

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE  
AGENDA****Thursday, April 8, 2021**

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	<b><u>AGENDA- April 8, 2021</u></b>	<b>Approve</b>
	<b><u>Supplementary Agenda</u></b>	<b>Receive</b>
	<b><u>MINUTES</u></b>	
<b>3-6</b>	<b>Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes - March 11, 2021</b>	<b>Adopt</b>
	<b><u>AGRICULTURE COORDINATOR INTRODUCTIONS</u></b> Megan D'Arcy Michelle Roberge	
	<b><u>DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u></b>	
	<b><u>Crown Land Referrals</u></b>	
<b>7-8</b>	<b>Rowan Nagel, GIS/Planning Technician Crown Land Referral No. 7410174 (Area F)</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>9-10</b>	<b>Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1 Crown Land Referral No. 7410175 (Area F)</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>11-12</b>	<b>Rowan Nagel, GIS/Planning Technician Crown Land Referral No. 7410176 (Area F)</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
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<b>15-16</b>	<b>Rowan Nagel, GIS/Planning Technician Crown Land Referral No. 0282536 (Area F)</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
	<b><u>Rural Directors Roundtable</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Input on Agenda items</li><li>• Rural priorities</li></ul>	

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING (VIRTUAL)**

**Thursday, March 11, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Mark Parker

Directors Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert – arrived at 8:55 a.m.  
Chris Newell  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Gerry Thiessen

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – arrived at 9:00 a.m.  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Haley Jeffrey, Emergency Services Manager  
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 9:04 a.m.  
Sashka Macievich, Financial Controller  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake – arrived at 8:52 a.m.  
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle  
Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

**RDC.2021-3-1**

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda for March 11, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

**Rural/Agriculture Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**-February 11, 2021**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Newell

**RDC.2021-3-2**

“That the minutes of the Rural/Agriculture Committee meeting of February 11, 2021 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## RURAL REPORTS

### Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis Program Update

Liliana Dragowska, HRVA Coordinator provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Community engagement
- Time commitment for Directors and Chair of HRVA Committees
- Including livestock in the "Why does the Regional District need to revise their HRVA?"

### Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis Program Update

Moved by Director Lambert  
 Seconded by Director Greenaway

### RDC.2021-3-3

1. "That the Rural Directors recommend to the Board that the Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis project charter be endorsed.
2. And that the Rural Directors approve the draft Terms of Reference for the electoral area specific HRVA committees.
3. And that the Rural Directors participate in HRVA Committee recruitment on an electoral area basis."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Provincial COVID-19 Relief Funds

Moved by Director Fisher  
 Seconded by Director Petersen

### RDC.2021-3-4

"That the Rural/Agriculture Committee receive the Chief Financial Officer's Provincial COVID-19 Relief Funds memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed in regard to organizations potentially requiring COVID-19 Relief Funds support:

- o Community Halls
- o Farmers' Markets
- o 4H groups
- o School Parent Advisory Committees
- o Soup Kitchen
- o Providing information in regard to how the Regional District may potentially provide support
- o Staff to provide assistance to groups
- o Staff will draft a letter to provide to community groups
- o Regional advertising
- o Grant in aid
- o Lakes District Arts & Culture Service Establishment Bylaw within Area "B" & "E".

### Northern Capital and Planning Grant/Gas Tax Swap

Moved by Director Newell  
 Seconded by Director Petersen

### RDC.2021-3-5

"That the Rural/Agriculture Committee receive the Chief Financial Officer's Northern Capital and Planning Grant/Gas Tax Swap memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **RURAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

#### **Annual Tax Bill Notice**

Moved by Director Lambert  
 Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

#### **RDC.2021-3-6**

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee receive the Chief Financial Officer’s Annual Tax Bill Notice memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to Rural Directors providing a note in the Annual Tax Bill Notices. CFO Illes indicated the Province requires submission of notices by April 1, 2021.

