

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board
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Butch Morningstar, Regional Director,
Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources,
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Dear Butch,

The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board has discussed its concern about potential environmental and safety impacts of closed mining and mining-related sites, and the importance of reclamation. As such, the board is interested in learning of activities conducted by government in the Bulkley district, in monitoring of environmental protection, and reclamation to return sites to acceptable land use.

In our understanding, the following sites are undergoing, or require, reclamation work:

- Dome Mountain Mine
- Cronin Mine
- Duthie Mine
- open portals at Toboggan Creek
- open portals at Hunter Basin
- Blue Pearl's Davidson project

Please let us know what reports have been submitted, any comments resulting from review of these reports, and of site inspections by Ministry staff. The board recognizes the importance of environmental protection, and security for wildlife and humans, at closed mine sites. The board is concerned that these issues do not "fall through the cracks", with the ministry's current focus on increased exploration.

Yours truly,

Adrian de Groot,
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board

cc: Craig Stewart, Environmental Protection Officer, Ministry of Environment