Reference: 45979

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Re: Establishment of an *Environment and Land Use Act* Order in Council Temporarily Pausing Registration of Mineral and Placer Claims, and the disposition of new coal licenses, over a Defined Area in Northcentral BC

Dear Tenure Holder,

We are writing to inform you that through BC's land use planning program, the Province has partnered with the Kaska First Nations to update land use direction over the Kaska First Nations' territory within BC.

This collaborative and inclusive 12-month land use planning process will engage the mining and mineral exploration industry; local government and communities; other stakeholders and the public in the development of an updated land use regime in northcentral BC to bring certainty and improved decision making efficiencies.

In support of this work, the Province has enacted an Order in Council (OIC) under s. 7 of the *Environment and Land Use Act* in northcentral BC. The OIC prevents registration of new mineral and placer claims, and the disposition of new coal licenses in the area identified in the attached map. The OIC is effective as of June 3, 2025 and will remain in place for a period of 12 months.

The 1-year tenuring pause applies to an area of ecological and cultural importance to Kaska First Nations while the land use planning process is underway.

Importantly, the Order does not affect existing claim registrations or the ability to develop and carry out work on existing tenures. Note that if a cell claim in the area expires, the cell cannot be subsequently registered while the OIC remains in effect.

If you have any questions about the Kaska-BC land use planning project, please visit our website or email kaska.LUP@gov.bc.ca.

If you have any questions regarding your tenure, please visit the *Environment and Land Use Act Orders and No Registration Reserves for Northwest and Northcentral B.C.* webpage or contact the Mineral Titles Branch at the Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals at mineral.titles@gov.bc.ca.

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Sincerely,

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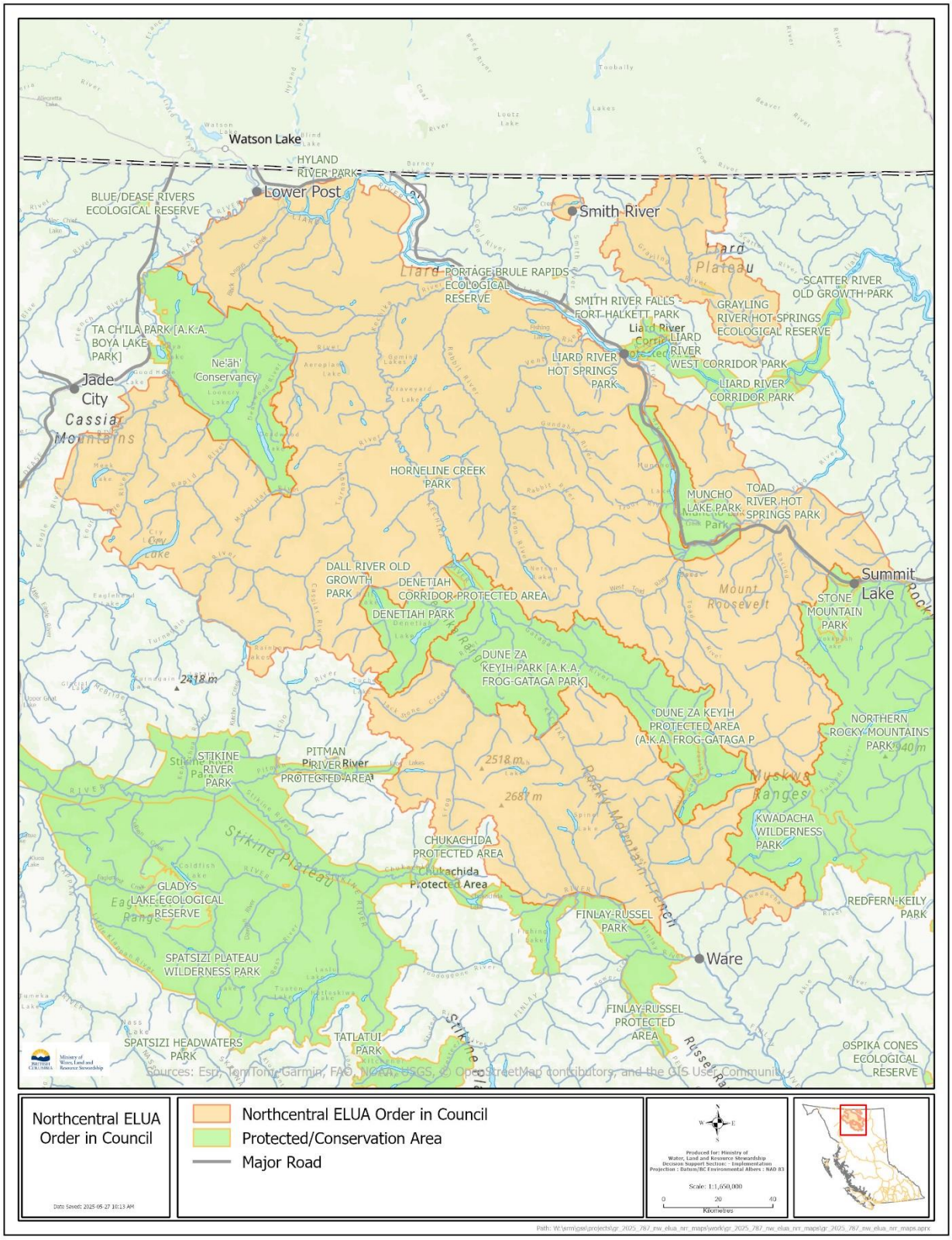
Attached: Northcentral ELUA OIC Map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SMITH RIVER FALLS FORT HALKETT PARK
GRAYLING RIVER HOT SPRINGS ECOLOGICAL RESERVE
TA CH'ILA PARK [A.K.A. BOYA LAKE PARK]
LIARD RIVER WEST CORRIDOR PARK
LIARD RIVER HOT SPRINGS PARK
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Jade City
Cassiar Mountains
HORNELINE CREEK PARK
MUNCHO LAKE PARK
TOAD RIVER HOT SPRINGS PARK
DALL RIVER OLD GROWTH PARK
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FINLAY-RUSSEL PARK
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FINLAY-RUSSEL PROTECTED AREA
SPATSIZI HEADWATERS PARK
TATLATUI PARK
OSPIKA CONES ECOLOGICAL RESERVE
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