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**Hat Creek Coal—Application for Three Coal Licenses**

January 14, 2025



Kúkpi7 Frank Antoine, Kúkwi7 Justin Kane, Kúkwi7 Darrell Bob

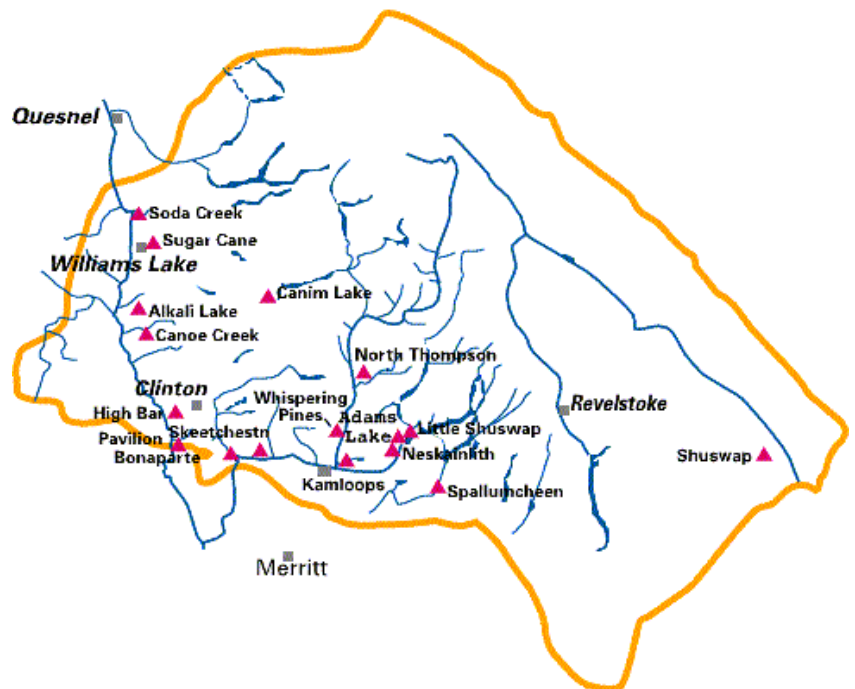
Today, three sister nations met on St’uxw-  
tews territory to sign an agreement regarding  
the Hat Creek Coal Applications. Three appli-  
cations were submitted from Arlene McGhee.  
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ples, and laws, ensuring ecological and cultur-  
al sustainability for future generations. Also  
known as T’epumen, Hat Creek Valley tradi-  
tional territory.

This day marks an important day to recognize the collaborations with other sister nations. All the while we are “collectively holding unextinguished title over our traditional territories, including T’epumen.” (as noted in the letter dated December 18, 2024.)

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traditional territory)

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This letter is the information  
SIGNED by all three nations.



**We are on the WEB!**  
**Www.stuctews.ca**



*“If you see the  
BSLP team in  
our community  
make sure you  
give them a  
big  
THANKS!”*



## Firewood Distribution

Firewood distribution is still underway in our community.

The BSLP staff has been working extra hard to get this project complete each month.

While working as a team they accomplish these tasks for our community to have warm homes through the winter season.

If you require any firewood, please have your name added to the list and the firewood will be distributed to your residence.

If you see the team in our community make sure you give them a big THANKS!



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December 18, 2024

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation  
PO Box 9320 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC, V8W 9N3

VIA EMAIL: caroline.moore@gov.bc.ca

Attention: **Caroline Moores,**  
First Nations Relations Advisor

Dear Ms. Caroline Moores:

RE: **Hat Creek Coal – application for three coal licenses**

This letter is in response to your letter dated September 24, 2024, regarding an application from Arlene McGhee for three coal licenses in the Hat Creek Valley.


Since the early 1970s, St'uxwtéws, Ts'kw'áylaxw and Xáxli'p, along with the three Interior tribal nations, the Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, and St'át'imc, along with UBCIC have strongly opposed any coal mining or coal projects in the Hat Creek Valley, our position has not changed.

Since time immemorial St'uxwtéws, Ts'kw'áylaxw and Xáxli'p inhabited our respective territories, living in mutual accord as neighbours with a common traditional shared area, collectively referred to as *T'epumen* (Hat Creek Valley, area of common interest). Collectively we hold unextinguished title over our traditional territories, including *T'epumen*.

The coal license application is in the shared area of St'uxwtéws, Ts'kw'áylaxw and Xáxli'p, an area managed according to our values, principles, and laws, ensuring ecological and cultural sustainability for future generations. This jurisdictional and management is evident in ethnohistorical, ethnographical, and archaeological research, that date back 7000 years of use and occupancy.

We do not see this coal license application for *T'epumen*, the Hat Creek Valley, as the provincial government's commitment to implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, including the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. If this coal project in *T'epumen* continues, it will be met with strong opposition, galvanizing Interior Indigenous Nations, along with a coalition of likeminded supporters in stopping this project, similar to the mobilization that occurred in 1978 in stopping Hat Creek Coal.

Sincerely,

  
Chief Darrell Bob,  
Xáxli'p

  
Chief Frank Antoine,  
St'uxwtéws

  
Chief Justin Kane,  
Ts'kw'áylaxw

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## COUGAR SAFETY

The week of January 14th, a cougar has been spotted in the IR#2 residence area.




Please be very vigil of your surroundings this time of year.

