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Mr. Abid Mavani
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Re: Jing Zhang - Public Fatality Inquiry

Dear Mr. Mavani,

I am writing in response to your June 2, 2021 correspondence to Keelan Sinnott regarding the Public Fatality Inquiry noted above and subsequent recommendations found within the Honourable Judge M.V. De Souza's report to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General. As the Superintendent responsible for the location in question, I am replying directly.

Most importantly, I would like to express my sincere condolences to Mr. Wang, his son Tony, and the rest of the family for their loss and suffering.

While Parks Canada recognizes that the recommendation is not binding and the federal Crown is not subject to the provincial inquiry, the safety of all Canadians is a key priority in the management of our sites, and as such, we provide the following voluntary response.

As the federal government agency responsible for managing national parks on behalf of Canadians, Parks Canada continuously strives to improve public enjoyment, safety and accessibility of our sites, while adhering to applicable legislation. This is realised in part through our ongoing asset inspection and maintenance program implemented and continuously reviewed by a team of specialists and technical engineers.

I appreciate receiving the report and its subsequent recommendations, which I have forwarded to the team responsible for ensuring the safety and continued assessment of our sites, for their consideration.



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Please rest assured that Parks Canada is committed to ensuring our parks and sites across the country are safe and accessible for all Canadians.

Sincerely,

Dave McDonough
Field Unit Superintendent
Banff National Park