Reference: 45980

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Re: Establishment of a mineral reserve under s. 22(2)(a) of the *Mineral Tenure Act* Temporarily Preventing Registration of Mineral Claims over a portion of the Meziadin River Watershed

Dear Tenure Holder,

We are writing to inform you that the Chief Gold Commissioner (CGC) has enacted a mineral reserve under s. 22(2)(a) of the Mineral Tenure Act – often referred to as a No Registration Reserve (NRR) – over a portion of the Meziadin River Watershed. The NRR is effective as of June 3, 2025 and prevents registration of mineral claims in the area identified in the attached map for a period of 12 months.

Through BC's land use planning program, the Province is working with the Gitanyow First Nation and the Nisga'a Lisims Government to explore updates to land use direction in the Meziadin River Watershed. The planning process will engage the mining and mineral exploration industry; local government and communities; stakeholders and the public. The NRR has been established as part of early salmon habitat conservation discussions taking place under the adaptive management provisions in the approved Nass South Sustainable Resource Management Plan. The 12 month tenuring pause will apply to the identified area (see attached map) while the land use planning process is underway.

The NRR does not affect existing claim registrations or impact 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 NRR remains in effect.

If you have any questions about the Meziadin No Registration Reserve or land use planning in the Meziadin River Watershed, please visit our Planning in Partnership website or email info.Meziadin@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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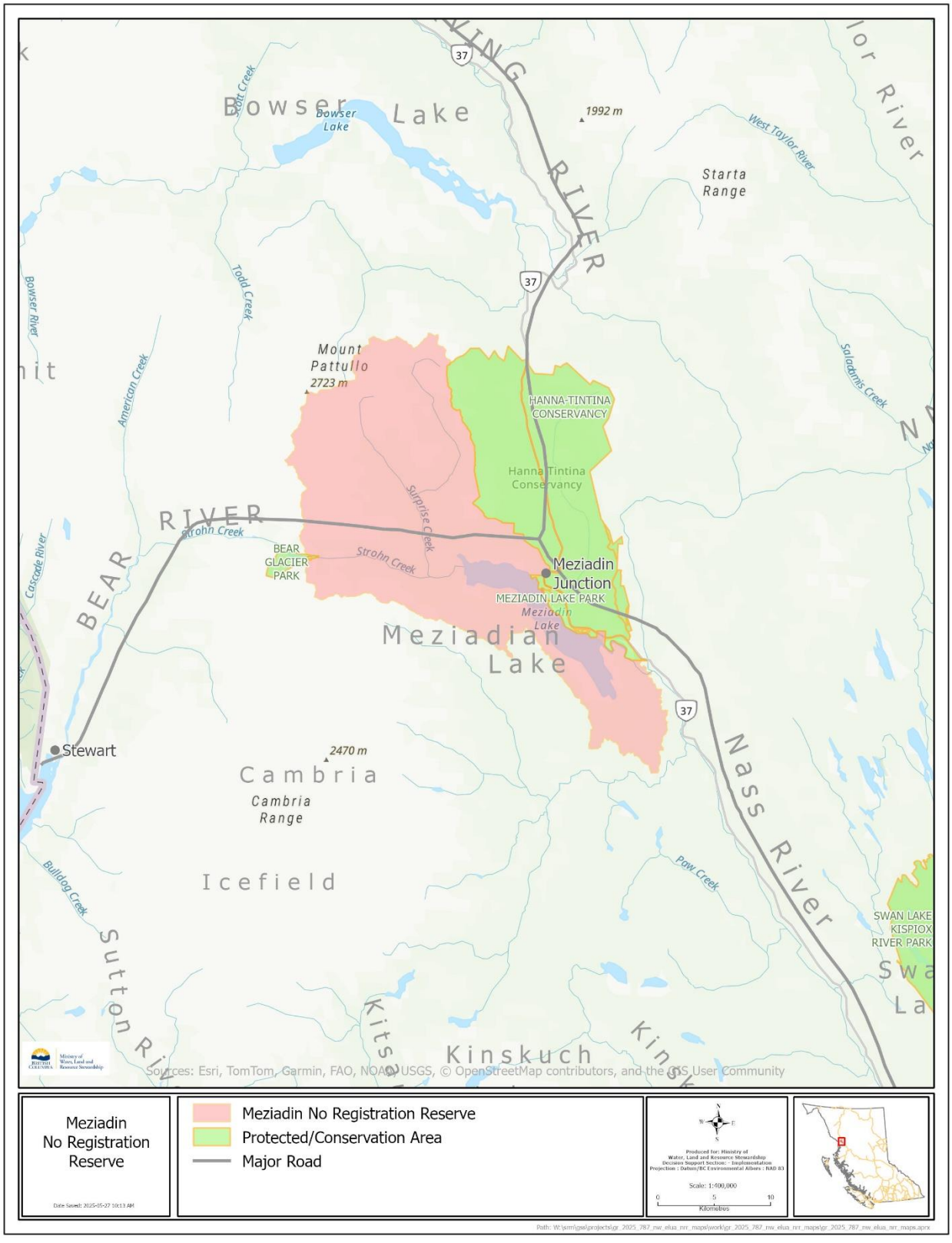
Attached: Meziadin Watershed No Registration Reserve Map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