



# ALERT!

November 9, 2009

Dear BC Wildlife Members & Residents,

BC Wildlife Federation believes that the matter of blockades currently set up by members of the Tahltan Nation in the Skeena Region has significantly impacted resident hunter opportunities.

We were aware of one blockade on the Telegraph Creek Road and one on Highway 37 at the Junction of the Klappan River Road. On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, an eviction notice was handed to resident hunters on the Jade Boulder Road on threat of being "locked in".

These actions have significantly impacted access for residents, including hunters who have been denied access to Crown Land for legal opportunities in the areas affected. BCWF is gathering reports of these impacts on residents.

What we request is information or reports from anyone who has been negatively impacted by these blockades. Any substantiation would be helpful as well (photographs or two person reports, etc). Specifically, we would like to receive the following information:

1. Date, time and location of interaction.
2. Reason for being in the area.
3. Particulars of interaction (verbal, written notices, signage).
4. Witnesses to the interaction, names and contact information.
5. Any photographs or notes taken on blockades, conversations or other actions that intended to deny resident access or presence.
6. How the individual/s responded.
7. Whether or not a Limited Entry Hunt opportunity was lost.
8. Information on any acts of vandalism, harassment, or any form of intimidation experienced by being a resident hunter in the area.
9. Any information regarding reasons or justifications given by Tahltan members for actions preventing access to hunters.

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10. Details and information of costs and other inconveniences incurred for having to abort the hunting plan and return home or move to another location.

We are concerned that we will not see a long term plan and resolution and are troubled that we could see a repeat next year. By providing the government with written complaints/reports it will assist in resolving this situation. By sending a copy of your correspondence to the BC Wildlife Federation Office, you will help us address this issue further and it would be much appreciated. Please pass this message on.

Send your information electronically to:

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