NO MINING IN NUXALKULMC

→ WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ←

Who is mining and what are they looking for?

<u>Juggernaut Exploration</u> is drilling for **GOLD** and has a large crew in Bella Coola until September. You have probably seen the helicopters carrying pipes and other drill gear. At this time, it is not a mine, but they are looking for an area to create a mine. Now is the best time to stop the project.



Where are they drilling?

One of the areas the company is drilling is on the top of Qw'miixw (Mt. Pootlass) above the Nutcicts'kwani (Necleetsconnay) River, which leads into the Bella Coola River and estuary. Another area is in the mountain above the Rock Carvings on Thorsen Creek. These places are sacred and spiritually important to Nuxalkmc as told in our Smayusta (creation stories).

Why does it matter?

Nuxalkmc Stataltmc, speaking on behalf of our families and Nation, have said NO to mining. **Mining without consent is a human rights violation.**

What are some long-term impacts of mining?

- Removal of mountains to create waste dumps that fail over time For example, Mount Polley Mine Disaster, 2014
- Rock acid and heavy metal contamination (linked to cancers)
- Extreme dust and noise from dynamite blasting
- Loss of tourism due to mine pollution
- Spikes and crashes in property values (homes & businesses)

Calls to ACTION - What you can do

- 1. **Make your voice heard** support human rights and SAY NO to mining and talk about it to friends and family to help educate others.
- 2. **Local businesses** can stop providing services to the miners that enable operations to continue (transportation, accommodation, fuel, building materials, etc.)
- 3. Stay updated on Nuxalk social media accounts & share content: Ancient Roots Collective Website: ancientrootscollective.com Instagram: @ancientrootscollective @nusqlst_village
- 4. **Comment on Juggernaut social media accounts** to <u>not invest</u> in the project due to human rights violations. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn. Find links at: https://juggernautexploration.com/
- 5. Call & write local leaders, the BC and Canadian government and the company to let them know that you DO NOT SUPPORT MINING in Nuxalkulmc due to:
 - Human Rights violations against Nuxalkmc
 - Lack of public consultation
 - Threat to our water, salmon, forests and way of life
 - Threat to the local tourism economy
 - Threat to long term value of local homes and businesses
 - Threat of mine workers preying on local women and youth
 - Threat of increased alcohol & drug abuse and violence
 - ⇒ John Horgan, BC Premier john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca Telephone: 250-391-2801
 - ⇒ Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation Email: IRR.Minister@gov.bc.ca
 - ⇒ BC Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon
 Minister Bruce Ralston Email: EMPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca
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