

HELP for LETTER WRITERS.

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Dear Richard Neufeld, Gordon Hogg, Barry Penner:

We residents of the Boundary in the drainage of the Kettle River Valley have been very concerned about additional water licenses requested by Big White Mountain. We believe the Kettle River and its tributaries to be oversubscribed as water levels have been extremely low over the past years.

However:

The Blizzard Uranium project is a bigger threat to the Kettle River watershed than is Big Whites water licence application:

Approximately 10 km south of Big White Mountain, South of Trapping Creek and North of Lassie Lake lies the Blizzard Property and the "largest known Uranium deposit in the province".

The property is on a localized height of land which is surrounded by marshy areas which drain into Lassie Lake, Trapping Creek, Sanddrift/Copperkettle Creek and thus into the Main and West Kettle Rivers. Long-term contamination by radioactive minerals would damage these waterways with uraniums radioactive half life of 4.5 billion years. Radioactive material always escapes - **there is no safe way to mine uranium.**

The Province has filed court documents stating current restrictions on exploration and mining of uranium do not apply to the Blizzard property near Beaverdell. Boss Power filed a claim against the Province on October 16, 2008 seeking damages for expropriation of the Blizzard uranium deposit. (As per the December article in the "Boundary Creek Times")

We request of Richard Neufeld, BC Minister of Energy, Mines, and Petroleum Resources and Barry Penner, Minister of the Environment that you implement a permanent ban on the exploration and development of uranium mining (or any other mining which would expose radioactivity) of the Blizzard properties! The environmental risks and costs of allowing such activities far outweigh any potential benefits that anyone, including Boss Power/Blizzard Properties might ever realize therefore Blizzard Properties should not be compensated for "damages" if mining exploration is not allowed. Mining of uranium is what causes damage. If the province exercises a total ban in perpetuity then we are actually saving these companies the enormous cost of dealing with the contamination caused by radioactivity and therefore since our province saves them money the companies must not be compensated.

The long term integrity of the Kettle River ecosystem is at risk as is the safety and well-being of present and future residents of the Boundary area.

Thank you for your consideration
Respectfully submitted,

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Sir

Re: KETTLE RIVER WATERSHED

As a long time resident on the West Kettle river and more recently on the Main Kettle river, I am dismayed to observe that your government is not demonstrating strong resistance to the two projects threatening this watershed.

The Kettle has been identified as an endangered river and the application for the Big White Ski resort to draw on several headwater streams is alarming to those of us who are familiar with the extreme, low water levels in the West and Main Kettle rivers each late summer.

The threat of the possibility of uranium mining at the Blizzard property, has been a matter of local concern for more than thirty years. The moratorium on uranium mining announced by your government brought great relief and joy to the West Boundary. However, the filing of the lawsuit against the government by Boss Power has revived our concern.

I appeal to you to and to your government to take a strong stand and to champion a "green" course for the future of the Kettle River watershed.

Sincerely,

Dear Editor:

March 12 headlines of the Boundary Creek Times mention continued interest in uranium mining near Beavertell of the "most stable form of Uranium".

That "most stable" form, U238, is deadly, has a radioactive half-life of 4.5 billion years, and being nearly twice as dense as lead is used for ammunition rounds which can penetrate armour with ease, vapourizing into fine particles ranging from 3000 to 6000 degrees C causing maximum destruction. Military use of Uranium has increased in the past 50 years – perhaps not in "atom bombs" but in penetrating ammunition rounds.

Natural Uranium consists of 99.275% U238 with very small quantities of U235 and U234. It is mined, refined, and converted to uranium oxide or "yellowcake" and then into uranium hexafluoride a highly toxic solid, which reacts violently with water and is corrosive to most metals. The compound is sent to enrichment plants to concentrate the fissionable U235 to between three and five percent which readies it for power generation.

After the enrichment the leftover "depleted" uranium (40% less radioactive but far more concentrated than natural uranium) is stored as extremely toxic and corrosive waste or sold to ammunition manufacturers. Depleted Uranium stored at Hanford Washington threatens our area with radioactivity. Uranium mined near Beavertell and transported through Rock Creek will surely poison life in the Boundary.

Depleted Uranium used by the US and Britain in Iraq, Bosnia, and other places continues to poison many people including US soldiers. Iraqi civilians and American soldiers exposed to the gulf war report high rates of cancer in themselves and children born to them since. Unusual birth defects occur in high rates.

Depleted Uranium damages DNA – its legacy passes through generations – and one particle lodged in the lungs can start the reaction leading to fatal cancer. Depleted Uranium poisons soil, water and air for 4.5 plus billion years.....forever.
We must fight against Uranium exploration.

While the mining company claims that the Uranium "they" mine will not be used for military purposes----how can they possibly claim that? They will surely sell their product to the highest bidder who, in turn, will process it and again sell it to the highest bidder who will put it to whatever use they choose.

Yours truly,

Jane Marshall

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