



Declaration of Title Pípsell [Jacko Lake & area]

Why Declare Title now?

The SSN have been involved with both the federal and provincial governments since the project section 10 order (February 2011). It has taken the Province nearly a year since the Tsilhqot'in decision (July 2014) and information supplied through our Cultural Heritage Study (August 2014) to revise their assessment and conclude that we have high *prima facie* for both Title and Rights.

Unfortunately the project Environmental Assessment process has continued without amendment despite this revised assessment. With the proposed project Application submission planned for August, 2015 we believe that now is the time to give notice to the government that this project cannot be assessed using the same status quo Environmental Assessment methods and process, and assumptions.

Do you intend to take our lands?

The SSN do not intend to harm or threaten our guests. In our Memorial to Sir Wilfrid Laurier (1910) our Chiefs clearly articulated, *“With us when a person enters our house he becomes our guest, and we must treat him hospitably as long as he shows no hostile intentions. at the same time we expect him to return to us equal treatment for what he receives.*

Some of our Chiefs said, “These people wish to be partners with us in our country. We must, therefore, be the same as brothers to them, and live as one family. We will share

equally in everything half and half in land, water and timber, etc. What is ours will be theirs, and what is theirs will be ours. We will help each other to be great and good.”

What is the SSN Project Assessment Process?

The SSN like others have been requesting an Independent Review Panel process for the assessment of the Ajax Mine Project. This level of review continues to be denied to us all. In relation to our Declaration of Title we will develop our project assessment process which will run alongside and where appropriate collaboratively with the Environmental Assessment Process (BCEAO & CEAA). Our process will be inclusive rather than exclusive and assess the project using our laws and governance including assessments which respect our cultural perspectives, knowledge & history. These processes may include components such as independent expert reviews, community based oral gatherings or hearings and assessments specific to intangible impacts such as those of a cultural and spiritual nature.

How can I stay updated?

SSN will continue to publish Community Information Articles and post information on both our webpage and facebook page. We ask that you call and / or write your government representatives Todd Stone (MLA, Kamloops South Thompson) and Cathy McLeod (MP Kamloops) and encourage them to uphold the honour of the Crown so that we can all be great and good.

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The Stk'emlupsemc who are the caretakers of Jacko Lake & area

