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Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 7:37 AM
To: Roderick Bell-Irving
Cc: Prosperity Review [CEAA]
Subject: *****SPAM***** Re: Questions from Taseko Lake Lodge

Mr. Bell-Irving,

Thank you for your assumptions. As far as you not being in the business that we are and being quite clueless as to what we need in order to operate a wilderness business (seeing as you are in the environmental demolition business) does not excuse your negatively impacting and overlapping our existing tenured hunting, guiding, grazing and disregarding high health standards.

"A 1997 higher level document was signed off and has been used by Regional Managers for years however very little of the recommendations for planning was followed through- in most cases that documentation seemed to relax industry standards rather than put into place recommendations that were made... simply put CCLUP and Special Resource Management Plans were developed without FN input... "no meaningful consultation" or "capacity" to participate etc... in fact CCLUP was developed without any FN involvement and the 1997 (96?) document was developed behind closed doors with a few people who interpreted as they saw fit. Time and time again Government has done nothing to rectify the current land use planning issues in the area. In many areas of the region (Horsefly Special Management Zone) Special management zones continued to be treated "business as usual"... no consultation occurred to work with other industries{tourism-my clarification}... always industry{logging, mining obviously} has held the upper hand...", to quote a source that is in the know. ;)

This is also how government and Taseko Mines has dealt "openly and transparently" with us all here. If you knew and government knew you were putting in a mine then why did neither of you tell us or contact us of the potential impacts? We are right here. It has been quite the contrary. As far as the mine going for over the past 17 years, in the time we have been here 10 years, government has not discussed the overlaps nor was there a reason to think this outrageous disaster would be entertained by educated individuals until recently Federal government sold out Canadian lakes to be made into tailings ponds!!! You personally Mr. Bell-Irving who has been on-board this mining show for a long time even you were surprised to see us, never having met us or known of us, show up at the public hearings!! I am sure some of your investors are also unaware of the impacts to real peoples lives here on the ground... Further while we have been led on, held off & denied our continued sustainable development by the local BC government they were very busy with "task groups" and teleconferences to make sure this mine was going through!!

As you don't know what it takes to run a true wilderness business it would also go to show you are completely incapable of determining the 'acceptable' levels of safety for

clean air and water, an obvious point your EIS neglected to address in relation to our wilderness business. "Both Taseko and the provincial government have concluded that there are no significant environmental effects in these areas." This is obviously understated or an outright lie as there will be ENVIRONMENTAL RUIN! And as I said above there will be huge damage to our existing environmentally sustainable wilderness business, a point you continue to dance around as we have seen since we first heard of Taseko Mines 4+ years ago in the Nemaiah Valley where Mr. Brian Battison announced to the local people that if the proposed mine at Fish Lake did not work for the local people Taseko Mines would not push it through. Since that time we have not seen hide or hair of Mr. Battison until Sig approached him last year in regards to open communication in with respect to the mines destruction of our existing work area and grazing.

This is our tenured grazing range. Once you completely FLOOD the local usable grasslands it may become a 'buffer area of the mine'. If you are approved and if you decide to build the mine, as you said.

As we have mentioned over and over again this is the grassland for grazing that makes feasible our horsebased operations at our lodge and so for you to "ensure that existing forage ACCESS is not compromised " is laudable. IT WILL NO LONGER EXIST! And "that range barriers are maintained"... will actually mean Taseko Mines must fence off the entire footprint of the mine to ensure our working animals safety. The horses know every single track up to, around, through, and across the meadows, by Fish Lake, Fish Creek, Nabas, Little Fish Lake, and all the meadows between Wasp and Wolf Track Lake... all in our grazing tenure... that is one BIG FENCE!!

Your looming damages go beyond our valuable grazing tenure. It's nice everyone will ride the bus but what of Taseko Mines responsibility for their increased use of the ROADS in the area? You have just proposed to dump 500+ people into the backcountry! That will have serious environmental impact unless you have some real access management protocol for your employees.

This will be a huge impact on the wilderness state of the area we operate and you show absolutely no consideration nor regard to your obvious impacts once again.

As to your comments on the proposed power line well this makes perfect environmental sense in that you build a road/right of way where there was no access and then ask the public if they want to access here!? BRILLIANT. Reminds me a bit of the 4500 logging road to nowhere... or should I say to the mine?

Taseko Mines LTD has ignored the fact that we are an existing, viable, tenured business... unless you needed something from us. As far as understanding our

concerns you have already stated you have no idea what it takes to operate a wilderness business. And on top of that you have never asked. If our tenures demand consultation, mitigation & compensations then I am sure yours does too... that is unless your tenure is somehow 'favoured' over true-sustainable-business in BC/Canada as Taseko Mines has made no effort outside their last minute, pat answers for your very real business overlaps and negative impacts to our sustainability!

You along with the BC government "completed" this assessment yet failed to address the gross & obvious impacts to our existing sustainable business. I consider this underhanded certification fraudulent! Again if you think that destroying our infrastructure, devaluing our existing lodge business, impacting the health and safety of our family and guests has no legal implications on you directly, consider then it will eventually come back around to you, as no where has government kept to their own legal terms and policies by giving certification to an industry that is not approved of by First Nations within a rights and title case area, is environmentally unsound, risking the health and safety of literally hundreds of people, and by your own standards of sustainability **NEGATIVE** in that you are about to put our tenured lodge out of business!!! This is after all your plan, your mine, and your EIS.

Seeing as how you have worked so closely with government you should have considered these impacts to us here as obviously you both knew we were here all along and have planned this all along!!!

It is too bad where you could do what is right you choose instead to deal underhandedly with your neighbours. I expected more intelligent answers to these questions.

There are 2 simple solutions 1. if the mine does not happen-it does not impact our business 2. you compensate us for our losses including grazing (this in itself is in excess of \$1,000,000 value over the life of the mine), loss of lodge based work area (you have the lodge based revenues) & buy us and our partners out.

I guess in order to speak your language we will be required to communicate with you through legal representation.

Have a nice day.
Mrs Kelly Reuter

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