

July 13th, 2020

Dear Prime Minister Justin Trudeau,

Re: Mother Earth & Mother Nature vs. Strip Mining the Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountains of Alberta

Please do not support this latest boom and bust economic development proposed by the current Alberta government. Whatever perceived upside there is to strip mining this almost perfect landscape it will be short-lived in the BIG picture.

The cost to Mother Earth and Mother Nature will be immeasurable. Through millennia they have worked in concert to support the evolution of a landscape perfectly suited to the natural forces of cold, hot, wind and calm. The beasts, birds and bugs continue to survive and thrive mostly symbiotically; occasionally mankind is asked to curb its behaviours. Overall, the stewardship of the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies has been taken on by the Two Mothers and to the countless thousands of us from near and far who love and value this tremendous gift.

Once stripped of all these assets, the perfection created and nurtured by the Two Mothers can never be replicated. In theory, through centuries of succession, if left to natural evolution, a new compatible landscape will evolve. Reclamation is more than planting a few mono-cultures and calling it good...bio-diversity can not be planted, there are no artificial means to recreate it. It is a long, very long, process of succession.

Why are we even considering total destruction of our Two Mothers handiwork for the short-term financial gain of off-shore businesses and polluting industries? The cost to us is the loss of a tremendous irreplaceable gift; we, as citizens of Alberta and Canada will suffer the brunt of destroyed watersheds and habitat decimation.

Sounder, visionary minds with the power of leadership, and guidance of the necessary experts in environmental protection and climate change must intervene and stop this project. Denying approval may finally provide the impetus for our provincial government to focus wholeheartedly on sustainable, responsible diversification in this new era. This truly would be in the best interests of ALL.

Prime Minister Trudeau, we are counting on you, The Honourable Jonathon Wilkinson, and your team of experts to stop the Strip Mining on the Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountains of Alberta.

Sincere regards,

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cc. The Honourable Jonathon Wilkinson; Mr. John Barlow, MP, Foothills Alberta