

To Whom It May Concern;

Hello ya'all my name is Emery Dean Phillips. I am a Chilcotin from Nemiah Valley. Nemiah Valley's where I call home, far from civilization; I don't need the fast lane. It's nicer out here, fresh air! No thousands of vehicles, polluting my fresh air for all wild game that is left here now. It's not for sale or taken. It wasn't bought, it wasn't sold.

Where did your ancestors come from, ours is in them hills.

I'm a wild game guide for Tatlow Mountain Outfitters and at times take out pack trips, up in them woods, hills and fresh air. Tatlow Mountain Outfitters and Yohetta Wilderness Lodge are located approximately 11 kms South of the proposed prosperity mine site, on Tchuzka Lake, just beyond Taseko Lake.

As game guides we take care of our guide areas and get to know the animals. As game guide outfitters we have to report within 10 days after each kill (example zone 5-4) which species, male or female and approximate location.

I have seen the mining exploration activity impact the animals and guiding because the game is not as abundant as before. Examples of disturbances are; noise pollution of helicopter activity scaring the animals, employees driving with excessive speeds on the roads and almost ran right into a crew of our game guide trainees and teachers.

It is an opportunity of a lifetime to give others the healthy educational chance to learn about the traits of guide outfitting. Even more important is to be able to give that experience in a healthy, live ecosystem.

Resident hunters are also impacting our guide areas (trophy hunters). Ever since there was a "Big buck contest" put out there with resident hunters they often leave carcasses in the bush/on the land. This has also caused the bigger, stronger bucks to be taken out and has weakened the deer population by taking out the stronger genetics.

Being up in that area working and guiding – I have seen drill areas where there is still no vegetation, such as in Tcheikazan area south of Taseko, Tchuzka Lakes. I do not want to see this kind of impact take away my being, to be out on the land with the animals and on horseback is what I love and that is who I am. I have committed myself to Tatlow Mountain Outfitters for twenty years. I prefer to work where I enjoy what I do, as I worked too many years in seasonal

work with forestry and it was great work, good pay but it was harder on my health than guide outfitting will ever be. As I mentioned, I love being out on the land in the fresh air.

Our land cannot withstand the impacts of the proposed mine as our animals are already being impacted in the area as noted above.

I am opposed to the destruction of Teztan Biny (Fish Lake), Little Fish Lake, Fish Creek the entire area as it will impact my livelihood, my future and my future generations.

I am also opposed to the destruction and pollution of our headwaters of the Taseko River and the wild salmon, Chinook and wild trout in Teztan, Lil' Fish Lake and Fish Creek. I also know the Grizzly bear and other wildlife feed off the lakes trout as well.

Thank you for taking this time to read my submission and consider what I have to say.

Have a great day.

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