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Subject: FW: TFA 193900 Water Hauling, Fortress Mtn. Resort.
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:41:13 AM

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From: Geoff Smith
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:53 AM
To: chris.mueller@skifortress.com
Subject: RE: TFA 193900 Water Hauling, Fortress Mtn. Resort.

Hello Chris.

I have received further information in regard to the DML (190055) application. I can inform you that the applications filed under the *Public land act*, and the *Water act* are being reviewed by the appropriate decision makers. They are being considered in tandem, and if approved will be issued at the same time through a coordinated response.

The anticipated timeline is expected to be sometime in October.

I hope this helps answer your inquiry.

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From: Chris Mueller - Fortress <chris.mueller@skifortress.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 11:28 AM
To: Geoff Smith <Geoff.Smith@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: TFA 193900 Water Hauling, Fortress Mtn. Resort.

Hi Geoff,

Thanks for checking in on the application. Can we request a timeframe please? The last I was told was the security deposit was the final item, that was confirmed by us as being in place on July 31. Can we also request a draft of the disposition so that we can review conditions please?

Thanks Geoff, I hope all is well.

Regards,
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From: Geoff Smith <Geoff.Smith@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:40 PM
To: chris.mueller@skifortress.com
Subject: RE: TFA 193900 Water Hauling, Fortress Mtn. Resort.

Good afternoon Chris.

I checked with Edmonton, Provincial Approvals branch as to the DML status. Due to volume of Provincial applications and staff rotations, the DML is in the que.

In response to your question regarding TFA 193900. As mentioned in the August 19, e-mail. Should Fortress wish to present a mitigation strategy in regards to the proposed water hauling, during this sensitive time period, we would take that information into consideration under a request for an amendment to the condition(s) of the TFA .

As has been identified within the Grizzly bear recovery plan, the area in and around Fortress Mountain is considered critical Grizzly bear habitat.

I will forward you a copy of that plan if you wish, this should provide further information and assist in answering your question; re; Grizzly bear concerns.

As always feel free to call.

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From: Chris Mueller - Fortress <chris.mueller@skifortress.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 9:46 AM

To: Geoff Smith <Geoff.Smith@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: TFA 193900 Water Hauling, Fortress Mtn. Resort.

Hi Geoff,

Thanks for the reply. Am working on a reply to the TFA issue today, but have made a couple of comments below if you can provide information that would be great.

Thanks Geoff.

Regards,

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From: Geoff Smith <Geoff.Smith@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 12:31 PM

To: Chris Mueller - Fortress <chris.mueller@skifortress.com>

Subject: RE: TFA 193900 Water Hauling, Fortress Mtn. Resort.

Thanks Chris, please see below a response to both your e-mails 11:35 and 11:55 am

I'm In the field today. Responding remotely, If you'd like to chat please call my cell 403 502 5108

11:35 e-mail response, Should Golder or Fortress present new information as a request for an amendment to the conditions of the TFA, then we would review any mitigation proposals presented. A new TFA would be issued to amended condition (s) if warranted. *-We are working on a reply, however (and as discussed with you on the phone), this is very difficult to do if AEP is not willing to communicate specifically what the concerns are? Your only statement on this from your email was 'out of concern for grizzly bear', what is the specific concern that is unique to this one road when compared to all other roads that are open for traffic 24/7 or is it simply that they are present?*

11:55 e-mail response. As far as the DML, Edmonton provincial approvals section is the administrator and final decision maker for the DML application. The "field office" i.e. Calgary office does not have any copies or input after referral to Edmonton. *-I ask you this because you made it clear during our phone call that you are the point on our file. If you are not, can you please provide me with who specifically I should talk to in Edmonton. This application was detailed in our in-person*

meeting a while back as probably taking a couple of weeks to process, it has now been roughly two and a half months.

Hope this clarifies.

Again my apologies for the earlier confusion on the condition numbers.

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From: Chris Mueller - Fortress <chris.mueller@skifortress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 11:55 AM
To: Geoff Smith <Geoff.Smith@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Re: TFA 193900 Water Hauling, Fortress Mtn. Resort.

Hi Geoff,
Sorry, forgot to also ask you for an update on the DML application of that possible and if we would be able to see draft of the document please.

Thank you.

Regards,
Chris Mueller

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2019, at 11:32, Chris Mueller - Fortress <chris.mueller@skifortress.com> wrote:

Thanks Geoff. To confirm, we are looking for discussion on both 17&18.

Regards,
Chris Mueller.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2019, at 11:15, Geoff Smith <Geoff.Smith@gov.ab.ca> wrote:

Hello Chris.

My apologies, you are correct in clarifying.

Please accept this as a revision to my earlier e-mail.

Condition #18 refers to a closure May 1 to June 15.

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From: Chris Mueller - Fortress <chris.mueller@skifortress.com>
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To: Geoff Smith <Geoff.Smith@gov.ab.ca>
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Hi Geoff,
Just replying to confirm that I did received your email regarding the TFA conditions. We are working on a response internally and via consultation with Golder. A quick note: the conditions that are of concern are 17 & 18, those dealing with seasonal closure and restricted hours, not 15 as you detailed in your email. We will have a reply to you shortly.

Also, be advised, as per our film TFA, that we will have a film shoot up here tomorrow for Co-Op.

Thanks Geoff. Hope you had a good vacation.

Regards,
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From: Geoff Smith <Geoff.Smith@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 2:52 PM
To: chris.mueller@skifortress.com
Subject: TFA 193900 Water Hauling, Fortress Mtn. Resort.

Chris.

During our phone conversation on July 16, (prior to the issuance of the water hauling TFA) one of the conditions being considered was a restricted activity period of May 1 to June 15, out of concern for grizzly bear. The TFA application did not put forward any mitigation toward grizzly bear impacts to be considered as part of the decision making process.

Subsequently the TFA was issued with the condition (#15) which states; The disposition holder must not conduct water hauling activities between May 1 and June 15 of each year.

Does Fortress have any additional information such as details regarding the need for daily hauling of water and potential mitigation strategies for operating during this sensitive time period?

Please provide a written response and this additional information will be considered further with regard to condition #15.

Thanks

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