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

#### **Crown Land Referral**

#### **Crown Land Referral No. 7403286 Electoral Area D and F**

Moved by Director Petersen  
 Seconded by Director Greenaway

#### **RDC.2021-3-7**

“That the Comment Sheet for Crown Land Application Referral No. 7403286 be provided to the Province.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Parkland Referral No. Omineca Park Boundary Adjustment Electoral Area C**

Moved by Director Greenaway  
 Seconded by Director Petersen

#### **RDC.2021-3-8**

“That the Comment Sheet for Parkland Referral No. Omineca Park Boundary Adjustment be provided to the Province.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **AGRICULTURE REPORT**

#### **Food and Agriculture Plan -Implementation Update**

Moved by Director Fisher  
 Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

#### **RDC.2021-3-9**

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development’s Food and Agriculture Plan – Implementation Update memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

#### **Communication – Rural Community Engagement**

Chair Parker discussed sharing ideas in regard to communication and rural community engagement.

### **Rural Directors Roundtable**

- 1. Input on Rural Agenda Items**
  - Include on future Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda.
- 2. Rural Priorities**
  - Include on future Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda.

### **IN-CAMERA MEETING MOTION**

Moved by Director Lambert  
 Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2021-3-10

“In accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Section 90 (2)(b) – the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party (Connectivity) must be closed to the public, and therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Greenaway  
 Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2021-3-11

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:32 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Mark Parker, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Chair Parker and Rural / Agriculture Committee  
**FROM:** Rowan Nagel, GIS/Planning Technician  
**DATE:** April 8, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410174

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land application 7410174.

**VOTING**

All Directors / Majority

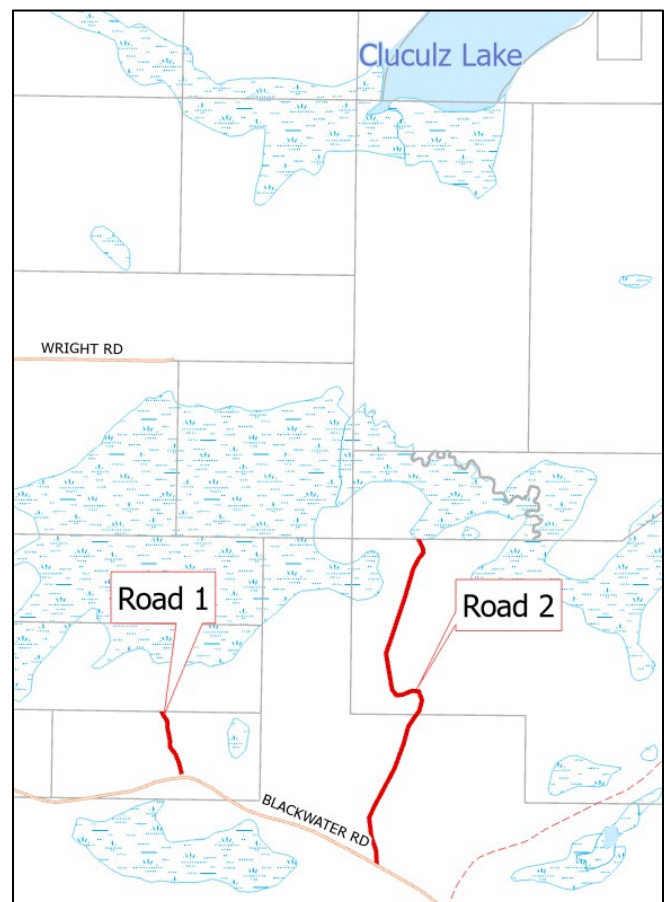
**DISCUSSION**

This application is regarding a License of Occupation for two existing roads on Crown land used to access the applicants grazing land from Blackwater Road. Access road 1 is approximately 350 meters in length and access road 2 is approximately 1,700 meters in length.

