

Snow Lake FRAC Meeting

March 29, 2007

Snow Lake Library

Doug Hunt gave a background presentation on mill performance and issues over the last year. He updated the committee on the purchase of the rail bed from Foran and the intention to eventually lock the gate and restrict access to those having legitimate needs to use the road. Gary had concerns over the traffic on the first section of the road to the mine and Doug responded that the companies have been in discussion on ways to ensure safety there including radio control of traffic and avoiding conflict at peak shift change times. Concern was also expressed regarding safety on PR 392 with the additional haul traffic. Discussion ensued on haul timing and frequency and ways to notify the community. This route is only temporary. There are other options to investigate like the winter road south through the park with bridge across the Grass River and potentially accessing the active rail to the west along the Chisel Line. It is in Tolko's best economic interest to develop a direct access through the park vs hauling wood back towards Snow Lake. Gary would like to see some public notification that Tolko has taken over the road and suggested inserting flyers in the local PO boxes could be done at reasonable cost. Currently Tolko lawyers are looking at the access issue and may come up with a waiver for people to sign who are granted a key.

Mike talked about the harvest and access development plans. Harvesting will likely start within the next month in the Woosey Lake area and proceed to blocks on the Dickstone Road later in the year with winter harvest around Norris Lake. Tolko also plans to start construction of the Norris Lake Road this summer extending the access from the Dickstone Road to north of Loonhead Lake. Prior to any operations beyond the harvest at Woosey Lake, Tolko needs approval from the Province to amend their Long Term Forest Management Plan to add these forest areas and access roads. Tony identified that he owns the (outfitters) sport fishing rights on Rail, Krug and Sewell Lakes and was considering constructing an out camp at Sewell. He felt that, provided a 100 m buffer was left on the lakes, Tolko's proposed harvest would not impact his fishing operations on these lakes.

Paul presented the block configuration for proposed herbicide treatment this fall. There were no issues with the configuration as presented which included buffers on all water features adjacent to the blocks. Paul went over the permitting process which will include application for a general spray permit after public notice is placed in the community. A further block review will take place with MC and additional restrictions may be put on the blocks at that time. These blocks have been discussed at public meetings for three years now and the company hopes to complete the work in late August or early September. The snowmobile club has a warm up shack in the lake buffer off H-1 block which would not be impacted by the spray.

Attendance attached.

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Doug Hunt

Talks

G. Zanone

S/L.

Paul Chapman

Talks

Tony Snow

WATERFALLS LODGE

Mike Paddock

Talks

Chris Chell

SNOW LAKE SNO-DRIFTERS.

Troy Westrich

MC - TLo Pas

BRYAN STEFANIUK

MB CON - SNOW LAKE