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Subject: Prince George Update to Mar. 29/98

Issues:

Kemess: Have arranged funding to continue construction. They expect to produce by the end of April. 158 people onsite and recall underway.

FYI: *Davis Keays*

M-K : Referral of NOW's for the Key and Okey properties (Davis Keays and adjacent located south east of Toad River) is underway. Work includes geological sampling, 3 ddh's, geophysics, U/G sampling and trenching. J. Pardy is co-ordinating.

Accident: Two workers injured at Gibraltar, March 28 while working on shovel ropes. One worker received a fractured pelvis and is being treated in Vancouver, while another with a broken leg is being treated in Kamloops. Investigation is underway by D. Morgan and OHSC.

Willow Creek: Consultation/meetings re: permit review and process undertaken with three of four identified First Nation groups that may be affected by this project. All groups were invited to be part of the monitoring committee being set up for the project. If positive construction decision is made in April then site clearing should begin in June.

G. Seal-Jones at Quinsam on inspection and in Victoria scouting out provincial MR site last week. North Zone competition planned to be in Vict. just prior to provincial.

Attended workshop on Delgamuuk at UNBC. Ministers Zirnhelt, Lovick and Ramsay in attendance. Message from BC was that government recognises the case is important and wants to study it carefully before taking an official position. In the meantime, it is not business as usual, but government will continue to administer statutes and consult with FN's. Well attended by natives and non-natives (150+). Opinion expressed by Gitxan lawyer was that FN could get injunction on about anything now, while other opinions were less definite.

Prince George LRMP: MEM issues now to be addressed through an implementation plan. Ratification scheduled for early April.

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Subject: Prince George Update to April 24/98

Issues:

Kemess: Powerline energized and commissioning of major mill components underway. Continue to prepare for spring runoff. Scheduled flights from PG are no longer available. Company crew change flights are from Smithers only. "A" - line to be up by mid May @12,500 TPD. Expect to be at design capacity of 47,700 TPD in July.

Willow Creek: Still expecting construction announcement. Brian McBride is working on getting the permit out by the end of May. Dave Morgan setting up Environmental Monitoring Committee as per PAC direction. First meeting tentatively scheduled for the last week in May.

Mt. Polley: Considering temporary closure July 31 due to economic conditions. Report from the Job Protection Commission expected shortly.

Davis Keays exploration program (MK): T8TA have advised they will not respond to the referral and can not respond until a replacement referral staff member is hired. (Cheryl Brooks may be contacted by T8TA). Discussions with Kaska ongoing. Permit decision will be made next week.

Land Use:

MacKenzie: Caribou values are a focus for this LRMP. IPT is currently working with MELP regarding their proposed caribou management strategy.

Prince George: Table had ratification meeting with a mining industry representative choosing not to ratify. MEM remains concerned that this table lacked in adequate mineral industry representation overall. Hence, there may be a need for additional briefing to be attached to the LRMP to address access and mineral resource issues. IPT may still address some of MEM's issues.

Fort Nelson/Fort St. John: Jamie Pardy developing implementation report for the upcoming "update" meetings to be held in June.

Dawson Creek: Selected LRMP participants expect government to compensate the new Wapiti phosphate occurrence claimowners and declare the area protected. Because the claims were staked after the table had come to consensus on the proposed protected areas (ppa's) the expedient establishment of NSR's for ppa's is now crucial to the process. Recommend coincident presentation of PG and Dawson Creek LRMP's to government for approval so that the significance of the proposed Kakwa Park is recognized.