The application areas are located within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and are within the Agriculture Development Area under the Vanderhoof Area Crown Land Plan.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Comment Sheet





**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**COMMENT SHEET ON REFERRAL 7410174**

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<b>Electoral Area:</b>	Area F
<b>Applicant:</b>	Garrett Ranches Ltd
<b>Existing Land Use:</b>	None
<b>Zoning:</b>	Agriculture (Ag1), Rural Resource (RR1), and unzoned in Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw 1800, 2020
<b>Plan Designation</b>	Agriculture in Vanderhoof Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw 1517, 2009
<b>Proposed Use Comply with Zoning:</b>	Yes
<b>If not, why?</b>	N/A
<b>Agricultural Land Reserve:</b>	Yes
<b>Access:</b>	Blackwater Rd
<b>Building Inspection:</b>	No
<b>Fire Protection:</b>	Partial. DL 6796 is in the Cluculz Lake FPA, DL 9280 is not in fire protection.
<b>Other comments:</b>	It is recommended that the Province consult with the ALC regarding the approval process to allow the roads and associated soil deposit in the ALR.





## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

### STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chair Parker and Rural/Agriculture Committee  
**FROM:** Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1  
**DATE:** April 8, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Crown Land Referral No. 7410175

### RECOMMENDATION

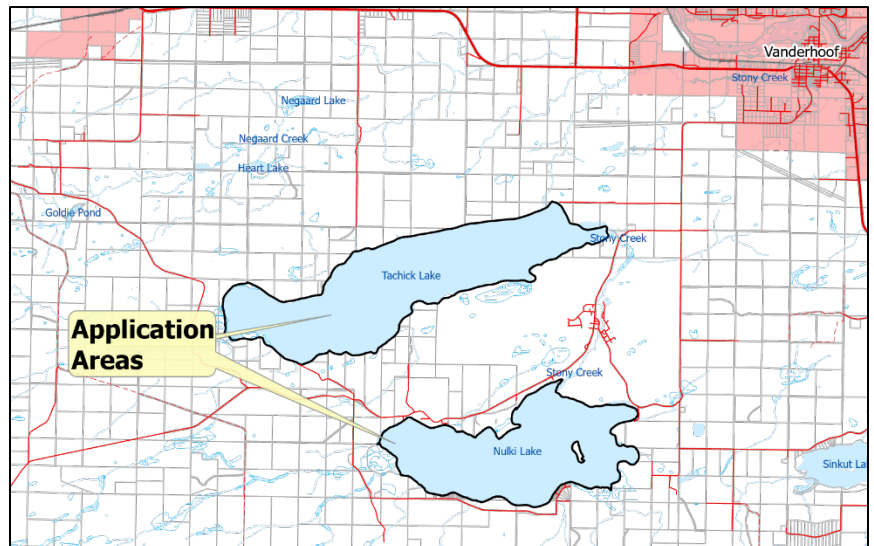
That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application 7410175.

### VOTING

All Directors / Majority

### DISCUSSION

This application is for a Withdrawal from Disposition for Tachick and Nulki Lakes for a 10-year term in order for the applicant to establish a temporary reserve while the applicant pursues the establishment of a Wildlife Management Area for the management of White American Pelican and other migratory waterfowl. The application states that any proposed management measures identified to protect ecological values within the proposed Withdrawal would be developed and consulted on during the Wildlife Management Area application process.



### ATTACHMENT

Comment Sheet



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
COMMENT SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL 7410175**

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<b>Electoral Area:</b>	F
<b>Applicant:</b>	Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
<b>Existing Land Use:</b>	Waterbodies
<b>Zoning:</b>	N/A
<b>Plan Designation</b>	N/A
<b>Proposed Use Comply with Zoning:</b>	N/A
<b>If not, why?</b>	
<b>Agricultural Land Reserve:</b>	Tachick Lake is included in the ALR Nulki Lake is not included in the ALR
<b>Access:</b>	Kenney Dam Road
<b>Building Inspection:</b>	No
<b>Fire Protection:</b>	No
<b>Other comments:</b>	None



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Chair Parker and Rural / Agriculture Committee  
**FROM:** Rowan Nagel, GIS/Planning Technician  
**DATE:** April 8, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410176

