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Endako experienced a short closure of the north access ramp when a small slide came down onto the ramp. Monitoring equipment is in place.

Safety Committee training activities occurred at Myra Falls (14 people) and Endako (11 people) last week.

Isk Wolastonite is in the process of preparing a detailed prospectus which they anticipate presenting to the NWMDC in early December. The project now envisions an upgraded wolastonite slurry pipeline to the Snip mine site and a connecting road to the Eskay Creek road. The road proposal does not require EA review according to the EAO. The road will likely generate much interest in relation to access concerns.

Daryl has completed preparation of a "Users Guide to the Placer Mining Approval Process in the Northwest Region". The guide is a simple presentation of information to help placer miners fill in their placer applications thoroughly and correctly the first time so as to avoid missing or incorrect information which prolongs the application process. Looks good Daryl and should help our clients.

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EAO

Tulsequah Project Report review is underway, with deadline for comments to EAO on November 6. Victoria comments are being coordinated by Bill Phalen of the ELUB with input to NW Region. Bill Price, Sylvia, Doug and Paul are main Regional reviewers. Currently deadlines for submission should be met.

Telkwa Coal met with the ELUB and other ministry staff on October 30 to discuss ministry expectations regarding the socio-economic portions of their project report. Various actions were identified to assist Telkwa Coal and these are being confirmed in the meeting notes by Bill Phalen.

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Paul Wojdak will be joining a local prospector to give a 5 day introductory prospecting course to Tahltan students and people at the College of Northern Lights in Dease Lake. The course was committed to

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Meeting held on June 17 with Isk Wollastonite proponents in Vancouver between proponent, Federal and Provincial agency representatives. Meeting to discuss CEAA and EA requirements for EA process, cumulative effects and alternatives assessment and appropriate level of pre-application public and First Nation consultation. Project still moving towards formal EA application in 3rd quarter. Follow-up meeting to further resolve above points scheduled for Smithers for July 8, 1998.

MIDWAY
On June 22, Kim Bellafontaine, Catherine Daniel and Wally Bergen attended a mine review/familiarization field trip to the proposed Silvertip Mine site (previously Midway). The trip was very informative and helped to put the site, project and issues into perspective. The proponent anticipates resubmitting an application to the EAO within the next 2 months. Driving 13 hours either way, partway through the Yukon, makes one appreciate how large the NW Region and the Province are!

CASSIAR
While driving to Silvertip visited BC Chrysotile (previously Cassiar Asbestos) and toured the test wet mill for reprocessing chrysotile asbestos fibre from the tailings pile. The company plans to produce 4,000 tonnes of asbestos for test marketing this year and if things go well are considering expanding their production to 50,000 tonnes.

ENDAKO
Endako Mines have purchased the in-pit crusher from Island Copper and have commenced to move it to the Endako site. This should improve their mine economics and allow for the mining of additional reserves. Consideration is being given to expanding to north and west of the existing crusher and a revised mine plan will be submitted.

At Eskay Creek a shiftboss drove his vehicle into an area of high CO2 as a result of a power outage that affected the ventilation. The employee vacated the area before any harm. Situation being investigated by the Safety Committee.

On June 19 WB and Bill Phelan met with representatives of the Taku River Tlingit First Nation to present the ministry's mine application, permitting and reclamation process. The meeting included presentations from MOF and MELP and was intended to provide information to the TRTFN to address some of their outstanding permitting concerns in relation to the EA Certificate which Redfern was issued for the Tulsequah Chief project. The TRTFN are to respond with proposals for their role in consultation regarding permitting and reclamation.

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The Wet'suwet'en First Nation has participated in the preparation of 6 pilot study Landscape Unit Plans in the Lakes Forest District. On June 25 a formal