

**From:** Susan Horvath  
**Sent:** August 17, 2013 2:24 AM  
**To:** Michaud,Livain [CEAA]  
**Subject:** No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

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I am opposed to a massive open pit gold and copper mine same as the Tsilhqot'in Nation because it endangers the grizzly bear population and Fish Lake, the risks to nature are too great. Please keep the beautiful in Beautiful BC. Thank-you Kathie J Oud

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It is therefore quite concerning to me to learn that there is a renewed proposal to develop an open-pit mine close to Fish Lake where grizzly bears live which would be put at risk by the opening of such a mine.

The plan to build a big tailings dam just upstream from Fish Lake seems to be a risk that is far too big to take.

I urge you to respect the wishes of the people of the Tsilhqot'in Nation who have said time and again that they do not want such a mine.

Please listen to them and let this beautiful area be.

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2. Environmental concerns are extremely important. There is NO way you can prevent this mine from contaminating the water and land in and around the proposed area.
3. Tsilhqot'in Nation are totally opposed to this mine, therefore it is ILLEGAL to continue the plan.

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Sincerely,

Lyn Makepeace

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The review process also indicates a total lack of respect for First Nations.

The Tsilhqot'in Nation have been opposed to the proposed mine from the outset and continue in their opposition. Again, both the Provincial Government and the Federal should be honouring the Tsilhqot'in wishes by stopping this project.

I would like to express my thank you for an opportunity to voice my concern.

Yours very truly,

James K. Wright, Retired Architect

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Is this mine necessary? is the copper and gold for export? Nothing is more valuable than health, fresh air, clean water, and a sustainable UNPOLLUTED environment. The 'New Prosperity Mine' named to hide the obvious - the Tsilhqot'in Nation will suffer ill health, lose their viable trapping and gathering economies, watch their culture disintegrate along with their families, and one of our last pristine properties will be erode along with the ecosystems and animals dependent upon the healthy region.

I am tired of paying the long-term price for short-sighted resource extraction projects.

Is it time for governments to grow up and reflect the NEEDS of citizens - health is the best economic development plan available. Stop ruining our environment and our health. Stop the inappropriately named Prosperity Mine.

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