SUBJECT: SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PEACE MOBERLY TRACT

The Peace Moberly Tract (PMT) contains approximately 1,090 square kilometers of land lying between Moberly Lake and the Peace River in northeastern BC. This area is of special interest to the West Moberly and Saulteau First Nations for carrying out their Treaty 8 rights, including hunting, trapping and fishing.

In November 2004, agreement was reached between these two First Nations and the Province to proceed with a Sustainable Resource Management Plan (SRMP) for the PMT.

The SRMP, which must be consistent with the Dawson Creek Land and Resource Management Plan for this area, is intended to provide resource management direction at the landscape level. This process will be co-chaired by the two First Nations and the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (MAL). Efforts are focused on submitting a SRMP for approval to the Minister of MAL and to the Chiefs and Councils of both First Nations.

In the interim, the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources will not be accepting any requests for petroleum and natural gas rights. Reserves prohibiting the acquisition of coal and mineral tenures have also been placed over the PMT.

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