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Dear Minister Trevena,

I am the local Area F director for the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN). I am concerned about transportation access within Meadowood which is a growing community in Area F.

The area has a wide range of age groups including young families. Many parents are deeply concerned about the safety of their children in a crisis situation such as a landslide, fire, earthquake, etc.

Meadowood residents are currently land locked with regard to emergency egress from the mountain as there is only one way in and out - via Corcan road.

Over the years, winter storms have caused trees to block the road and residents needing medical attention, appointments or food have been prevented from getting out of the community during these events.

In addition, having no access out of the area in the case of a wildfire or other disaster will prove to be a very grave situation for the residents.

Ashling road has been considered as a second route out but there are others that could work.

I have met with MOTI Operations Manager Stephen Yancey several times and he is aware of the need in Meadowood.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would be willing to work with myself and the district to locate a second route in and out of this area to protect citizens during consistent high hazard events. The people who live in Meadowood need to have a safe route out of the area and I would be willing to look at any options and work with MOTI and the RDN to achieve this.

Warm regards,

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