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From: On Behalf Of Daniela Rossi

Sent: August 21, 2013 6:27 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine Project Federal Review Panel Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

160 Elgin St., 22nd Floor

Ottawa, ON K1A 0H3

CC:

BC Premier Christy Clark

BC Leader of the Official Opposition Adrian Dix Federal Minister of Environment Peter Kent

RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

The area is home to a population of grizzly bears that would be put at risk by the proposed mine.

Building a massive open-pit mine very close to Fish Lake and then storing the tailings behind a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake is very risky.

The Tsilhqot'in Nation are opposed to the proposed mine and have said so repeatedly.

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From: Sandra Wolter
Sent: August 21, 2013 5:01 AM
To: Michaud, Livain [CEAA]
Subject: No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

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Sincerely,
Sandra Wolter

From: Heather Sapergia
Sent: August 21, 2013 9:23 AM
To: Michaud, Livain [CEAA]
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This morning on CBC, I listened to a professor of environmental studies from UBC who said that if this project goes forward, that Fish Lake will face a slow death as the wetlands which are essential to that lake will be destroyed by the tailings pond.

Surely, we can not allow this to happen.

Sincerely,
Heather Sapergia

-----Original Message-----

From: frayneg@shaw.ca

Sent: August 21, 2013 10:07 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

We must stop this nonsense right now. Fish Lake/Teztan Biny must be protected. We do NOT need any more destructive mines.

Gwyn Frayne

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From: baxterrj@shaw.ca

Sent: August 21, 2013 10:14 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

Please stop this mine and every other mind proposed for such sensitive areas in BC. This proposal should NEVER NEVER have come back to the table. it was refused before and should be refused again...permanently! Fish Lake is historically sacred....but with this new proposal other lakes will be damaged as well.

GOLD IS NOT WORTH SACRIFICING OUR ENVIRONMENT FOR..... SHEER GREED AND the INVESTORS
BOTTOM LINE IS DRIVING THIS..... stop now!

John and Rosemary Baxter

-----Original Message-----

From: aspighi@hotmail.com

Sent: August 21, 2013 10:26 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

I have no confidence in this endeavour being compatible with this ecosystem represented by the lake

adriana spighi

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From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 10:27 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

Please protect the lake. Listen to the concerns of the Tsilhqot'in and the science on the potential environmental impacts. Water and habitat are worth much more than mines.

Paula Stockdale

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 10:32 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

I support the Tsilhqot'in in their struggle against Taseko Mines Ltd. as I feel it is important to protect Teztan Biny (Fish Lake) - the long-term effects to the lake and community would be devastating. It's time to stop thinking short-term!

Corinne Herman

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 10:32 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

Dear Friends,

I am an Argentine-Canadian, Anglican Priest, with 30 years of working with the communities of Guatemala. I have been witness there to the devastating impact of mining, on communities and the natural world. No amount of fast money is worth the eternal destruction of our world. I urge you and other members of the review panel to consider the lives of our children, and our children's children. And, as a person of faith, I urge you to consider the love we are all due to our neighbours, the people of Fish Lake, and to the sacred Mother, Our only Earth. Every blessing as you move forward in good faith.
(The Reverend) Emilie Smith

Emilie Teresa Smith

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 10:33 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

I am very opposed to the New Prosperity Mine proposal. This proposal has been met with opposition from local First Nations Communities in both its form. It has also already been rejected by the B.C. Ministry of Energy and Mines due to the "significant environmental risks it poses". I trust that the CEAA will take these two factors into account, as well as the opposition of thousands of others across Canada who have taken a stand against this mine.

Tamara Herman

-----Original Message-----

From: lilyburn@me.com

Sent: August 21, 2013 10:50 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

That a gold deposit exists doesn't mean it should be exploited. The New Prosperity mine would create a questionable and temporary benefit for the local economy which will be traded for the virtually permanent destruction of an entire ecosystem. Only 10-12% of the gold mined worldwide is needed for industrial uses; the rest is to satisfy the demand of already wealthy investors, to the detriment of all aspects of life in the vicinity of the proposed mine. The mine is not needed; and therefore to approve it would amount to an environmental crime, and a moral outrage.

Hugh McPherson

-----Original Message-----

From: pamwoolridge@gmail.com [mailto:pamwoolridge@gmail.com]

Sent: August 21, 2013 11:41 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: *****SPAM***** Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

I do not support the New Prosperity Mine and ask that you protect the lands and waters for future generations. Any development in this pristine region is likely to cause significant damage to fish and grizzly habitat.

Pam Woolridge
Ottawa

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 11:50 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

I have to wonder how many times we have to deal with this before it is clear that the intent is to beat the government into submission by repeated applications. How many times does it take to learn the lesson; this is a BAD idea. The dominant policy that business interests trump environment can only eventually lead to desertification. JUST SAY NO AND TELL THEM TO FORGET IT.

Richard Fahlman

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 11:53 AM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

Repeated Applications don't change the fact that this is a BAD idea. It has been denied because this is clear so stop wasting our time and resources with further applications.

Richard Fahlman

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 12:16 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

Please listen to the scientists, local First Nations people, and concerned citizens who all understand this project as proposed should not be allowed to proceed. The metal can wait to be extracted until we figure out a way to do it without destroying the local lake ecosystem.

Thank you.

Edward Rothschild

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 1:24 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

listen to the scientific community

Ultimately, the economy is dependent on the environment.

John Higginbotham

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 2:05 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

Please stop this project once and for all. It is wasting my taxpayer money in two ways. The use of government experts whose time would be better spent improving our environment and by allowing Taseko to deduct expenses related to this mine from their tax bill.

