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Dr. Charles Helm,
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Dear Dr. Helm:

Thank you for continuing to provide updates to BC Parks regarding the status of the proposal to establish the Tumbler Ridge Geopark.

The proposed geopark represents a significant gain for the community of Tumbler Ridge and the surrounding areas. BC Parks commends your effort to establish the Tumbler Ridge Geopark.

As identified in the mapping of your proposal, the Tumbler Ridge Geopark overlaps with all or part of six provincial parks or protected areas. Because of this overlap, it is important that communication remains strong between individuals working towards the designation of the geopark and BC Parks staff. This strong communication will ensure that messaging to the public is reflective of both geopark values and provincial park management direction. The parks and protected areas that overlap with the proposed geopark are Bearhole Lake Park, Bearhole Lake Protected Area, Gwillim Lake Park, Hole-In-The-Wall Park, Monkman Park and Wapiti Park.

As this proposal proceeds, and should the geopark application be successful, I am hopeful that BC Parks can provide non-monetary support and encouragement that will benefit the project.

Sincerely,

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