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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Attention: Acting District Manager Bancroft District Suzy Shalla

Good afternoon, Suzy

Re Serious Winter Safety Issue at Jack Lake

I am bringing to your attention a serious ice safety issue affecting Jack Lake which in my view needs immediate attention by some level of government.

As background, I am providing a letter dated Jan 27, I send have to Havelock Belmont Methuen Twp which was consider at their Council meeting earlier today.... resulting in a motion being passed to refer the matter to the Jack Lake Association (JLA) who responded by saying they support need for signage and have sent warning communication to their membership, but JLA will not be installing signs.

So my question to you is this .. **Would the Province through your Ministry have any responsibility for installing signs to warn winter lake user of a hazardous condition? And if so, can we anticipate your Ministry acting quickly to install “Thin Ice” warning signs.**

If your Ministry does not have ice safety responsibilities in heavily travelled snowmobile areas, **can you advise me which level of government or agency would be responsible for installing such signs.**



Look forward to hearing from you asap.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ambrose Moran". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.

Ambrose Moran

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Drowning doesn't just happen to non-swimmers in the summer. According to the [Royal Life Saving Society Canada](#), "approximately 35% of drowning in Canada occurs between the months of October to April, when most people have no intention of going into the water. Snowmobiling and ice accidents account for most of these incidents."