

What We Heard

Mayo/Keno Meeting March 2020

Theme 1: Land Use Planning Process

The following comments summarize what we heard:

- The planning area is too small.
- Questions regarding why this process was not done as part of broader regional land use plan and comments that the area needs a regional land use plan.
- Protection of First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun (FNNND) Category A and B lands is important.
- A road/mining project and a planning process don't go together.
- Support for the draft vision and goals for the plan.
- Get this land use plan and a broader regional land use plan done, and then mineral development can happen.
- Yukon elected officials should be here in Mayo when discussing the Pros and Cons of the planning area.
- Moratorium on staking should be occurring while the LUP process is occurring.

Theme 2: Road Access Management

The following comments summarize what we heard:

- Need to ensure adequate security is in place for full clean up, with tight parameters for reclamation.
- Should be restored, not just reclaimed and ensure proper security to make sure it happens.
- Need game guardians out on the land.

Theme 3: Traditional Use and Knowledge

The following comments summarize what we heard:

- Before development in the mining sector (including the road), heritage sites need to be identified and flagged before development occurs near site.
- Elders work hard to ensure the future of land for our children.
- Road route is too close to the Ladue Lakes and highly valued fishing areas.
- Fish and salmon are important.

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- There are significant cultural, heritage, and environmental values along the proposed road route.
- Water quality should be maintained.

Theme 4: Wildlife/Wilderness

The following comments summarize what we heard:

- Moose ticks are important. We need to look after our animals.
- The headwaters/mouth of Beaver River and Carpenter Creek are important.
- Wetlands are important.
- Fish and salmon are important.
- Moose population is down, and moose need to be protected.
- Questions and concerns regarding how to keep water clean with mineral exploration activities.
- Ladue Lake is just too important to have a road this close.
- Opening up new areas minimizes the natural importance of the area. Should use existing corridor (i.e., Wind River Trail).
- Hunting is an issue in the area.
- Noise pollution can drive away wildlife.
- Concern about another airstrip near the river, too much development.
- Area is relatively untouched, hard to get to and should remain the same.
- Food security, the area is our bread basket for replenishing & sustaining wildlife.
- Species at Risk should be assessed.

Theme 5: Exploration Industry

The following comments summarize what we heard:

- Questions around how Mayo will benefit from mining.
- Questions was brought up " why open new access road when the Wind River Trail is already there"? Wind River trail should be used for access.
- Questions around why the companies can't use a winter road as they have less impact.
- Keep a percentage of the minerals in the ground for the next generation, it's not going anywhere.
- Foreign-owned mining companies are major concerns. These companies should show respect for the communities they came into.
- Questions around why companies don't fly to the area rather than build a road.

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- Air-based exploration work is becoming easier and cheaper. Companies should just do that. Example air ships, drones.
- Most of us here work for the mining industry, but the economic benefits are not reaching Yukoners.
- Hard rock mine issue with security and clean up is just not happening.
- Yukon mining is a small part of the overall economy. Government is the main employer.
- Economic values needs to assessed for all potential opportunities for the area. Tourism is expected to double in the next 8 to 10 yrs?
- Certainty for mineral potential needs to be looked at?
- Will this be a strictly private road and how will the plan address multiply users that want to use the road?
- Mining companies/foreign companies need to show respect for people living in the area.

Theme 6: Monitoring, Data, and Cumulative Effects

The following comments summarize what we heard:

- Cumulative effects of roads in the area is a concern. This is just one road, and it may not have a big impact, but the next one will add to it, and so on, and so on.
- Progressive reclamation should be occurring when areas are not being used anymore.
- Need to reflect the 2 ways of incorporate “togetherness”.