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ISSUES:

* Joint inspections on Queen Charlotte Islands by B. Graff and a BC Lands rep revealed compliance problems on most pit and quarry operations; O'Brien Road Construction was most serious, and was given 2 weeks to comply or face shutdown. Frequency of inspections on QCI will be increased to address this problem.

* MOF have proposed to cancel Prime Resources' tenure on a portion of the Eskay access road, contrary to the terms of the Iskut Road Settlement Agreement. Prime has requested a meeting of regional managers from MEI and MOF.

* The Environmental Assessment Office has declared the Iskut Road Extension a reviewable component of the Bronson Slope project, which will likely extend the review period for this project.

* Taku Wilderness Association are raising opposition to Redfern Resources' plans to cut a 160 km survey line for the Atlin-Tulsequah transportation corridor. The EAO is discussing with the company.

* The Cassiar Forest Watch are casting critical eyes on activities and helicopter movements on the Red Chris property, even though the work being done consists of wildlife surveys to meet the requirements of the project specifications report.

FYI:

* Crocodile Resources Ltd. will be meeting informally with MEI and MELP staff in region next week, to discuss their plans to re-open the Summit Lake (Scottie Gold) mine (with ore trucked to Premier mill), and to continue exploration of their recently acquired Spectrum property in the Mt. Edziza rec area.

* Contractors have mobilized at Equity Silver Mine to complete the decommissioning of the leach plant. Final removal of structures and completion of site reclamation are scheduled for completion by September.

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