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To Whom It May Concern:

Northern British Columbia Tourism Association supports the proposal for the Tumbler Ridge Geopark.

The proposed park has a wealth of fascinating features; remarkable geology – visible in natural settings at accessible sites; diverse geography - mountains, foothills and breathtaking waterfalls; and palaeontological discoveries – including fish, marine reptile and globally significant dinosaur fossils.

An avid group of scientists, local and regional government representatives, and residents have already come together to make trails, search for fossils, and even create the Peace Region Palaeontological Research Centre – feats that are quite amazing in a community of this size. There is great community and industry cooperation and support to make projects happen in the Tumbler Ridge area, and a wealth of knowledge in the professionals who live in the area and are passionate about it. A UNESCO Global Geopark designation would help bring credence to their claims about how special this area is, help promote what already exists, and garner support for sustainable development of the area's assets.

This is truly an excellent match for both the Geopark network and for the Tumbler Ridge area and we look forward to the establishment of the park.

Sincerely,



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