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File: EGM-2011-00017
XGovt #1000346

July 19, 2011

Sent via email:

Dear

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Energy and Mines. You requested

In 1988 B.C was closed to placer mining with a "blanket closure" with only a few places open to placer mining.

In 1988 a placer designation was placed on the Horsefly area #4-330210 I would like to see any files pertaining to that, and any scientific research that said it was okay to open up that area.

Shortly afterwards there was a "no placer staking" put on the area-

No staking #329600

I would like to know why that occurred and the scientific research behind that, and any reasons and files pertaining to that. I would also like to know who requested the "no placer staking" reserve. I have been told it was the ministry of environment that requested the "no staking reserve. However on the Mineral titles web page it says that the Mineral titles requested the "no placer staking # 329600

Please find enclosed a copy of the records in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. Your file is now closed.

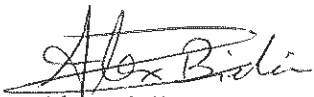
As part of the BC Government's new Open Information initiative, this response and the enclosed records will be published on the Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after being received by you. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Elizabeth Horn, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-356-9164. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-7867, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-356-9164.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Bjelica". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "B".

Alex Bjelica, Manager
Resource Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

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| <p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p> |
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.