Marilyn Mahan

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 3:19 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

I acknowledge that comments from a person with no technical knowledge or training in this field is not particularly helpful or meaningful to you. However, reading the findings of knowledgeable, experienced people who truly understand the problems involved, clearly indicate that this project must not happen - now or in the future.

Economic growth for Canada is only good, as long as the harm done to our environment is minimal, so that our generation is truly a guardian for future generations.

Joan Warren

-----Original Message-----

From: Sent: August 21, 2013 3:21 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency It makes absolutely NO sense to me that there would be any consideration to allow this mine to be developed. All of the reports submitted point to risk up on risk to the environment. The Tsilhqot'in Nation has said no to this project and because the land on which the mine is proposed is land that is theirs they have the legal Title rights to say no and have their no respected.

Teresa Diewert

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From: On Behalf Of Elizabeth Borek

Sent: August 21, 2013 4:35 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

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CC:

BC Premier Christy Clark

BC Leader of the Official Opposition Adrian Dix Federal Minister of Environment Peter Kent

RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

I am writing to express my strong opposition to this mine and ask the panel to reject the application in perpetuity.

I stand with First Nations in upholding the environmental integrity of this area.

The applicant has submitted at least one previous application. All applications show blatant disregard for the environment, First Nations values and First Nations rights in my opinion.

It is very likely Fish Lake would be comprised creating an environmental holocaust in the area. The grizzly population is also at high risk if the mine proceeds.

Please, please reject this application and do not let the mine proceed under any conditions or circumstances.

Elizabeth Borek

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From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 6:23 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

I stand with the Tsilhqot'in Nation in protecting the Teztan Biny (Fish Lake) against mining. Among those who have shown concerns about mining in the region is the BC Ministry of Energy and Mines.

Please forward this to the new Minister of Environment, Leona Aglukkaq, also.

<personal information removed>

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From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 6:59 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

This is totally unacceptable. Now more then ever we need to protect our green spaces and sources of clean water. Corporations cannot be allowed to break laws and continue to damage our environment for their own monetary gain. We could be very well reaching a tipping point with global warming and the super storms it creates and this type of non-sustainable corporate activity must cease.

Jesse Cornes

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 7:20 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

B.C.'s Ministry of Energy and Mines has also concluded that the proposal presents "significant environmental risks" and that "it is unlikely that the project can be developed as currently designed without adverse effects to the water quality of Fish Lake."

Isn't that enough said? Why is this even up for discussion?

If the same project was rejected for serious threats to the ecosystem in 2010, Teztan Biny (Fish Lake) and Tsilhqot'in land use and title rights, it can be done again.

Please do the right thing and protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake.

Erin Pope

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 7:32 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

Dear Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency,

It is with great concern that I write you regarding plans for a proposed mine in Teztan Biny-Fish Lake. Preserving the ecosystem intact and pristine environment that encompasses this territory is extremely important. I am surprised that the project is being pushed forward when it has been shown by the B.C's Ministry of Energy and Mines that there are serious environmental risks to implementing this project.

It is absolutely essential to protect Teztan Biny- Fish Lake. Preserving this fragile environment is a priority and the proposal by Taseko Mines needs to be rejected.

Best regards,

Luisa Durante

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 7:54 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: *****SPAM***** Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

I know the arguments of us citizens do not count very much to all the deciders. But how many we are to oppose, that can count. It makes me so sick to see how the 1% does not care about nature. As it's been said, one day they're gonna realize they cannot breathe, drink and eat money.

Marc-André Drolet

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From: On Behalf Of Stefan Verster

Sent: August 21, 2013 9:36 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

CEAA

Christy

Adrian

Peter

Fish Lake is in the heart of Tsilqhot'in Nation territory would be put at serious risk if Taseko's Prosperity Mine is approved. The mine would have drastic impacts on the region's abundant fish stocks, and would jeopardize habitat for a threatened population of grizzly bears.

The Tsilqhot'in people – the original inhabitants of this territory – have made it abundantly clear that they are opposed to the mine, and I stand with them.

Mines have lasting effects on the land long after all the resources have been extracted. Poisons leak into the environment that decimate the surrounding area. We must be courageous enough to develop alternative sources of economic growth and sustainable ways to live.

Stop the needless destruction of our real wealth, untouched natural gems like Fish Lake.

Regards,

Stefan

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From:

Sent: August 21, 2013 11:12 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Protect Teztan Biny - Fish Lake

I care about the future of the lands and waters for my grandchildren. NO MORE DESTRUCTION!!!!

Joyce Turner

From: Andy Sinats
Sent: August 21, 2013 11:51 PM
To: Michaud, Livain [CEAA]
Subject: No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

Dear Mr. Michaud,

August 21, 2013

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on New Prosperity Project and their second attempt to put an unfeasible mine where no one wants it.

I'm disappointed the proponents are pursuing this project despite objections and refusals by stake-holders and earlier Environmental Assessment Reviews.

It bespeaks a callous disregard of the legitimate interests and wishes of the Tsilhqot'in people and the values that they and others seek to protect.

How many times do the proponents have to hear "no" before they take no for an answer?

The testimony of two lake ecologists, Dr. Brandt, and Dr. Stockner, the concerns put forth by Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Environment Canada, BC Ministry of Energy and Mines all speak

to the impossibility of mitigating water quality sufficient to keeping Fish Lake alive, and the creatures in it.

Please hear what the scientists are saying if the mine were to go ahead: "Within a decade, Fish Lake will die."

The proponents have had ample opportunity to prove the environmental viability of their mine, It is time for the proponents to fold their tents and go home.

This project is destructive and must not proceed.

Sincerely yours,

Sincerely,
Andy Sinats