

From: allan mcrae

Sent: August 18, 2013 6:32 AM

To: Michaud, Livain [CEAA]

Subject: No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

Dear Mr. Michaud,

Please turn down Taseko Mines Ltd.'s proposed "New Prosperity" gold and copper mine in the Cariboo-Chilcotin. By Taseko's own admission, this new proposed mine would be even more environmentally damaging than the original mine rejected by the federal government in November, 2010.

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The Tsilhqot'in National Government strongly opposes this proposal because it would contaminate critical traditional lands and waters and impact the cultural survival of the Tsilhqot'in people.

Fish Lake would never have been threatened in the first place were it not for an amendment to Canada's Fisheries Act in 2002 allowing natural lakes and creeks to be used as tailings ponds. I also urge the federal government to close this legislative loophole and protect our fish-bearing lakes once and for all.

Sincerely,
allan mcrae

From: Bob
Sent: August 18, 2013 7:18 AM
To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]
Subject: Please Take a Stand for Tsilhqot'in Rights

Dear Honourable Peter Kent, Minister of the Environment, Honourable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia, Mr. Adrian Dix, Leader of the Opposition Party, and the Canada Federal Review Panel:

I stand with the Tsilhqot'in Nation in calling on you to do everything in your power to protect Tezan Biny and halt the New Prosperity Mine. The Tsilhqot'in call on the BC and federal governments to uphold their fiduciary duties to protect Tsilhqot'in rights and title, which means protecting Teztan Biny and Little Fish Lake from the dangerous mining proposal titled New Prosperity Mine by Taseko Mines Limited. I call on the reform of BC's outdated mining laws to be compliant with the standards found in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, [the Declaration] including the full implementation and enforcement of the right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent. To date no effective consultation has taken place with the Tsilhqot'in people. I also urge the federal environmental review to take into consideration Article 12 of the Declaration which states that Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain, protect, and have access in privacy to their religious and cultural sites. As cultural and spiritual sites for the Tsilhqot'in, they must continue to enjoy access to and protection of Teztan Biny, Little Fish Lake, and the surrounding water system.

As Chief Roger William said, "It's time for [Taskeo] to fold up their tent and move on."

Sincerely,

Bob Conway

Do the right thing.

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From: On Behalf Of Rick Kuzonski

Sent: August 18, 2013 9:19 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

Do these people really care about the enviroment. We should be leaving a legacy for our children. Not a enviromental disaster.Please leave fish lake the way it is.

Rick Kuzonski

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From: On Behalf Of David Noble

Sent: August 18, 2013 11:51 AM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Please do not allow an open-pit mine to be located next to Fish Lake in BC.

The environmental impacts are too great - impacts to local fauna (I understand that there are many grizzlies which depend on this relatively untouched area), and the risk of locating the tailings behind a dam is insane

- at some point the maintenance of this dam will fail and the tailings will leach through or breach the dam. This also severely infringes of the rights of the Tsilhqot'in Nation.

Please stop this insanity.

Regards

David and Candice Noble

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From: Lucia
Sent: August 18, 2013 1:20 PM
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Lucia Cantini

From: JODY SLAKOV

Sent: August 18, 2013 3:46 PM

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WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE POTENTIAL HARM THAT COULD BE DONE TO THE HABITAT OF PEOPLE, ANIMALS, PLANTS, ETC. IN THE SURROUNDING AREA AND, INDEED, PROBLEMS THAT COULD OCCUR FURTHER AFIELD. WE MUST STOP THE POTENTIAL HARM BEING DONE TO THE EARTH ITSELF AND OUR GRANDCHILDREN. IMMEDIATE MONEY MADE IS FALSE ECONOMY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,
JODY SLAKOV

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

From: On Behalf Of Jack Grenwell

Sent: August 18, 2013 11:55 PM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

I am an interested person in what happens to Fish Lake. The proposed open pit mine would put grizzly bears at risk. Storing tailings from the mine behind a huge dam upstream from Fish Lake is very risky. I agree with the Tsilhqot'in nation which has repeatedly stated its opposition to the proposed mine.

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