Reference: 45981

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 Northwest BC

Dear Tenure Holder,

We are writing to inform you that through BC's land use planning program, the Province is partnering with the Tahltan First Nation (Tahltan) and the Taku River Tlingit First Nation (TRTFN) to update land use direction in two priority planning areas.

Collaborative and inclusive 12-month planning processes 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 northwest 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 northwest 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 the Tahltan and Taku River Tlingit 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 land use planning process with Tahltan, please visit the Tahltan-BC Land Use Plan website or email TahltanBC_LUP_engage@gov.bc.ca. If you have questions about the land use planning process with TRTFN, please visit the TRT-BC Land Use Plan website or email TlatsiniPlanningProject@gov.bc.ca.

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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.

Sincerely,

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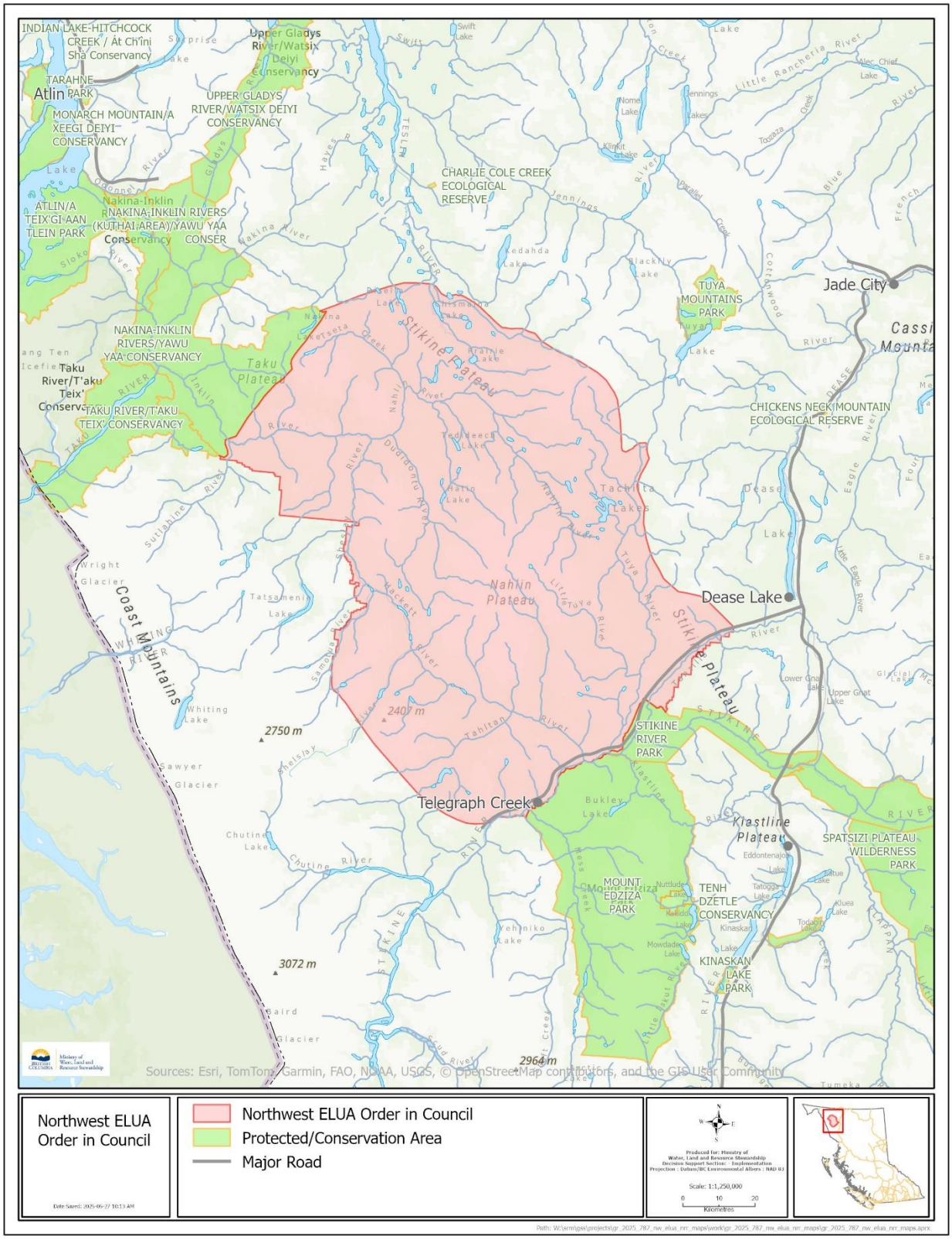
Attached: Northwest ELUA OIC Map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Protected/Conservation Area
Major Road
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KINASKAN LAKE PARK
TUYA MOUNTAINS PARK
CHICKENS NECK MOUNTAIN ECOLOGICAL RESERVE
CHARLIE COLE CREEK ECOLOGICAL RESERVE
TARAHNE PARK
ATLIN/A TEIX'GI AAN TLEIN PARK
NAKINA-INKLIN RIVERS (KUTHAI AREA)/YAWU YAA CONSER
NAKINA-INKLIN RIVERS/YAWU YAA CONSERVANCY
TAKU RIVER/T'AKU TEIX' CONSERVANCY
UPPER GLADYS RIVER/WATSIX DEIYI CONSERVANCY
MONARCH MOUNTAIN/A XEEGI DEIYI CONSERVANCY
INDIAN LAKE-HITCHCOCK CREEK / At Ch'ini Sha Conservancy