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Department of Environment and Conservation
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

Environment and Conservation Minister Clyde Jackman has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

(1) Parkers Cove ATV Trail (Reg. 1290)
Proponent: Mr. John Brushett

The proponent proposes to construct an All Terrain-Vehicle (ATV) trail from Parker's Cove to Boat Harbour, on the Burin Peninsula to access Power Horn ATV Trail. The trail will be approximately 8 kilometres long and will follow an existing pole line and barrens. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin this fall. The undertaking was registered on September 14, 2006; public comments are due by October 20, 2006; and, the Minister's decision is due by October 28, 2006.

(2) Winterland ATV Trail (Reg. 1291)
Proponent: Winterland Trail Association

The proponent proposes to construct a 5 kilometre All Terrain-Vehicle (ATV) trail in the Winterland area of the Burin Peninsula. The purpose of the trail is to access remote cottages in the area. The trail will start near the Winterland Town office and proceed to an area just south of the Winterland airstrip. The trail will be approximately 3 metres wide and construction is expected to take approximately 2 weeks to complete. The undertaking was registered on September 14, 2006; public comments are due by October 20, 2006; and, the Minister's decision is due by October 29, 2006.

(3) CBPP Dist. 9 & 16 Five Year Forestry Plan (2007-2011) (Reg. 1292)
Proponent: Corner Brook Pulp & Paper Ltd.

The proponent has submitted a Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management Districts 9 and 16 which are combined to form Planning Zone 7 as mandated by the new planning framework legislated by the Newfoundland Forest Service. Planning Zone 7 extends from Deer Lake in the west to Cat Arm in the north and includes all of the Baie Verte Peninsula. The Five Year Plan describes: past activities in the Districts; the proposed allocation of wood supply and forest harvesting; silviculture; forest road construction; forest protection, environmental protection measures; and, monitoring and research activities from 2007 up to 2011. The undertaking was registered on September 14, 2006; public comments are due by October 20, 2006; and, the Minister's decision is due by October 29, 2006.

EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DRAFT EIS GUIDELINES

Long Harbour Commercial Nickel Processing Plant (Reg. 1243)
Proponent: Voisey's Bay Nickel Company Limited

The Minister has extended the public review period on the draft EIS guidelines. The deadline date for public submissions is October 16, 2006. Copies of the draft Guidelines are available from the division's web site or by contacting the environmental assessment committee chairperson Carl Strong at (709) 729-0834 or email at CStrong@gov.nl.ca.

The Minister encourages all interested parties to become involved and to make comments known. Comments on submitted documents are invited from the public, addressed in writing to the Minister, and are welcome prior to the deadline date shown.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-4211 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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