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Dear Mr. Selinger:

File: 5621:00
Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company, Limited
Reed Mine Environment Act Proposal

I am commenting on the above proposal. My observations and responses are not listed in any order of importance. They are simply dealt with in the order which they appeared in the document published by AECOM, a firm that was paid by the proponent.

Preliminary Comment

However, before proceeding to specifics I must comment on Conservation's usual deficient process. The proponent has access to all manner of resources including consultants who work feverishly for long periods of time before producing a weighty tome complete with charts, graphs, maps, references and appendices. A Technical Advisory Committee gets dibs on it, but does not publish its conclusions. Then the public, the people actually paying Conservation's bills, gets 30 days worth of our spare time to absorb some very intimidating material before responding just coherently enough to be ignored.

This deficient process only "works" if the public knows that it is actually underway. In the case of File 5621:00 your Conservation department advertised the "Notice of

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Environment Act Proposal" in three northern newspapers in Thompson, Flin Flon and Snow Lake. I learned of it when the Western Canada Wilderness Committee was interviewed for a story in the Winnipeg Free Press. This effectively reduced my response time from the already miserable 30 days to about half of that. Look, if it is too much to conscientiously engage the public, just say so.

Statement of Qualifications and Limitations

This page is a "disclaimer". Govern yourself accordingly.

Cover Letter

Most of what is deficient in File 5621:00 is contained in this letter. The Environmental Assessment & Licensing Branch should have required an application for a Class 3 Environment Act license, not a Class 2. For goodness sake, this is a full-blown copper mine in a provincial park that will operate 365 days a year with a heavy truck entering the highway about every 20 minutes! What does it take to get your government to use the Class 3 provisions of the Act?

With a Class 3 application we get real public engagement and a \$100,000 fee. Instead, the proponent has coffee with people in Flin Flon and Snow Lake. Heck, the aboriginal community got 3 meetings, but that's only because of Section 35 of the Constitution. Are the rest of us chopped liver? Manitoba is broke. Why would you leave \$95,000 on the table, and settle for the meagre \$5,000 fee for a Class 2 license?

The transmittal letter contains the real tragedy of what passes for environmental assessment in Manitoba. The "Reed Advanced Exploration Project (AEP)" has already cooked this goose. Whatever public environmental analysis is forthcoming from File 5621:00 is moot. Everybody, especially those with professional qualifications, should be ashamed. Every Environmental Studies department at every university in Canada should turn the Reed AEP into a case study on how those put in an office of stewardship over the environment can willingly compromise both science and honour. Shame on the lot of you.

Executive Summary

The most remarkable feature of the Executive Summary is that everything associated with a copper mine region that will operate for 5 years while producing 1,300 tonnes of ore per day (24/7/365) in a provincial park is "insignificant". Outstanding.

(Please note that there is no evidence whatsoever that vegetative buffers significantly mitigate industrial noise. They are far too porous and not absorptive, especially in the winter, spring and fall.)

Woodland Caribou

Section 4.11.1 makes three statements saying that boreal woodland caribou are "threatened". It also admits that the "Reed Boreal Woodland Caribou range is located within the Project Region", that is, the copper mine region. Then it goes on to state that caribou can be seen crossing the same highway that will see its traffic increased by "23-29%" every day of the year as a result of the mine. This begs for a reduced speed limit in the "Project Region", but the Motor Transport Board will get to that around the time that the mine is decommissioned.

Finally, the section on woodland caribou concludes with this remark: "The Reed herd caribou spend the majority of their time on the west side of Reed Lake, which is outside of the Project Region". Figure 3 in the EAP clearly shows that the "Project Region" is southwest of, and a stone's throw from, the west of Reed Lake. This is obfuscation of the worst sort and, by itself, is justification to withhold an Environment Act license.

The Reed Mine is clearly an activity which compromises other park purposes, namely the eponymously named Reed caribou herd. It is an egregious violation of the Provincial Parks Act.

Recommendations

- Preaching to the choir is unfulfilling, but safe. That is why the proponent only talked to its friends in the North. That is also why the civil service blithely advertised a Class 3-calibre development in major provincial park only in three northern newspapers. In the future, any Environment Act development in a provincial park should be advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press. If you are concerned about the cost, increase the filing fees.
- To the best of my knowledge, this will be the only active mine in a provincial park (other than, perhaps, seasonal quarries). This sets a terrible precedent. In the case of Grass River Provincial Park the park's boundaries should be increased to compensate for this intrusion.
- The use of "advanced exploration permits" to foreclose on what little honour is left in the Environment Act Proposal process is abhorrent. Everything that administratively follows the "Reed Advanced Exploration Project" is window dressing worthy of the fable of the naked emperor. Stop this violation of the spirit of environmental assessment immediately.
- Publish the comments of the Technical Advisory Committee along with the proponent's Environment Act Proposal. The committee members were paid for with tax dollars.

