

**Bulkley Valley
Community Resources Board
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your presentation to the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) on June 9, 2009. The board found your presentation very informative about mining activities in the Northwest and the approval processes involved in developing a mine.

At the meeting there were concerns raised regarding public awareness with regard to mining activities in the Bulkley TSA. These concerns specifically related to mining activities and their interaction with certain recreational activities. There was some discussion regarding the use of the BVCRB's website as a forum for informing the public about mining operations in the Bulkley TSA. The BVCRB discussed this issue at length and decided not to enter into this arrangement. This was decided as the BVCRB did not want to open the door for other Agencies and Companies, who are required to inform the public about their activities, to also view the BVCRB as an avenue for public awareness. The BVCRB is a volunteer group and just does not have the resources to take on this role.

Some ideas that came out of our discussions, that we encourage your Ministry to consider as potential vehicles for providing more public awareness regarding mining activities are:

1. Post information on community websites (i.e. Town of Smithers).
2. Post information on Regional District websites (i.e. Bulkley-Nechako).
3. As the issue was one regarding a conflict with recreational activities and mining, post information on the Ministry of Tourism website.
4. Post information on the local MLA's website.

Again the BVCRB would like to thank-you for taking the time to update us about mining in the Northwest.

Yours truly,

Greg Storie
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board

cc: Josette Weir, Bulkley Valley Backpackers