, 2008 with the recommended Terrestrial Ecosystem Management Framework for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. I am pleased to provide the following response on behalf of my colleagues at the Ministries of Environment and Energy.

The Government of Alberta values the work and dedication of the stakeholders involved in creating this set of recommendations to manage the cumulative effects of development in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Alberta is leading the development of the Land-use Framework. When finalized and approved, the Framework will identify the need to develop regional plans across the province. Your recommendations will be addressed during the development of the regional plan that provides the appropriate context in which to address the full suite of values in the region.

The Government of Alberta would like to express its appreciation for the Cumulative Environmental Management Association's work to bring forward solutions to manage the cumulative effects of development.

Sincerely,

  
Eric J. McGhan  
Deputy Minister

cc: Peter Watson, Deputy Minister, Alberta Energy  
Jim Ellis, Deputy Minister, Alberta Environment