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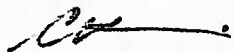
- *Increase EAP filing fees.*
- *Increase the period of time in which the public can respond to EAPs, especially if your advertising remains deficient and secretive.*

Conclusion

Several years ago, Andrew Nikiforuk, the well-known environmental author, wrote an essay wherein he described the state of environmental assessment in Canada as "a nasty game". In Manitoba the nasty game has struck a nadir. One needs no more proof than the abysmal process contained in File 5621:00. I do not blame the proponent or its consultants. Their goal is to maximize shareholder wealth. No, the guilt lies with cavalier politicians and uninspired civil servants who would rather preen for corporate executives than respect Manitoba's people.

The "Parks Province", indeed.

Yours truly,



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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Robert Rutkowski
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Sent: February-20-13 5:22 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Parks need to be permanently protected to safeguard ecosystem services and wildlife habitat.

Species like the woodland caribou—listed as "threatened" under both the federal and provincial endangered species acts—depend on undisturbed wilderness to survive. The Manitoba government first committed to protecting caribou habitat in 2000.

The Reed Mine site is located within a key caribou migration route and right beside calving grounds on Reed Lake. The project is located in the "Naosap" range, which the Manitoba government lists as one of the three most high-risk caribou herds in the province.

A full licence for the Reed Mine has not yet been granted, however the provincial government has quietly allowed Hudbay to begin construction of this mine—before the public comment period even began.

Immediately banning new mining claims will demonstrate the provincial government's commitment to park protection.

Provincial park mining can have long-term toxic impacts. While Hudbay insists that its previous mine work in Grass River park has had minimal impact, the devastation from the company's Spruce Point Mine Site is still plainly visible.

The Reed Mine should NOT be approved.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring these remarks to your attention.

Yours sincerely,
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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Roger Ritsema
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Sent: February-20-13 5:34 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Several years ago there was a great victory for those who love and respect wild places and wild animals. The Province of Manitoba banned logging in Provincial Parks. What a great proud moment for Manitobans and a show to the world that we are serious about protected areas. Come to find out the Province is only protecting wild areas from certain industries. It is absolutely incredible that a government agency can ban logging in parks and yet quietly let mining continue and even expand. Incredible hypocrisy and even worse a threat to woodland caribou and the biodiversity that protected areas are meant to protect. This wrong must be righted, a Government must be thorough and consistent with its conservation strategy for it to have any measure of success. Mining is a devastating process on the environment that leaves a toxic legacy long after the mining company has left town. No mining in Parks! The Reed Mine should not be approved.

Sincerely,

Roger Ritsema

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Eldy Birnie
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Sent: February-20-13 5:42 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

I was born and raised in Manitoba. I know both the cultural and environmental value of keeping park lands industry free. In light of the past performance alone this company should not be allowed to mine within a provincial park.

Please consider these points:

- Parks need to be permanently protected to safeguard ecosystem services and wildlife habitat.
- Species like the woodland caribou-listed as "threatened" under both the federal and provincial endangered species acts-depend on undisturbed wilderness to survive.The Manitoba government first committed to protecting caribou habitat in 2000.
- The Reed Mine site is located within a key caribou migration route and right beside calving grounds on Reed Lake. The project is located in the "Naosap" range, which the Manitoba government lists as one of the three most high-risk caribou herds in the province.
- A full licence for the Reed Mine has not yet been granted, however the provincial government has quietly allowed Hudbay to begin construction of this mine-before the public comment period even began.
- Immediately banning new mining claims will demonstrate the provincial government's commitment to park protection.
- Provincial park mining can have long-term toxic impacts. While Hudbay insists that its previous mine work in Grass River park has had minimal impact, the devastation from the company's Spruce Point Mine Site is still plainly visible.
- The Reed Mine should NOT be approved.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns on the very important issue.

Respectfully,
Eldy Birnie

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Juan Pablo madrid
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Sent: February-20-13 5:43 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Kelly Mitchell
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Sent: February-20-13 6:12 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

I took the time of my full time work schedule to write a letter requesting that you do not go ahead with the reed mine proposal.

Again I will reiterate, this plan would be extremely short sighted, and we need our ministers to slow down the "so called progress" in our provincial parks. To act on the behalf of the Manitoban people.

I am the also mother of 8 year daughter who has recently was with me to visit a forest in Indonesia. (what they have done with mining claims and forest claims is devastating). What makes it worse for Manitobans is that we are not starving so why exactly are will making these very ill choices. 2010 we came back from New Zealand where the people are fighting to stop mining claims and they are making progress and these are even outside of parks. Since the law years ago doesn't stop this from happening in provincial parks the government elected by the people needs to stop this from happening. We need to have faith that our heritage and our wilderness is being protected especially by Manitoba Conservation in provincial parks.

Please don't let us down.

Yours truly,

Kelly Mitchell

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Garry Loewen
[garryloewen@shaw.ca]
Sent: February-20-13 6:20 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

I urge both of you to visit the Spruce Point mine site and rethink allowing any mining to take place in Provincial Parks.

Thank You!

Garry Loewen

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Serge Gautron
[sergegautron@shaw.ca]
Sent: February-20-13 6:33 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Dear Sir and Madam;

the Grass River Park and all provincial parks need to be permanently protected to safeguard ecosystem services and wildlife habitat for generations to come.

