

**APPENDIX E1 – FIRST NATIONS & KELLY LAKE COMMUNITIES COMMENTS - TRACKING TABLE**

# ID	Issues Raised	Proponent Response	Review Status	Responsible Agency
	<b>Brule Project</b>			
1	<i>Infringement on Treaty Rights</i>	The project is not expected to have any significant adverse effects on fish and aquatic resources. Effects on wildlife (and hunting and trapping) are expected to be localized and will largely return to baseline conditions upon closure. Mitigation plans are in place, or will be finalized during the Application Review, to avoid impacts on Traditional Use Sites. Reclamation plans will re-establish productive ecosystems on the site.	Response Satisfactory.	MTSA  Archaeological Permitting Branch) if subject to Heritage Conservation Act MEMPR EA Commitment.
2	<i>Desire for Share of Economic Benefits</i>	All First Nations and Kelly Lake Communities want to share in the economic benefits of the Brule Mine Project, as well as WCC's other projects in the area. WCC is committed to providing opportunities for First Nations and Kelly Lake Communities to participate in contract bid processes, opportunities for direct employment, and opportunities for training. See Section 14 and 15 of the application.	Response Satisfactory. Issue Addressed.	EA Commitment.
	<b>Brule Mine</b>			
3	<i>Air Quality</i> Concerns about control of road dust on Sukunka FSR  Concerns about potential effects of coal dust from mine operations on Vegetation and Berries	Addressed through the Air Quality Management Plan, which incorporates several Best Management Practices to minimize road dust.  Dust on berries is an aesthetic, not human or wildlife health issue. In the case of humans, typically berries or other wild-collected fruits should be washed before ingestion, which will remove the dust. In the case of wildlife, eating berries with dust on them will have no adverse effect; many birds and grazers ingest dirt naturally as part of their feeding processes.	Response Satisfactory. Issue Addressed.	MoE EA Commitment.
4	<i>Water Quality</i> Concerns about selenium leaching and management	A Selenium management plan, addressing prediction, waste management, and monitoring has been prepared. Adverse effects on aquatic resources are not expected.	Response Satisfactory. Issue Addressed.	MoE MEMPR
5	<i>Fisheries</i> Questions asked about the potential for impacts on fish in Blind Creek.	Assessments indicate that project-related increases in late summer flow may result in reduced late summer mortality of rainbow trout due to stranding in lower Blind Creek. Water chemistry changes are not predicted to have negative biologic effects on fish.	Response Satisfactory. Issue Addressed.	MoE DFO

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6	<p><i>Wildlife</i></p> <p>Concerns raised about wildlife corridors, wildlife monitoring and mitigation of road kill.</p> <p>Concern raised about the effects on wildlife of an access route connecting the Pine and Sukunka watersheds due to increased hunting access</p>	<p>Addressed through the Wildlife Management Plan, which will incorporate wildlife monitoring on-site and mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate road kill, i.e. low speed limits, signage, clearing for increased visibility.</p> <p>Public access will not be available through the mine during operations (Security gates will be in place at both entrances to the mine. The Minesite portion of the Falling Creek Connector Haul Route will be reclaimed at closure, eliminating the road connection between the two areas.</p>	Response Satisfactory. Issue Addressed.	MoE  MEMPR
	<b>Haul Roads</b>			
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8	<p>Dust/vegetation/wildlife</p> <p>Concern raised about dust impacting vegetation on side of road, thereby impacting wildlife that may feed on berries and other items.</p>	<p>WCC will use best available practices to limit the production of dust on roadways by watering and other dust suppression methods.</p> <p>In the event that dust does impact nearby vegetation, the impacts will be minimal as road dust has no known hazardous effects on wildlife.</p>	Response Satisfactory. Issue Addressed.	MoE  MoE
9	<p>Traditional Land Use</p> <p>Concerns about traffic effects on enjoyment and use of the Sukunka Valley for fishing, and berry-picking (safety, loss of coal from trucks, dust, noise).</p> <p>Concerns about Impacts on Archaeology and Traditional Land Use sites</p>	<p>Coal haul on this route will be limited to the construction and low production phase. Long term, full production coal haul will not use the Sukunka FSR. WCC co-operates with Sukunka Road Users group on traffic management. Safety programs implemented for Dillon coal haul will be continued for the Brule Mine Project.</p> <p>Trucks will be covered with tarps and checked prior to departure from mine site to remove any coal caught in the tarp mechanisms. Road dust control is addressed in the Air Quality Management Plan (watering, etc).</p> <p>Dusting from roads is estimated to be limited to within 50 m of roads in forested, and 100 m of roads in open areas; washing berries to remove road and coal dust should address concerns about ingesting dust.</p> <p>These sites will be avoided.</p>	Response Satisfactory. Issue Addressed.	MoE  MTSA
	<b>Falling Creek Flats Loadout</b>			

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10	Concern about Loadout in vicinity of Pine River and potential water quality impacts	<p>The risk of accidents and spills affecting the watercourses is small. The project traffic management plan, fuel management plan, emergency prevention and response plan, chemical and materials handling plans, and overall environmental management system will all be directed at further minimizing this risk.</p> <p>With respect to dustfall impacts, results of analysis on potential impacts of activities at the loadout on Total Suspended Solids (“TSS”) in the Pine River indicate that in the event of a worst-case situation TSS levels would be two orders of magnitude below the legislated maximum allowable TSS level of 5 mg/L for clear-flow periods. Accordingly, dust inputs emanating from the loadout facility are not predicted to influence the health of aquatic resources in neighbouring water courses.</p>	Response Satisfactory. Issue Addressed.	MoE  MoE
	<b>Minesite Power Line</b>			
11	Traditional Land Use Sites, Segment 1, near proposed junction with Duke Powerline	Sites on the powerline will be avoided by fine-tuning the alignment, or the affected section of Segment 1 will be realigned to follow the Duke Pipeline	Response Satisfactory. Issue Addressed.	MTSA EA Commitment.