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NEWS/ISSUES

* The Kootenay Boundary Land Use Plan Implementation Strategy has been completed and awaits implementation in Victoria. Regional MEI staff successful in including a subsurface resource guideline which should help clarify the plan's impact on mineral exploration. Well done Dave for persevering with the process.

* Significant spoil failures at Coal Mtn on June 10th and Greenhills on June 11, respectively.

Blu Moon
* Anglo Swiss have not received approval for a 10,000 ton bulk sample at the Blu Moon sapphire project in the Scocan Valley [as reported by Tom Schroeter 29 May, 97]. The modest backhoe trench which has been approved has raised public concerns regarding "lack of consultation" by neighbours and the regional district area director. MEI regional staff's response that exploration and the Mines Act permit process is incremental, with an opportunity for public consultation for high end exploration and development [ie bulk samples], not helped enthusiastic MEI reporting of promotional news releases.

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* Similarly MEI regional staff do not expect 7,000 ft drilling to start on June 27th on the Strebe property [Sschroeter June 12], as for 4 years owner has made similar plans, but failed to post reclamation security.

* Permitting staff report that NoW numbers do not reflect the increase in scale of projects, and consequently staff's increased work load. A statistic which does reflect increased mechanical disturbance is that in the first 4 months of this year, twice as many safekeeping agreement forms have been processed as in the same period last year {for new or amended permits}.

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* Ricci B, Ed T, Garry Mac, Linda Mac, and Val Smolik all helping with the provincial mine rescue in PG