Species like the woodland caribou—listed as “threatened” under both the federal and provincial endangered species acts—depend on undisturbed wilderness to survive. The Manitoba government first committed to protecting caribou habitat in 2000. Why stop protecting the caribou and this park now?

The Reed Mine site is located within a key caribou migration route and right beside calving grounds on Reed Lake. The project is located in the “Naosap” range, which the Manitoba government lists as one of the three most high-risk caribou herds in the province. A full licence for the Reed Mine has not yet been granted, however the provincial government has quietly allowed Hudbay to begin construction of this mine—before the public comment period even began. This seems quite underhanded!

Immediately banning new mining claims will demonstrate the provincial government's commitment to park protection. Provincial park mining can have long-term toxic impacts. While Hudbay insists that its previous mine work in Grass River park has had minimal impact, the devastation from the company's Spruce Point Mine Site is still plainly visible.

The Reed Mine should NOT be approved. The danger to this sensitive park and its endangered species is too great, to risk allowing a mining company to pillage its contents.

Thank you,
Serge Gautron

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Marilyn Hearn
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Sent: February-20-13 6:42 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Marilyn McClelland
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Sent: February-20-13 6:49 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

National and Provincial parks have been put aside as PROTECTED areas by forward thinking people for the enjoyment of humans and the species that live there. How can it even be considered to destroy what has been already be claimed as safe and off limits to industry and development and is to remain as nature intended? The Reed Mine site is located within a key caribou migration route and beside calving grounds on Reed Lake and as the woodland caribou is listed as "threatened" we need to do all that is possible to leave their home wilderness undisturbed forever. What happened to the Manitoba governments commitment of 2000 to protect caribou habitat? Has the short 13 years given them time to forget?

As the full licence for the Reed Mine has not yet been granted how can any construction be secretly started even before the public comment period? This is diabolical and a complete disregard for the democratic process and they have no right to even turn the soil before full permission is given! If the research program overturns this mine any premature construction will still have a huge negative impact on the location.

All mining has a devastating negative affect on the environment with the long term toxic impacts and destruction of the landscape which is still visible from the Spruce Point Mine site. These large companies who only see money and who white wash all negative impacts due to greed do not see the big picture or in fact care about the damage they do, the wildlife they kill or the humans they affect so they are not to be trusted.

Banning this and any future mines will demonstrate the provincial government's commitment to park protection and will show they keep their promises. Please STOP any construction IMMEDIATELY and say NO to this and any future mine in protected areas, National and Provincial Parks.

Thank you,
Marilyn McClelland
Fanny Bay, BC

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Fred Goods
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Sent: February-20-13 7:36 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Hello Ms Winsor and Mr Mackintosh,

I ask that you give very careful consideration to the legacy you wish to create.
Will it be one of short term gain or one you will be lauded for by future generations who MIGHT still have relatively intact natural parks to enjoy and hopefully respect.

Fred Goods
Brandon, MB

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Tanya Cheal
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Sent: February-20-13 7:50 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

There should never have been any mining allowed in Provincial Parks. What is the point of having land deemed a provincial park if it is not protected, but is in fact knowingly and purposefully sold off the most damaging bidder. I insist on a severe reassessment regarding the Reed Mine "proposal". Further more I implore you all to implement an immediate and permanent ban on any further park damage due to mining. I feel a little angry that I should have to beg reasonable people like yourselves to do what is clearly right, but here I am yet again, begging. I am begging for all the people and wildlife that have depended upon and enjoyed these parks for so very many years so far. I am begging on behalf of my own self and my family; my parents who brought me up to appreciate these wonders, and my 11 year old daughter who lays awake in worry over such unnatural disasters as these. I am begging you on behalf of all the animals, plants and people that have not yet had the pleasure of enjoying Manitoba parks intact. Please make a name for yourself in Manitoba history. Please make it a good name - one you and your children, and children's children can be proud of. Please save our Parks.
With deep sincerity, Tanya Cheal.

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Doug Turner
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Sent: February-20-13 8:03 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Jessica Adel
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Sent: February-20-13 8:15 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Parks need to be permanently protected to safeguard ecosystem services and wildlife habitat.

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Provincial park mining can have long-term toxic impacts. While Hudbay insists that its previous mine work in Grass River park has had minimal impact, the devastation from the company's Spruce Point Mine Site is still plainly visible.

The Reed Mine should NOT be approved.