**RECOMMENDATION**

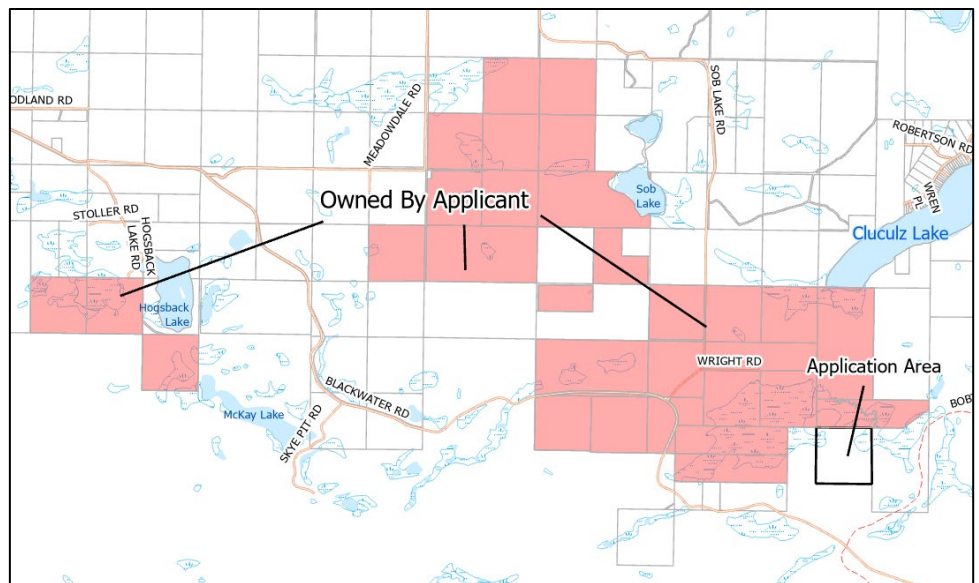
That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land application 7410176.

**VOTING**

All Directors / Majority

**DISCUSSION**

This application is regarding a Crown Grant to obtain additional land for extensive agriculture purposes. The application area is approximately 64 hectares in size and is located 24 kilometers South-East of Vanderhoof. The land is proposed to be cleared



and used for grazing. The applicant owns multiple parcels in the area. It is noted that the road associated with License of Occupation Referral No. 7410174 runs through this parcel. The application area is located within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and is within the Agriculture Development Area under the Vanderhoof Area Crown Land Plan.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Comment Sheet



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**COMMENT SHEET ON TRANSPORTATION 7410176**

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<b>Electoral Area:</b>	Area F
<b>Applicant:</b>	Garrett Ranches Ltd
<b>Existing Land Use:</b>	None
<b>Zoning:</b>	Agriculture (Ag1) in Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw 1800, 2020
<b>Plan Designation</b>	Agriculture in Vanderhoof Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw 1517, 2009
<b>Proposed Use Comply with Zoning:</b>	Yes
<b>If not, why?</b>	N/A
<b>Agricultural Land Reserve:</b>	Yes
<b>Access:</b>	Blackwater Rd
<b>Building Inspection:</b>	No
<b>Fire Protection:</b>	Cluculz Lake Fire Protection Area
<b>Other comments:</b>	None



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Chair Parker and Rural / Agriculture Committee  
**FROM:** Rowan Nagel, GIS/Planning Technician  
**DATE:** April 8, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410005

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land application 7410005.

**VOTING**

All Directors / Majority

**DISCUSSION**

This application is regarding an amendment to an existing License of Occupation to allow investigative drilling and aquifer testing of underground aquifers in search of water for the Mt. Milligan Mine.

The application area is 3,638.51 ha. in size and is located approximately 80 kilometers north of Fort St. James, directly north of the Mt. Milligan Mine site.