According to WildSafeBC, cougars are solitary animals that, unlike bears which enter hibernation, are active year-round. They typically prey on deer and





may be drawn to an area where deer overwinter. They will, however, also prey on free roaming or feral cats, dogs and other small animals or livestock. There have been cases where cougars have attacked children. It will often take a cougar several days to consume its kill, which it may cover with debris to deter scavengers. The cougar will stay near the kill and return to the area regularly until the prey has been consumed. If you encounter a kill, you are in danger of also encountering the cougar. You should leave the area immediately and call the BC Conservation Officer Service at 1-877-952-7277 and/or BSLP office at 250.457.6788.

### WildSafeBC Cougar Tips

Cougars are one of three wild cat species in BC. Cougars primarily feed on deer but will also prey on small mammals. Free-ranging pets can be at risk. Cougars are elusive animals that are widely distributed in BC but tend to avoid urban areas. Attacks by cougars are rare but can be fatal, especially if young children are involved.

-  Keep cats and other pets indoors, especially at night.
-  Do not feed deer that can draw cougars into your community.
-  When hiking, carry bear spray that is readily accessible and be aware of your surroundings.

#### Cougar Encounters

-  Stop, stay calm, do not turn your back and do not run. Avoid bending down.
-  Pick up small children and pets. Look as large as possible. Maintain eye contact. Speak firmly. Prepare bear spray.
-  Back away slowly and seek shelter.
-  In the rare event of an attack, fight back and aim for the eyes and face. Discharge bear spray if you have it. Never play dead.



Keeping Wildlife Wild and Communities Safe [www.wildsafebc.com](http://www.wildsafebc.com)



## COYOTE MATING SEASON

IS UPON US!

The mating season for Coyotes in CT is from **January until March**. The gestation period is about 63 days, so **pups are born in the Spring** (April to mid-May).

**Don't let your pets outside unattended.**

**Don't tie them out on a lead, especially at night.**

**Use non-slip martingale collars or non-slip harnesses.**

**Take your dogs out on a leash** and have a whistle, stick, or other hazing tools with you to scare a predator away.

**WE CAN LEARN TO CO-EXIST WITH OUR WILDLIFE IF WE RESPECT THEM AND TAKE PROACTIVE STEPS.**

**KEEP YOUR DOGS SAFE**

CT Dog Gone Recovery www.CTDGRV.org  
We bring dogs home!

*"Be mindful of wildlife in our community"*

## COYOTE SAFETY

Coyote reports can increase slightly during coyote breeding season which begins in February. All coyote encounters that are aggressive in nature or show a lack of fear of people and pets should be reported to the Conservation Officer Service at 1-877-952-7277.

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Fawn Pierro-Zabotel, Natural Resources Manager at 778.257.2588

Darnell Louie, Operations Supervisor at 250.256.4881

Garbage Days—Wednesday's

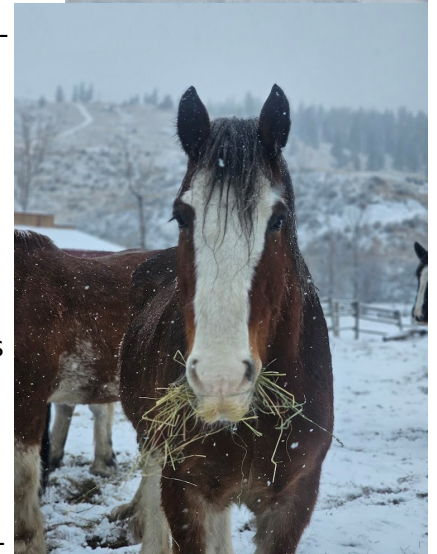
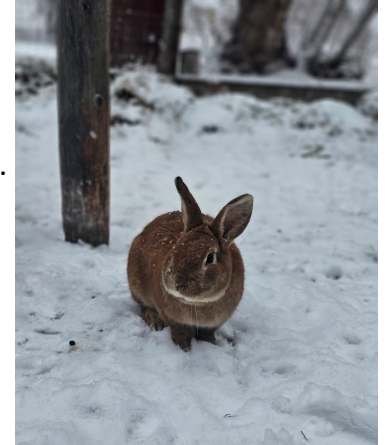
Recycle Days—Thursday's

## Stux'wtews Pesuten Heritage Society Update



### Positive Developments:

1. **Summer Student Grants:** We have successfully applied for summer student grants, which will support youth employment opportunities and enhance our sites' operations during the busy season.
2. **Five-Year Plan for Historic Hat Creek Ranch:** Our partnership with an elite consulting team is well underway to develop a comprehensive five-year strategic plan for Historic Hat Creek Ranch. This plan will ensure the site's long-term sustainability and growth.
3. **Wedding Coordination Partnership:** We are thrilled to announce a new partnership with **Elite Events BC**, who will provide professional day-of coordination for weddings as a value-added service. This collaboration will elevate our wedding services, offering unforgettable experiences for couples and their guests.
4. **Maintenance Projects:** As part of our annual planning cycle, we are currently reviewing maintenance projects to the **Heritage Branch** to develop next year's budget. These submissions are critical to ensuring our sites remain safe, welcoming, and well-maintained for visitors.
5. **McAbee Fossil Beds Site Check:** A recent site tour of **McAbee Fossil Beds** revealed that the trails and facilities are in excellent condition and ready for further exploration. We are excited to continue developing this remarkable site for educational and cultural experiences.



6. **Healthy Animals at the Ranch:** All the animals at **Historic Hat Creek Ranch** are thriving and looking forward to greeting visitors again. Their well-being is a testament to the care and attention they receive year-round.

These initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to preserving and enhancing these cultural and historic treasures

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