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Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

Attention: Allisson Lefebrve

Re: Horsefly Regional Emergency Spillway – Phase 1

Dzinisi guja,

We have reviewed the project description and due to covid and remote working, we were challenged with trying to complete our field assessments and respond to numerous project notifications. We do know we are late but we would still like to provide our comments.

Water & Fish – Water is of most concern, the quality and what is being released once it is out of the spillway and back into the rivers. Is this specifically for flood protection or a plan for drought conditions? As well, what is the long-term plan for fish and other species caught in the spillway and canals?

Archeological Studies – We know that area is within valleys and coulees used by our Peoples, what is the archeological plan to address chance findings?

Medicinal Plants – The grasslands have medicinal plans that many of our Peoples still use and harvest, is there an inventory of medicinal plants that may be impacted and will harvest opportunities be provided?

Climate Change – The recent flooding in British Columbia is cause for concern and illustrates climate change is a reality, is the proposed upgrading to existing irrigation and drainage infrastructure sufficient to protect the lands and the rivers from a climate calamity?

This project is within our traditional territory and there are potential impacts to lands and water, we are requesting to meet with the proponent for further engagement and we will provide comments as the project moves forward in the regulatory process.

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