

Enclosure 1: Guiding Questions for Designation Requests

Please respond by September 8, 2022

Designation Request for the Proposed Summit Mine 14 Project the *Impact Assessment Act*

Potential Effects and Impacts

1. Please describe whether and how the potential adverse effects of the Project could result in changes to your community's:

(a) physical and cultural heritage (e.g. ceremonial sites, burial sites, cultural landscapes)

The cultural landscape within Treaty 6 is currently developed to a state that First Nations can no longer freely practice Section 35, Treaty and inherent rights on the land. Louis Bull Tribe (LBT) has assessed the uptake of land from 1850 to today utilizing mapping software designed by ALCES. This work has identified that approximately 5% of the lands remain intact, much of what remains is difficult to access such as cliff faces and wetland complexes. This loss has resulted in LBT citizens practicing rights further and further away from their Reserve lands as the resources required are more and more difficult to locate.

(b) current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes (e.g. hunting, fishing, trapping)

The project area falls within LBTs traditional use territory. The eco-system and habitat in the area supports Indigenous use and practice of rights, it is very likely that our citizens use this area however we have not had the capacity and opportunity to collect the data in this area specifically

(c) structures, sites or things of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance (e.g. artifacts, important historic buildings or symbols)

We have no current records of sites of this nature in the project area at this time

2. Please describe how the Project may result in changes (both positive and negative) to your community's :

(a) health, social or economic conditions (e.g. employment opportunities, easier access to goods and services, economic development, accessibility to health-care services);

Health will be negatively impacted due to loss of medicinal plants. Mental health will be negatively impacted as Indigenous rights and uses are eroded along with the environment (solistagia).

(b) Indigenous knowledge, Indigenous language or Indigenous culture.

Participation in this project will provide the opportunity to gather data regarding the state of the environment and our ability to practice rights. Indigenous knowledge will enhance the studies completed and will assist in monitoring impacts related to the mine should it proceed.

3. Please describe how the Project may result in any change (positive or negative) to :

(a) the intersection of sex and gender with other identity factors (would there be effects to different sub-groups within your community, identified based on factors such as gender, age, race, religion etc.. For example, to women, youth, elders);

Indigenous women are more likely to be victimized when transient workers relocate to an area for jobs in resource development. MMIW studies have directly shown this effect.

(b) sustainability, considering, for example, the interconnectedness and interdependence of human-ecological systems and the well-being of present and future generations.

CLIMATE CHANGE is happening now and our future generations depend on us to make decisions that will positively impact them not leave them with issues that will cause them despair and death.

LBT is concerned about climate change and the resulting instability of global ecosystems in the future. The project will not only have a large carbon footprint though the shipping and processing of coal in other countries, it will also release stored carbon by removing important carbon storage ecosystems such as peatland and forest. We are concerned that this project will contribute to long term carbon in-balance that will worsen the effects of climate change.

From an Indigenous perspective, resource development in Alberta has not been sustainable as the rate of development far exceeds reclamation, furthermore restoration almost never happens.

4. If you expect the Project may impact your community's rights as protected under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, please describe how.

LBT citizens reside in Smallboy Camp approximately 50km south of Hinton, our citizens that reside there utilize the project area to carry out their Section 35 rights for sustenance and cultural purposes.

We believe that resource development in general impacts our Section 35 rights as the resources we require to practice rights (plants and wildlife) are being depleted. Ongoing development without the same rate of reclamation has resulted in cumulative effects that have become unmanageable. The effects have contributed to woodland caribou becoming a SARA listed species within region.

LBT is working alongside Treaty 8 First Nations and local non-status and Metis to protect the lands which remain to ensure our future seven generations are able to carry out an Indigenous way of life.

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