

From: Curzio Bruni
Sent: July 29, 2013 10:16 AM
To: Michaud, Livain [CEAA]
Subject: No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

Dear 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.

The current proposal would surround Fish Lake (Teztan Biny in Tsilhqot'in) with the second largest open pit gold and copper mine in Canada, closing it for 33 years and putting this important fish habitat at risk of contamination. Little Fish Lake would be destroyed. The many rivers and tributaries that flow from Fish Lake would face contamination risk including Fish Creek, the Taseko River, the Chilko River, the Chilcotin River and finally the Fraser River, fundamental to the life cycle of wild Pacific salmon. The project also threatens at-risk grizzly bear populations, as noted in the first federal environmental assessment.

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,
Curzio Bruni

From: Rachelle
Sent: July 29, 2013 1:17 PM
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 Colombia, 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 I call on the reform of BC's outdated mining laws to be compliant with the standards found in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, [the Declaration] including the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,

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