

Dear Free Miner,

Re: Upcoming Changes to MTO Mapping Functions

Note: All free miners who hold a valid free miner certificate or are a recorded holder of a valid mineral, placer, or coal title are receiving this email.

This email is to provide you with advance notice of an up-coming change to the Mineral Titles Online (MTO) map viewers and that will occur in the near future.

The software used by the existing MTO map viewer is being retired. This existing map viewer was built on an Internet Mapping Framework Version 1 (IMF1) platform, and is being upgraded to a new platform called IMF2. At the same time, the Natural Resource Sector ministries, which the Ministry of Energy and Mines is part of, are being migrated to a new mapping platform called Common Web Mapping (CWM).

Both the IMF2 and the CWM map viewers are presently under development and both will be deployed with a new version of MTO that will be release in the next month or two.

The CWM map viewer allows for all of the MTO functions such as claim acquisition, and claim maintenance. The IMF2 map viewer allows users to view and query all of the various map layers in conjunction with their mineral, placer, or coal titles. CWM and IMF2 map viewers will be included in the initial deployment while the CWM map viewer for MTO is completed. It is the intent that the CWM map viewer will have all of the functions of the IMF2 map viewer and will eventually become the single map viewer in MTO.

As information becomes available, we will be posting updates regarding the pending change to the MTO map viewer at the following web page.

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/mineral-exploration-mining/mineral-titles/news-notices-announcements/notices-mineral-placer-titles/mto-mapping>

A follow up email containing more details about the pending changes and tentative deployment date of the new map viewers will be sent to you in the near future.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at Mineral.Titles@gov.bc.ca

On behalf of

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