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ISSUES/NEWS

- \* Encouraging news of a new showing on the Greenland property in the Findlay Creek survey block. Apparently good "Sullivan smoke" coincident with EM and mag anomalies.
- \* Reports of intersection of kimberlite pipes during road construction at the at the Ice property near Elkford .
- \* Disappointing results from a 2400' hole on the Horn property which intersected a thick, previously unknown graphite fault zone.
- \* Fording River continue to upgrade their coal process plant. This year they will process and sell 7.5 million tons of clean coal, next year target is 8 million. Not bad for a plant which had a capacity of 5 million in the late 80's and even less in the early 80s.
- \* Good news on the land use front. MELP have "bent over backwards" in their effort to "get Mines on board" and agreed to exempt mines from road density limits in their conservation guidelines for the land use plan. Well done Dave Grieve.
- \* BC Lands staff have acknowledged flaws in their Commercial Backcountry Recreation tenure process where the proponent is directed to advertise his project before stakeholders [other ministries and mineral claim holders] are advised of the proposal. MEI staff feel the heat from claim owners in the area of a surprise cat skiing proposal south of Nelson
- \* The East Kootenay Chamber of Mines have cancelled their proposed geoscience forum planned for Cranbrook in early October. There seems to be little sign of their industrial minerals course, however, the Chamber of Mines of Eastern BC's industrial mineral course seems to be on track with 16 registered to date.
- \* Road maintenance and camp construction underway at Tillicum mountain.