



**BC Forest Safety Council**

*Unsafe is Unacceptable*

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**NOTE TO SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS**

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Next week's Trucksafe Summit in Vancouver will be an interesting mix of old and new, in that the same "old" issues are still there to be dealt with, but there are new faces and new voices at the table, new ideas and energy, new actions taken and an unprecedented commitment to safety from a number of our key stakeholders.

I'm really looking forward to the opportunity to share with you the multitude of initiatives and activities that are taking place across the sector. From individuals, to regional groups, to major industry stakeholders, we are seeing responsibility and ownership of issues being picked up and acted on. Granted we have a long way to go, and as this winter's haul season approaches, the urgency increases. But we need to acknowledge the work and efforts that have gone on since Summit I in June, and to recognize the follow-through on commitments made by many Summit I participants: participating in or leading the Leadership group discussions; picking up action items directly out the Summit I report and implementing them; building stronger networks, contacts and connections; and, exchanging information and getting it out to the broader group.

The TruckSafe team has worked hard to lay the foundation on which we can build this initiative in a long-term, sustainable way. Summit II will give us our "marching orders" for years to come, a framework which will keep us all moving in the same direction.

Many thanks go to Janine for the base she built which has allowed me to hit the ground running. And many thanks to all of you for your support, encouragement, welcome, and above all, willingness to work together to make lasting, meaningful changes in forest safety.

Working towards safety

MaryAnne Arcand