

IMPROVING NATURAL RESOURCE SERVICES FOR BRITISH COLUMBIANS

■ Working for your community, working for your sector

- B.C.'s natural resource sector is a key driver of economic activity and employment in British Columbia – generating close to three billion dollars in direct revenue for the province each year.
- Over 156,000 jobs in B.C. are directly related to resource extraction and manufacturing in the areas of agriculture, forestry, mining, and oil and gas.
- The Natural Resource Permitting Project is:
 - Encouraging economic growth and sustainability – supporting investment in B.C.'s natural resource sector to create lasting value and protect the environment.
 - Reducing red tape for British Columbians – making it easier and faster to access services, get answers and do business with the natural resource sector.
 - Pulling together data, tools and legislation using innovative technology that provides a single, easily accessible, user-friendly experience.
 - Providing simplified access to a coordinated, consistent and timely authorization process that saves businesses time, money and effort.

■ Benefits of Natural Resource Sector Online Services

- Simple access to quality natural resource sector services responsive to British Columbians needs and expectations
- Business friendly services – a one-stop-shop for clients
- Search for investment opportunities with online maps and data
- Find information and resources without having to visit multiple sites
- Most current, reliable information about the land and its uses

■ What's happening to Natural Resource Sector Online Services this year

- Natural Resource Sector Online Services is bringing together a number of customer-centric services to make the authorization process easier. The more ministries that come online, the more services we'll be able to offer.
 - **Register Once:** Register once through BC Registries to access natural resource sector services using a BCeID.
 - **One location for all of your Information:** Access and manage your account information in one spot. No more applying separately to each resource ministry for the same project – saving time, effort and money.
 - **Easy to Pay:** Pay online for select application fees.
 - **Save Time and Paper:** Save tens of thousands of pieces of paper and the time associated with preparing hard copies by submitting and managing electronic documents online.

■ What people are saying about the Project

- The Association for Mineral Exploration BC appreciates having better access to current data and information about potential restrictions on the land base, and look forward to the online support and guidance about how best to proceed when restrictions do occur.
- The BC Business Council believes investment in this project is a positive step towards making our province more competitive in this sector and they look forward to continuing to provide feedback, and to working with the Natural Resource Advisory Committee.

■ Why this matters

- Through the Natural Resource Permitting Project, the provincial government is making a significant investment in helping communities balance economic development with protecting the natural resources many businesses rely on.

For more information or to schedule an online services demonstration contact:

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