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e-mail: [redacted]

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Dear Sandy,

I could not attend the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Trust on April 4<sup>th</sup>. But I am writing to you rather than the Trust Committee of their Victoria office, because I know you and know I will get a reply.

First of all, I think Chris Bushkin and Justice Harris were completely out of order to express their personal views before such a drastic change to the Forest Zone By-laws ("opening up" the Forest Zone to 10% allowed in the existing by-laws) has been discussed by the entire island. As Debbie Halmer says in her excellent letter to the Island Times this change would undo all the work of the Island Trust since 1991 and, ominously, could trigger the implementation of PMFL on Galiano.

I don't know as much as I should about the new owners of the land between Mt Sutil & Mt Galiano and their extraordinary proposal. I know a little more about what's going on at the North End. It seems to me that Crystal Mountain wants to turn itself from a non-profit society into a

business: 30 plus huts, commercial kitchen  
dining area, manager's cottage (presumably  
The manager would be different from  
The guru?), tent area, parking etc etc.

As a non-profit society, they can't  
do this, can they? And as Bushkin says they  
cannot be political.

Do you remember how M-B and its  
lawyers took the Trustees to Court in order  
to strike down our by-laws. How we lost  
the first time and then contacted the  
Sierra legal Defense Fund and won the  
right to "preserve and protect" our island,  
Laa was their mandate. Of course you do.  
And it was during that "business opportunity"  
that greedy people and numerous companies  
rushed in, thinking they could make a  
killing with development. Well, greedy people  
are back again and I think we need  
an organization like the Sierra legal Defense  
Fund. I'm ashamed to mention

Harris and Chair Bushkin. As [redacted]  
says "Our elected Trustees should be the  
voice of the people" and they cannot  
speak out with their personal views  
until these outrageous proposals have  
been examined, re-examined and gone  
through correct procedure. And I want to  
tell you how proud I am on your island  
and so happy you are representing me.

Sincerely,  
Andy Thomas