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His Worship
Mayor Brad Unger
Village of Gold River
PO Box 610
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Reference: 291241

Dear Mayor Unger, *Brad*

Re: Highway 28 Camera

Thank you for your email of January 12, 2020, regarding the camera at Crest Lake on Highway 28.

I recognize the value of the Highway 28 camera to the community of Gold River. I appreciate the outages are inconvenient for local travellers, and I thank you for your patience as the ministry works to improve the system.

The ministry continues to search for long-term solutions to improve the camera's reliability. As you know, the camera depends on solar power to charge the batteries and satellite communications to transfer the images to DriveBC. Both systems are less effective during periods of heavy precipitation. During the winter, the batteries also have less time to charge because of shorter daylight hours.

Electrical contractors recently identified and are working to correct several issues with the solar and satellite systems. Additionally, the ministry has ordered new batteries that are expected to improve how the camera functions. The batteries will arrive in approximately seven weeks. In the meantime, an electrical contractor will conduct interim repairs to improve the camera's reliability.

If you have any questions or would like an update on repair work, please do not hesitate to contact Peter Taylor, the ministry's Camera Program Manager. He can be reached at 778 974-5350 or at Peter.Taylor@gov.bc.ca.

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Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Claire Trevena', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Claire Trevena
Minister

Copy to: Peter Taylor, Camera Program Manager
Transportation Services Branch

Michael Pearson, District Manager
Vancouver Island District