



# WESTBANK FIRST NATION

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As Chief of the WFN I am pleased to announce that we are very interested in this project and of the economic benefits, which will flow into the surrounding communities. Programs such as employment, youth programs and other community initiatives have been discussed, as well as very important issues of natural resource management.

Our people utilized this whole area in the past, and this usage continues to this very day. As protectors of the land, we are pleased to announce the support that Crystal Mountain has given in our desire to complete a Traditional Use Study. A local company will conduct an archaeological overview assessment, with complete input from the members of our community. Sensitive areas will not be disturbed and we are requesting further research into the list of endangered plant and animal species to ensure that these floral and faunal species can be enjoyed by future generations.

We have been in discussion with Crystal Mountain since the early conception of this project, and are pleased about the sincere discussions that have taken place. Crystal Mountain clearly recognizes our historical ties to this area; discussions are taking place to commemorate this positive working relationship.

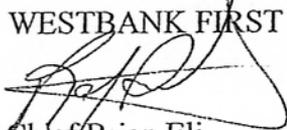
To have the management supporting our issues of aboriginal rights and title is indeed refreshing; if others could take the time to have a series of discussions to cross those cultural barriers, and respect the fact that we are as the Indigenous peoples of this land confrontation would not take place.

We need to support one another and our respective communities, we, as the WFN will be targeting the tourism industry and encourage others to do so as well. Peachland, Westbank, and the larger cities will benefit from the year round revenues that will be created, as well as the employment opportunities.

I look forward to continuing our discussions with Crystal, and I am pleased about the integrity that has been displayed in our past sessions.

Sincerely,

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Chief Brian Eli