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Subject: Kootenay Review - May 17, 96

NEWS/ISSUES

*** Fording River Mine, USWA Local 7884 took a strike vote May5-9, 79.4% of 632 members who voted favoured a strike. Main issues seems to be Fording's proposed changes to pensionable age.

** Mines Act s.14 discrimination complaint hearing completed when Fording, Union, and complainant reached a settlement.

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* AMT Resources interested in exploration/development at Tillicum Mountain. Proponent concerned about high boning requirement.

* MoTH expect MEI to pay for repairs to Hwy 6 caused by subsidence from Bosun Mine main portal. Currently this is being resisted as Mines Act s.17 may not be the appropriate mechanism for short term quick fix highway repairs.

* R Berdusco and G Macdonald attended the Safety Awards Banquet and Presentations in Vancouver.

* R Berdusco, E Taje and G MacDonald participating as judges in Sullivan Mine rescue competitions May 17.

* MELP completed survey of pollution from Second Relief Mine. Hg and As levels are high. Permitting staff will jointly inspect site with MELP staff to review options. Funding again an issue, however, this appears to be a more appropriate candidate for action pursuant to s.17 of the Mines Act.

* BC Lands are processing a steady stream of Commercial Backcountry Recreation tenure applications. latest is Sand Creek

* Second list of Heritage River candidates include 3 in the Kootenays, the Elk, Kettle and Grandby.

FYI

* Kootenay staff are tickled with the 1995 Provincial Geologist Journal description of the "East Chutneys".

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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.