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Dear Sonya Richmond,

Congratulations on your momentous journey across more than 13,700 km on the Trans Canada trail!

We were very excited to hear of your arrival at Mile Zero in Victoria, after your significant trek across Canada. What an honor it has been to follow your journey. We wanted to take a moment to thank you for the important work you are doing for migratory birds, raising awareness of Important Bird Areas, and encouraging the protection of the Boreal Forest.

The Island Nature Trust team admires your dedication and commitment to engaging the public, specifically youth, and connecting people to the outdoors and citizen science. Your commitment to raising awareness and encouraging Canadians to be more engaged with their natural surroundings is inspiring and necessary. Thank you for your significant contribution to science and for your drive which made this hike a reality. Thank you for allowing us, and all Canadians, to join vicariously along for the ride.

We wish you all the best in whatever adventure comes next for you. We look forward to contributing our efforts towards your own in furthering public awareness and action towards preserving species and ecosystems.

Warm Regards,

Island Nature Trust

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