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DIVISION OF MINING, LAND & WATER

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RE: LAS 27041, Tulsequah Chief Project – New Taku River Barging Proposal

Dear Taku River Landowner:

In accordance with AS 38.05.850 and 11AAC 96.040, the Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) is considering the issuance of a Land Use Permit to Redfern Resources, Ltd. The permit would authorize that segment of the transportation system that incorporates the land based towing system on State of Alaska land, including use of tide, submerged and shorelands. It does not include the portion of the transportation system that is conducted under navigation. Based on the November 2008 operations plan for this project DMLW identified three sections of State land that require this authorization: 1) the portion of the tidally influenced section of the Taku River below the line of mean high water; 2) the section of the river that is below the line of ordinary high water; and 3) a section of uplands on the east side of Canyon Island. Furthermore, during the aquatic season this permit would apply only to the east channel of Canyon Island and in the winter season it would apply to the section of the Taku River from about Taku Point to the border and will include the east channel area of Canyon Island as an alternative route.

As an adjacent landowner you are invited to comment on the proposed action. Information on the project and the application for this permit is available at www.dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/largemine/tulsequah/publicnotice.htm or from Jim Anderson, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 400 Willoughby Ave., P.O. Box 111020, Juneau, AK 99811-1020, at (907) 465-3427, or at email address jim.anderson@alaska.gov. All written comments will be considered and must be received at the above mailing or email address or by fax at (907) 586-2954 by 5pm AST January 5, 2009 in order to ensure consideration prior to DMLW's final action. Notice of the final action and appeal process will be sent to commenters and other interested parties if a mailing address is provided. Accommodations for disability are provided on request. Persons with audio impairment may call between 10am and 5pm, M-F at TDD 269-8411.

There is also a public meeting scheduled from 6:30-9:30pm on Thursday December 11, 2008 at Centennial Hall in Juneau. We encourage you to participate in the public process, see public notice on back.

Sincerely,

Jim Anderson,
Natural Resource Specialist

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