Thank you
Jessica Adel

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Ian Band
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Sent: February-20-13 9:09 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Jennifer MacBeath
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Sent: February-20-13 9:10 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Dear Ms. Winsor and Mr. Mackintosh,

It is my great regret that I was away from home and unable to write this email before the February 19th deadline for public comment regarding the Reed Mine in Grass River Park. I hope that you will still consider my comments in this matter. As an avid camper and lover of our Provincial Parks I implore you to reject the license for the Reed Mine as well as to end all mining in Provincial Parks. I was shocked and dismayed to learn about this, yet another mining company, attempting to get a mining licence in a Provincial Park, and even more shocked to learn that the current government has already allowed Hudbay Mining Company to begin construction of this mine even before a full licence has been granted and before the public comment period even began. The NP Government claims to be committed to protecting our Provincial Parks, yet again and again, its actions speak louder than its words, turning its words into lies. Manitoba is a large province. Surely there can be some areas that can be considered sacred, so to speak, and be completely protected from exploitation by mining companies. I speak not only for myself but for my children as well. Mining has got to stop in Provincial Parks. Someone needs to finally put an end to this. Why not you? For the sake of future generations and for the sake of the threatened animal and plant species that need an undisturbed habitat, please do not approve this mine and take a stronger stand against all mining in the Provincial Parks. Thank you for considering this email. I hope to hear that the voices of the many Manitobans who feel the same way as I do are finally being heard.

Sincerely,
Jennifer MacBeath

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Kathy Maher
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Sent: February-20-13 9:27 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

The whole purpose of provincial & national parks is to PROTECT and PRESERVE the environment and animals. So why is mining even being considered in our parks!!!!

What are the long-term toxic impacts of mining? Does this company (Reed Mine) have a stellar record of minimal impact on the environment? Have you looked at the Spruce Point Mine Site lately? Who is on the hook for cleaning that up??

What is the impact to the caribou or does the Minister of Conservation even care about that given the way the department handles fawns being cared for by children?

Stop mining in our parks.

Kathy Maher, Winnipeg, MB

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Jim Palmquist
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Sent: February-20-13 9:51 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation
Rob Altemeyer, MLA Wolseley

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal! It makes no sense to allow a company to make themselves money by destroying our land for future generations. What they do to the land benefits only their pocketbook but leaves a huge mess for the future.

You, the government, are supposed to be stewards of the land. Show some stewardship!

The idea of mining in a provincial park is total abdication of your responsibility. A park is a park, is a park, is a park. What does the government not understand about the word 'park'. There is no justification for mining in a park.

Stop the Reed Mine now. Show some leadership for the people of Manitoba that goes beyond the next election.

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of tammy klos
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Sent: February-20-13 10:31 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Shawn Wentz
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Sent: February-20-13 10:37 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Isn't the whole point of having a Provincial Park protecting the environment and wildlife within it. Stop all commercial mining developments in any provincial parks.

Shawn Wentz
Winnipeg MB

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Phil Geisel
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Sent: February-20-13 10:52 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Doug Smith
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Sent: February-20-13 11:57 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

No to the proposed mine!

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Michele Frykas
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Sent: February-21-13 1:42 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Manitoba has currently come into the spotlight for our horrible treatment of our lakes. As a child I loved swimming at Grand Beach, Gimli and at Falcon Lake, now I am afraid to bring my children to many of these places due to the condition of the water.

Currently my children and I enjoy our excursions to our many Provincial parks. I would hate for the same thing to happen to our wooded areas. I would like my grandchildren to enjoy nature the same way I have and my children have.

Please think of the future generations when making decisions like placing mines in Provincial parks. Yes, it may be in the middle of no where, where few people go, but it still impacts the entire area. It impacts the surrounding vegetation, the water, and the animals.

Let's not make international news again in 10-20 years for our mis-treatment of our natural resources.

Michele Frykas

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of jeanette capotorto
[capotro@aol.com]
Sent: February-21-13 5:58 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

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Say No to the Reed Mine!135
From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Anne Christianson
[annie@mts.net]
Sent: February-21-13 7:12 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Sara Stasiuk
[sara@manitobamusic.com]
Sent: February-21-13 9:15 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Ms Winsor:

I protest construction of the Reed Mine in Grass River Provincial Park. I've spent time in and around this river as a recreational canoeist, and am familiar with its stunning, pristine, and varied ecosystem. I strongly believe that parks need to be permanently protected to safeguard ecosystem services and wildlife habitat. Manitoba's land and environment is its advantage. Immediately banning new mining claims will demonstrate the Province's commitment to park protection.

It is critical that Manitobans have the chance to respond to the as-of-yet-unreleased results of expert studies. The short-term interests of industry must not have priority over the long term interests of the citizens and our land. The Reed Mine should not be approved.

Sincerely,

Sara Stasiuk
64 Cathedral Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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Say No to the Reed Mine!137
From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Shirley Evans
[shirley.evans@diabetesclothesline.ca]
Sent: February-21-13 9:52 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Gavin Clements
[clements.gavin@gmail.com]
Sent: February-21-13 10:00 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Dear Ms Winsor,

Our provincial parks are meant to be protected. They are some of the few places left in our province where nature can still be appreciated with out industrial, commercial, or sprawling residential distraction. No mining should EVER occur in these peaceful areas. There are claims from Hudbay that previous mine work in Grass River Park have had minimal impact, which can be seen as an untrue statement to anyone who cares to visit the site. Minimal impact from a mining company is still far too great an impact in our treasured provincial parks. These footprints will remain for generations.

In no way should the Reed Mine project be approved. Please help us protect our wildlife and our beautiful parks.

