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Dear [RFNAME] [RLNAME]:

# Re: Request for Access to Records

# *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA)

Thank you for your recent Request for: *[REQUESTDESCRIPTION]*. The ministry has indicated that at this time there is an ongoing investigation. The active status of an investigation means that records will likely not be released until the investigation(s) are completed. You may continue with your request, or if you prefer, withdraw your request, and resubmit at a later time. If you would like to check back with us periodically, Information Access Operations (IAO), would be pleased to reach out to the Ministry and ask for status updates on the investigation. If you wish to withdraw your request, please confirm in writing that this is the action you would like to take. If we do not hear from you, we will continue to work with the ministry to gather records and complete your request.

Please note: BC Wildfire Service Fire Origin & Cause Investigators are deployed to investigate the origin and cause of wildfires. In the majority of these investigations they are investigating the wildfires jointly with Enforcement Agencies which include Natural Resource Officers or the RCMP. When working with Enforcement Agencies, the Fire Origin & Cause Investigation Report becomes part of the Enforcement Agencies Investigation package. As a result the report is not released until the Enforcement Agencies Investigation and associate enforcement actions are complete. Due to the number of Wildfire Investigations that are being investigated annually, the public can expect that Fire Origin and Cause Reports will not be released through FOI for at least 1 year, however often it is not until 2 years later.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out at the contact details provided below.

Sincerely,

[PRIMARYUSERNAME] [PRIMARYUSERTITLE]

Information Access Operations