

To The Commission;

I am writing this letter as an independent prospector and a Yukon resident, who has been active in the Yukon for 19 years. The last 6 years I have been prospecting in the Dawson area, primarily in placer exploration. Having access to the land for the purposes of mineral exploration and development is critical to the livelihood of prospectors.

The mineral exploration and mining industry adds significantly to the economic well being of the Dawson area and the Yukon. Many Canadian studies over the years have determined that for every direct job created in the mining industry, up to 5 indirect or spin off jobs are created in the area communities. This economic activity relies on access to prospective lands for exploration and subsequently, a reasonable developmental permitting process being in place should a viable mineral deposit be located.

It does not serve our industry to have an area designation where exploration can be carried out and then have it completely surround by an absolute no go protected area designation, which effectively would not allow for any permitted development.

Alternative Area D seems to be the best selection from a prospectors point of view.

Thanks to the Commission for all your valued work.

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