Thank you,

Gavin Clements

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Say No to the Reed Mine!139
From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of steven carpenter
[scarpenter123@gmail.com]
Sent: February-21-13 10:01 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

- Parks need to be permanently protected to safeguard ecosystem services and wildlife habitat.

- Species like the woodland caribou-listed as "threatened" under both the federal and provincial endangered species acts-depend on undisturbed wilderness to survive.The Manitoba government first committed to protecting caribou habitat in 2000.

- The Reed Mine site is located within a key caribou migration route and right beside calving grounds on Reed Lake. The project is located in the "Naosap" range, which the Manitoba government lists as one of the three most high-risk caribou herds in the province.

- A full licence for the Reed Mine has not yet been granted, however the provincial government has quietly allowed Hudbay to begin construction of this mine-before the public comment period even began.

- Immediately banning new mining claims will demonstrate the provincial government's commitment to park protection.

- Provincial park mining can have long-term toxic impacts. While Hudbay insists that its previous mine work in Grass River park has had minimal impact, the devastation from the company's Spruce Point Mine Site is still plainly visible.

- The Reed Mine should NOT be approved.

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Jason Tucker
[tucker_77@hotmail.com]
Sent: February-21-13 10:18 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Dear Sirs,

This is an uneconomical, expensive place to mine peat and threatens one of our most pristine woodland areas. Please deny access to the mining company to strip this land.

- Jason Tucker

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Erica Allison
[ejaneallison@gmail.com]
Sent: February-21-13 10:28 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Please think of our grandchildren 7 generations from now! I vote to save the homes of those not human! There are other ways to feed this generation.

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Say No to the Reed Mine!142
From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of E Kowalski
[kowalski@mymts.net]
Sent: February-21-13 11:41 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

E Kowalski
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal! If you mine this area you will
never get it back . Destroy this area for a few dollars

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Say No to the Reed Mine!143
From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Dawn Campbell
[dawnejcampbell@gmail.com]
Sent: February-21-13 12:04 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Manitoba's provincial parks are a vital element in preserving the natural plant and animal life of our ecosystem, and I think we have an obligation to future generations to give these a chance to thrive. Mining and other industrial activities are important to the province, but they do NOT belong in provincial parks. Even outside designated parks and wilderness areas, more effort needs to be taken to minimize damage to wildlife habitat from industrial activities.

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Sue
[Sueostap@gmail.com]
Sent: February-21-13 2:32 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Attention: Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch Hello, I'm writing on behalf of my children, my grandchildren and future generations....it has come to my attention that once again our protected habitat for our wildlife is being threatened by our ever constant need and, I think, greed - the development of the Reed Mine in habitat that is essential to the survival of the endangered woodland caribou. We also know that the wilderness remaining in the world is so very limited and that within it lies the basis of diversity and we know how important diversity is for the survival of everything on earth! I believe we must protect more wilderness from development and, certainly, not expose already protected areas to such intrusions. By definition 'protection' means the act of protecting to (Miriam Webster) cover or shield from exposure, injury, damage, or destruction : guard. Please consider this in your deliberations....that every species has a right to life as our future generations. Please do not approve the Reed Mine proposal!

Sincerely,
Sue Ostapowich
650 Warsaw Ave.
Winnipeg, MB
R3M 1C6

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Ronald Hore
[rjhore@hotmail.com]
Sent: February-21-13 2:44 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

I cannot for the life of me understand why we continue to allow mining within our provincial parks. We have little enough pristine wilderness, and most of that lying beyond the reach of the average citizen of Manitoba. It is bad enough that logging continues, but the thought of any mining (including Peat mining!) is absolutely ridiculous. As someone who has spent several years exploring Lake Winnipeg and its shores, I have seen firsthand the results of less than clean run-off from the wetlands. Our provincial government made a lot of noise about spending additional millions of taxpayer dollars in order to protect the caribou on the east side of the lake, and then blindly goes ahead with suggestions such as this!

Mines should be forced to bring existing sites back to the original condition before they are allowed to continue anywhere, and certainly not on designated Park land!

Ronald Hore
Winnipeg MB
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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Pat MacRae
[macraem@mts.net]
Sent: February-21-13 3:02 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Dear Ms. Winsor,

I am writing as a Manitoba citizen to express my disapproval of the "proposed" Reed Lake Mine, somehow already under construction in Grass River Park. Beyond my general but very serious disapproval of the oxymoron of approving mining or resource exploitation in provincial parks, I have several more specific objections to this mine:

-The location of this particular mine will interfere with the migration and breeding of the caribou we all claim to be trying to protect. Or are some of us just claiming that we'll support the caribou if they don't get in the way of certain commercial interests? A commitment to protect is just that: a commitment. And commitments are not meant to be made with our fingers crossed, and honoured only if convenient. Please be willing to put your foot down to do your part to honour this commitment.

-I have difficulty believing that Hudbay has much concern for or will pay more than lip service to any environmental restrictions or limitations placed on them, when it appears they have not even waited to receive their license before beginning construction of this mine. I can only assume they don't actually feel that these licensing processes should have any strong influence on their own activities, and this worries me. I hope it worries you, too.

