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As expressed by Premier David Eby in a CBC News Release on September 11th, 2023, "We could be doing a better job of leveraging local knowledge and expertise when it comes to preventing and fighting wildfires."

The Interior Loggers Association and our members are committed to offering our local knowledge and operational fire-fighting expertise to identify and implement sustainable solutions to mitigate future risk to life and property.

For over 65 years, the Interior Logging Association (ILA) has been representing forestry related businesses throughout B.C. Our solid alliances with other forest sector organizations have directly contributed to the growth and cultivation of a healthy, sustainable, and vibrant forest resource.

Our members have been an integral part of fire prevention and fire fighting efforts for well over 60 years. We've prided ourselves for protecting people and communities from the threat of wildfire over the years.

The ILA Board of Directors and Membership can contribute valuable insight and planning to reduce immediate and long-term risk. We welcome the opportunity to provide input and ideas to assist the government in the future protection of communities, and British Columbia's most important resource prior to the 2024 wildfire season.

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