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Prince George Update to June 7/00

ISSUES:

Mackenzie LRMP: After a series of efforts by government staff and stakeholders there will now be more negotiation on the final plan that will be tabled for ratification on June 29. In the meantime, the public review period has begun with open houses scheduled for June 13 and 15 in Mackenzie and Germanson Landing/Manson Creek respectfully. Industry concerns are generally related to process and include; back room deals, overages on PPA targets, "wildlands", i.e. "special special" zonations and the scope of the socioeconomic analyses for the LRMP.

Cheni Road: 24 letters created and sent in mass mailing to tenure holders north of the Sturdee strip advising that the Cheni Road will be deactivated this summer. Issue remains for the section of road from Kemess North to Sturdee and who will step forward to assume responsibility..... Expect public and industry outcry if/when it finally happens.

Kemess: Forest Practices Board reports on alleged breaches of the FPC during powerline project. Kemess addressed high priority areas and some lower risk sites during 1999. Conducting additional remediation/road deactivation in 2000. Remains a priority for MEM inspections.

FYI:

Cirque: Teck (Teck/Cominco/Korea Zinc) is proposing to put this fully certified project on "enhanced care and maintenance" until further notice. They have about a 60 day program lined up to fully stabilize the site for a long term. From a historical perspective this project had an estimated capital cost of \$300 Million in 1995, 4000TPD mine - life of 12 years.

Churchill: Dave Pow and MELP(requested) to accompany Teck on an inspection of this closed mine on June 8. The main issues include erosion of historic tailings, refuse (clean up) and some remedial works required at the old mill site. An action plan will be developed after the site examination by Teck.

CIM North Central Branch Annual Spring Meeting (May 26-27) in Williams Lake was a success with 85 registrants and guests; field trip to Mount Polley, Bullion Pit and the Likely Hilton was a hit. Received many positive comments about the meeting. Next years spring meeting slated for Quesnel (last week-end in May?). Speakers included Mt. Polley, Barker Minerals, International Jaquar and International Wayside. Bob Lane, Mike Cathro and Tom Schroeter presentations were all well received.

Prospectors Assistance: Only eight for the region this year.

Mining and Geology Presentations: Bob Lane spoke to two classes (grades 5 and 6) last week several more NOWS - Mx up by 25%; placer-same.

requests received.

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Prince George update to May 5/00

ISSUES:

Mackenzie LRMP:

A Strategy Working Group Proposal has sparked some controversy. Issues may include overage to the PAS targets(13.87% vs 10.8 +/- .25%), land designations including a new "Wild Lands" Zone that may imply a higher notch of uncertainty than "SMZ" (park buffering?) and the long awaited recommendation on an MK lookalike, instead of the adhesion, that was previously envisioned. High national environmental group interest.

FYI:

Jerry Unrau: D. Pow and K. MacDonald in Quesnel this week providing testimony re: DFO charges for improper working of gravel bars in the Fraser. Future approval letters from MEM may need to be bolstered to ensure operators are clearly made aware of DFO requirements.

Consultation with First Nations on mx - time consuming.

Churchill Copper: - (Teck Corp) B. McBride reports that a local guide outfitter (contractor) has brought issues about this closed mine in the MK to the attention of MELP. The outfitter was contracted by MEM for reclamation work on the adjacent Davis Keays property and has indicated that he will be escorting the Vancouver Sun into the site for a tour. The mine closed in 1974. Previous issues included tailings washing down the Racing River, erosion of the landfill, concrete works at the plant site and debris at portal sites. MEM and MELP both have statutory responsibilities for the condition of the site and future clean-up could involve Teck, MEM/MELP and the MK Board. On agenda for the NEMDRC - June 27.

OCPS - (Dave Pow)

- first meeting of the year, no major concerns by agencies.
- DFO have a habitat biologist in Quesnel now, new to placer and is looking for good operators to learn proper way to operate.
- CMA was absent from the public portion of meeting
- There have been about 3,000 units mainly mineral staked in the Wells area this year. There have also been some Section 40's filed (helicopter staking)

International Wayside:

Continue to have large mining companies tour the site and make offers(?) Will amend application under EAA to include a 300 TPD U/G mine.