-I am also concerned that Hudbay considers the mess it has left behind in the wake of their Spruce Point Mine to be "minimal impact." Obviously their definition of "minimal impact" differs significantly from mine, to the point where I cannot help but suspect they are twisting the meaning of the English language to fit their own agenda. Dare we consult more time-honoured English definitions and call their assertions "lying"? I do. Please take their assertions and promises with a grain (or several) of salt!

For now, please do not approve this mine. Beyond this, I would ask you to support a moratorium on any mining in any provincially protected areas.

Thank you,

-Pat MacRae

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of LINDA PUTTAERT
[puttaerts@shaw.ca]
Sent: February-21-13 8:10 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Dear Mr. Mackintosh.

I am disappointed and saddened to hear that your government is allowing Hudbay to start work in establishing a mine in one of Manitoba's provincial parks - the Grass River. The damage left by Hudbay by a previous mine in this same park is disturbing and irresponsible.

Provincial parks are set aside a site to be enjoyed by Manitobans and to preserve our natural environment and animal species for now and future generations. Is nothing sacred to your government?

As a Manitoban and taxpayer I strongly disapprove with your actions. I say no to the Hudbay mine project. I hope you will do the same.

Thank you,
Linda Puttaert

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Karlene McLeod
[karlene_mcleod@hotmail.com]
Sent: February-21-13 9:04 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Hi,
Learning from past experience from mines in provincial parks (Spruce Point Mine) and the ongoing effect it has had on the ecosystem today I do not think mining in a provincial park should be an option. As provincial parks are showcased on their natural beauty. I have recently learned that this proposed mine will be in the range of the migratory routes of the woodland caribou, and possibly near the calving grounds of this species. To place a mine in the vicinity of the woodland caribous migratory and calving grounds is knowingly and willingly putting the species at a greater risk.

To ensure a pristine environment for the future generations the Reed Mine should NOT be approved!

Karlene McLeod
The Pas, Manitoba

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Richard Bracken
[rbracken29@gmail.com]
Sent: February-21-13 9:13 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

As a Manitoban nearing the age of 30, I've recently been spending more time thinking about what makes me want to stay in this province. A good job, family and many close friends play a big part in keeping me here. But I would say my love for the outdoors, and the many underrated lakes, rivers, parks and wildlife this province harbours are just as important.

I've been a big proponent of our province's parks and natural environment - canoeing, hunting, fishing, hiking: all are activities I've been able to enjoy and all are activities I tell out-of-province friends and relatives about, who often forget that Manitoba is more than flat prairie. These are also activities that I am more than happy to see my tax dollars go to support. Not only because I enjoy them, but also because we need to lead by example that supporting protected wilderness areas is a good thing.

What concerns me though - and I think it would be fair to say what concerns many young Manitobans - is the future of this province. Actions like permitting mining in a protected, wilderness area does not benefit the future of the province. It also does not reflect well on our image to the rest of Canadians, and it does not project the right image for the rest of the world, particularly developing nations.

If mining is to continue in this province, then expansion must be done carefully. This means no mining in provincial parks, and where mining is done, companies should be held to the highest standards. The resources aren't going anywhere, so let's not bow to the pressure of private influence.

I'd like to stay in Manitoba, and I'd like to be able to tell the rest of Canada that this is a great place to live. I'd be hard pressed to do either if I see the future of this province go down a mine shaft, along with a park's pristine environment.

So please do the right thing - the action that Manitobans have elected you to take - and say no to the Reed Mine in Grass River park.

Thank you.

RB

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Frida Simms
[fsimms2002@yahoo.com]
Sent: February-22-13 5:36 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Jennifer Deschamps
[jldeschamps@shaw.ca]
Sent: February-22-13 9:08 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of roy harrison
[r4footsx2@mymts.net]
Sent: February-22-13 10:58 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

As A Camper & Canoest i Have Had The Good Fortune Of Enjoying The Natural Beauty of some of the great parks & wild life habitant that our province Has To Offer. Also On My Endeavor To See These great sites I have also seen The destruction Of Areas Mined Or That Have Been Clear cut for companys personal financil gain THIS IS WRONG .The damage & garbage they create & leave Behind should Not & Cannot Be Tolerated.

I FOR ONE SAY NO TO ANY MORE MINING OR CLEAR CUTTING OF OUR NATURAL RESORCES .

So I Ask That The Manitoba Government Also Say No To Each & Everyone company
Ex. REED MINE PROPOSAL.

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Will Bailey-Elkin
[willb_e92@hotmail.com]
Sent: February-22-13 12:50 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

What is the point of making an area protected if it will just be torn apart
anyways. This is disgusting. It is a blatant slap to the faces of Manitoba
citizens.

The Manitoba government has been committed to protecting caribou habitat since
2000.

The Clean Environment Commission designated the Grass as a protected "High
Quality Surface Water" resource, because of the peat sediments which filter
the water.

DO NOT make this mine!

