



ALBERTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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Re: Request for federal review of Montem Resources' Tent Mountain Alberta Coal Project

The Alberta Chapter of The Wildlife Society (ACTWS) is a non-profit organization representing over 425 wildlife professionals in the province of Alberta. Our mission is to inspire and empower wildlife professionals to engage in science-based management and conservation of wild animals and their habitats. Our dedication to that outcome is reflected in our thoughtful, innovative work. We are affiliated with The Wildlife Society, the largest organization of wildlife professionals in the world. Each of our members loves Alberta for the diversity of economic, wilderness, and wildlife opportunities it provides.

We have written to you previously to express our concerns with Benga Mines' Grassy Mountain Coal Mine proposal in SW Alberta and we have the same concerns with the Tent Mountain proposal. You encouraged us to present at the Grassy Mountain hearings and our experience was that a joint federal/provincial review was far superior from an environmental perspective than one adjudicated by the Province of Alberta alone. Moreover, the fact that the Government of Alberta was in negotiations with the Australian mining interests a full year before rescinding the 1976 Coal Policy and then rescinded that policy without any public consultation, leads us to believe that environmental impacts will not be weighted sufficiently if a federal/provincial review does not occur.

On behalf of the Alberta Chapter of The Wildlife Society, I request that the Minister designate Montem Resources' Tent Mountain Project for an impact assessment under section 9(1) of the Impact Assessment Act, SC 2019, c 28, s 1.

Sincerely,

Alex Beatty, President
Alberta Chapter of The Wildlife Society