The crown grant will allow Thompson Creek Metals the right to drill test wells at 11 sites, the majority of which are within 1 kilometer of the Nation River. Additionally, they will create three kilometers of access road, and 11 drill pads.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Comment Sheet





**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**COMMENT SHEET ON TRANSPORTATION 7410005**

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<b>Electoral Area:</b>	Area C
<b>Applicant:</b>	Thompson Creek Metals
<b>Existing Land Use:</b>	None
<b>Zoning:</b>	Not Zoned
<b>Plan Designation</b>	Resource in Area C Fort St James Official Community Plan Bylaw 1578, 2010 & Not Zoned
<b>Proposed Use Comply with Zoning:</b>	Yes
<b>If not, why?</b>	N/A
<b>Agricultural Land Reserve:</b>	No
<b>Access:</b>	North Philip, Rainbow, and Snout FSR
<b>Building Inspection:</b>	No
<b>Fire Protection:</b>	No
<b>Other comments:</b>	None



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Chair Parker and Rural / Agriculture Committee  
**FROM:** Rowan Nagel, GIS/Planning Technician  
**DATE:** April 8, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Crown Land Referral No. 0282536

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land application 0282536.

**VOTING**

All Directors / Majority

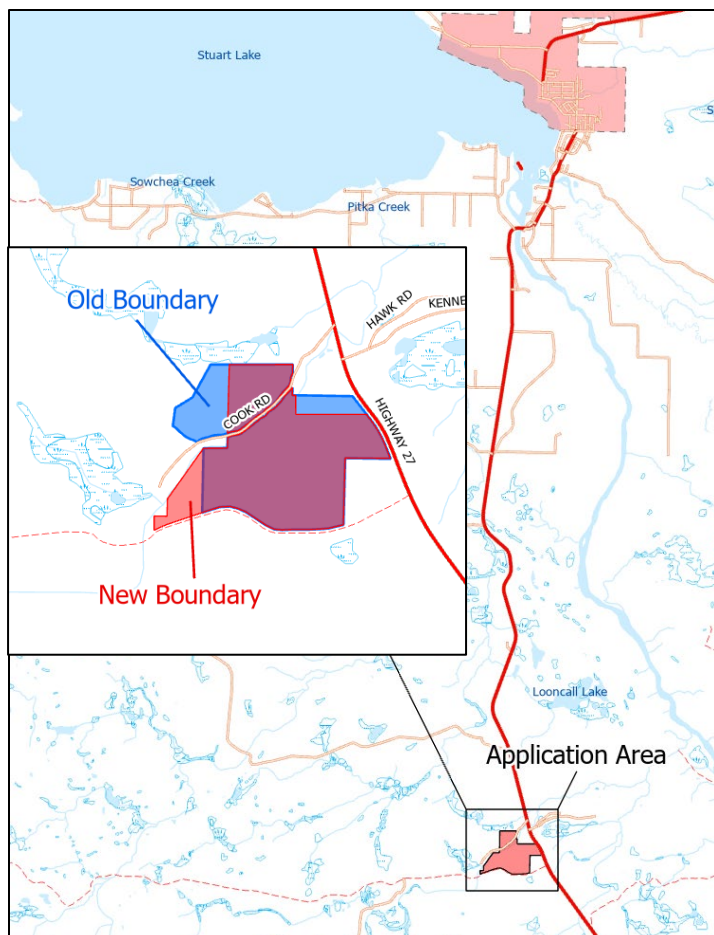
**DISCUSSION**

This is a Withdrawal from Disposition application to amend the boundaries for a Ministry of Transportation gravel pit in the Dog Creek area along Highway 27, approximately 17.6 km south of Fort St. James.

The application proposes to remove 17.4 ha of the gravel pit area, and add 7.3 ha., as shown on the adjacent site plan. The new proposed Withdrawal from Disposition area is approximately 97.5 ha. in size.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Comment Sheet





**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**COMMENT SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL 0282536**

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<b>Electoral Area:</b>	Area F
<b>Applicant:</b>	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
<b>Existing Land Use:</b>	None
<b>Zoning:</b>	Rural Resource (RR1) in Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw 1800, 2020
<b>Plan Designation</b>	Resource in Vanderhoof Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw 1517 2009
<b>Proposed Use Comply with Zoning:</b>	Yes
<b>If not, why?</b>	N/A
<b>Agricultural Land Reserve:</b>	No
<b>Access:</b>	Dog Creek FSR, Cook Rd
<b>Building Inspection:</b>	Yes
<b>Fire Protection:</b>	No
<b>Other comments:</b>	None