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Barb Eastveld
[bjeastveld@mts.net]
Sent: February-22-13 2:06 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Mining activities not only interfere with and injure/kill threaten wildlife; they also destroy natural habitats and contaminate soil and water resources. There should be no commercial activity that damages ecosystems or threatens indigenous wildlife allowed in Parks, anyways, in perpetuity!

Do not approve the Reed Mine. The moment construction began (as it has, in secret-shame on those involved!) the mine put the Naosap area at risk; including wildlife such as woodland caribou whose living range is already threatened. These are the caribou that government itself has identified as high risk and who government has vowed to protect. Government's behaviour in allowing mining construction in this region is then inconsistent at best, destructive and self-defeating; it is also possibly dishonest. Voters' views of government turn on just such perceptions.

Stop construction of the Reed Mine and make Hudbay restore the area they have disturbed.

Do not allow Hudbay or any one else to build a mine in a Park because it should be protected land. This is common sense. Furthermore, under the table deals made without consulting the public are not acceptable to voters. Contrary to popular political thinking, no one in government has the right to make agreements that are cloaked in secrecy. Government participation in destruction of wildlife and habitat for profits' sake is likewise unacceptable and backwards -thinking.

Ban all mining claims from this day (Feb 22, 2013) on; to show us that your government is serious about keeping your promises and protecting our Parkland.

Thank you,
Barb Eastveld
560 Kylemore Avenue,
Winnipeg, MB R3L 1B6

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Alon Weinberg
[alonalamim@yahoo.ca]
Sent: February-24-13 4:06 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

Dear Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing, and dear Minister Mackintosh,

I am a resident of St. Johns constituency, the minister's, and live here because I enjoy living close to the river. Natural geographic boundaries have always defined humans since time immemorial. Previous to European colonization of North America, the straight lines defining provinces did not exist, as the indigenous peoples of this land did not require these lines to demarcate land use areas; they figured it out amongst themselves through mutually beneficial agreements, and sometimes resorted to treaties when there was a need to formalize their relationships and agree on land use covenants.

Similarly, traplines with boundaries drawn on maps did not exist, as trappers and hunters, the natural stewards of this land, would know which creek or ridge to stop their hunt at, or also which ridge or creek to go beyond, knowing the neighbouring hunters might be relatives or friends or people of good will, able to allow some give and take regarding boundaries.

For that matter, provincial parks and protected areas for animals and habitat did not exist either. These were created due to a grave necessity to protect some living biological systems from the insidious and odious damage being done to the lands, the waters, the habitats of various species dependent upon intact ecosystems for their health and for their survival. But eventually these lines too were drawn on maps, and became a necessary feature for balancing out an economic model of growth at all costs that completed lacked internal balance, often proceeded without taking precaution with regards to pollution of waters and land or depletion of resources, and close to never considered the land use patterns of indigenous peoples. While ridiculous from an indigenous point of view, at least these parks sought to balance the folly of EuroCanadian man and his profit-oriented culture, or lack thereof.

Now, the Province of Manitoba wishes to eviscerate the meaning of even these park lines, without considering what further damage these mining companies will do to the land and to the water, all in the name of expediting economic growth, the false idol upon which all decisions are now made in the neoliberal NDP government of Manitoba. No longer are parks sanctimonious or protected, and if these cannot be relied upon as protected areas, then where will the animals know to go to find intact ecosystems? Which waters will be protected and certainly free of heavy metals and tailings ponds? Why would the Government consider allowing a mine in a provincial park without letting the public know the whole of the story publicly first? When will this NDP government grow a spine and realize that HudBay, contrary to being a good corporate citizen (or whatever other neoliberal gooble-de-gook it is willing to accept as reality) is wanted internationally for human rights violations in association with its mines overseas?

There were once certain lines, but they did not show up on the maps. Europeans disrupted these lines, ruined these old patterns of ecological stewardship, in favour of a colonial system of lines drawn on maps. Now the government wishes to undermine this system of stewardship for endless profits

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and exploitation, continuing to legitimate what, from an ecological point of view, cannot be called a sustainable economic plan.

It is about time the citizens of Manitoba, including first nations and their allies, draw new lines. We will not allow the dread capital of destruction to continue polluting the land and the waters, leaving our children and theirs a toxic mess to absorb into their bodies and into the bodies of the animals and plants that sustain all life forms. Go ahead, put a mine in a provincial park. Then, next election, rely on a first past the post and fear mongering politics to scare people away from the PC party.

Is this what passes for the D in NDP? Give the people more information and let them know neighbourhood by neighbourhood, community by community what economic development model the NDP now worships, the idol of growth that has replaced sound policy and planning. We may just choose to smash that idol, to follow the idol no more. The people are waking up. The government must reject this proposal or its parks will become the laughing stock of the whole country. The problem is that it is not the NDP's parks, nor the government's, but those of all Manitobans. And it is to these fellow Manitobans that all future correspondence on this issue will be addressed if the government does not back down from giving Manitoba's protected areas away to less-than-stellar corporate hooligans. Calling them citizens would be too generous in light of their past actions, and those of the Canadian mining industry as a whole.

Alon Weinberg
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Winnipeg, MB
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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of CLAY BAUMUNG
[cbaumung@mts.net]
Sent: February-24-13 8:02 PM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!•Parks need to be permanently protected to safeguard ecosystem services and wildlife habitat.

- Species like the woodland caribou-listed as "threatened" under both the federal and provincial endangered species acts-depend on undisturbed wilderness to survive.The Manitoba government first committed to protecting caribou habitat in 2000.

- The Reed Mine site is located within a key caribou migration route and right beside calving grounds on Reed Lake. The project is located in the "Naosap" range, which the Manitoba government lists as one of the three most high-risk caribou herds in the province.

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- Immediately banning new mining claims will demonstrate the provincial government's commitment to park protection.

- Provincial park mining can have long-term toxic impacts. While Hudbay insists that its previous mine work in Grass River park has had minimal impact, the devastation from the company's Spruce Point Mine Site is still plainly visible.

- The Reed Mine should NOT be approved.

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From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Annette Gargol
[larryanegargol@hotmail.com]
Sent: February-26-13 8:53 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

Dear Ms. Winsor,

I wish to reiterate my opposition to the Reed Mine Proposal. Having viewed the video posted on YouTube showing the lingering toxic waste impact at Spruce Point Mine Site, I find it appalling that our provincial government has quietly allowed Hudbay to begin construction of yet another mine amid evidence of past irresponsible toxic waste dumping and environmental destruction by Hudbay in our provincial parks.

I firmly support that parks need to be permanently protected to safeguard ecosystem services and wildlife habitat. Species like the woodland caribou—listed as “threatened” under both the federal and provincial endangered species acts—depend on undisturbed wilderness to survive. The Manitoba government first committed to protecting caribou habitat in 2000. The Reed Mine site is located within a key caribou migration route and right beside calving grounds on Reed Lake. The project is located in the “Naosap” range, which the Manitoba government lists as one of the three most high-risk caribou herds in the province.

Immediately banning new mining claims will demonstrate our provincial government’s commitment to park protection. Provincial park mining can have long-term toxic impacts. While Hudbay insists that its previous mine work in Grass River park has had minimal impact, the devastation from the company's Spruce Point Mine Site is still plainly visible.

Please confirm that my request that the Reed Mine should NOT be approved is registered.

Thank you, Annettr Gargol

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REED COPPER PROJECT

Community Open House
February 11, 2013

COMMENT SHEET

Contact Information (Optional):

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Location: (Relative to the Proposed Project):

- close - Snow Lake mb.

Do you have any concerns about the proposed Reed Copper Project?

Yes No

If so, what are your concerns?

Not a problem in sight.

Do you use the Project Area for any activity that you feel could be affected by the project?

Yes No

If yes, would you please describe your activity and where you carry it out?

Would you like someone from Hudbay or AECOM Canada Ltd. to contact you to further discuss potential impacts to your activity?

Yes No

If so, please provide contact information, if different from above:

Did you find this Open House useful?

Yes No

Please indicate how the Open House could have been more helpful to you, and let us know if there is a better method of informing you.

The powerpoint presentation and the maps and displays on easels were good for additional understanding.

If you have any additional comments or feedback, please use the space below

The Open House and the information presented was excellent and all I needed.

Your footprint is small, and with no milling on site the environmental risk is very low.

Keep the site clean, and Good Luck with the Project!

Clair Pilgrim

P.S. Had a tour of the site. The compact site and transfer of all sulphides (ore) off-site will have very little impact on the environment. All of which is addressed in the closure plans to return the site back to nature.

Thank you for your comments

Good Job.

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Say No to the Reed Mine!158

From: webmaster@wildernesscommittee.org on behalf of Lisa Bellemare
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Sent: February-26-13 9:41 AM
To: Winsor, Jennifer (CON)
Subject: Say "No" to the Reed Mine!

Jennifer Winsor
Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

CC: Gord Mackintosh, Manitoba Minister of Conservation

RE: Please Say "No" to the Reed Mine Proposal!

It is very upsetting that construction for this mine has begun, even though the public has not approved the mine on our Provincial Park. This type of conniving act is very dishonest.

In Québec the people have managed their Provincial Parks with the 'Société des établissements de plein air du Québec' and now their Provincial parks are protected as National parks and are all International Union for Conservation of Nature Category II protected areas.

Seeing that the Manitoba government has enough gull as to start a mining project without consent from the people of Manitoba, that proves we will benefit from the same management as Québec. I am attending a Idle No More presentation for non-indian status people and I am bringing this idea up to the reste of the people.

In these days we people have to work together to protect the land, water, industries for our next 7 or more generations, because there are many people in our government ready and willing to sell our precious resources to the highest or even lowest bidder in order to put money in their pocket. We cannot eat money, drink money or shelter ourselves with money. We need land, soil, that is clean to grow our food and clean water to drink and trees to build shelter. And you in the government need all those same natural ressources to be clean and healthy. Even if you do not have kids, you should always think about the next seven generations.

One more mine will make a difference, another negative impact on our ecosystem and we have to stop now.

God bless our earth.

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