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Dear Madam:

I am the holder of Lease number 85 1/7 3 15 regarding certain lands on Campbell Lake. I have become aware of a plan to make a winter road across the northern portion of Campbell Lake for the next many years to facilitate the remediation of the Bull Moose and Ruth Mines. I strenuously object to this winter road and call on MVLWB to reject any application from INAC in this regard. In my opinion, this project will negatively affect the valid lease I hold.

I question the need for this remediation project. Those mines have laid vacant for many years. Where is the scientific evidence that there is any threat to human health and safety or significant impact on the environment as mandated under the Contaminated Sites Management Policy (INAC August 2002)? Where is the Contaminated Sites Management Plan mandated by the Policy? Undoubtedly those sites are upon the bedrock that is prevalent throughout the Region. It seems reasonable that a greater chance of contamination exists in attempting to move/remove materials from the site than it does to leave them undisturbed. It would be catastrophic were such debris to crash through the ice on Campbell Lake. Campbell has virtually no inflow nor outflow and cannot effectively clean itself.

I am also extremely concerned about vandalism and over-fishing that will likely result from the easy access a winter road will present. I have seen both of these events occur in years past when the existing trails were easier to navigate. My admittedly unscientific observation is that between 2003 and 2012 the average lake trout that my party caught (and released) was 1 – 3 pounds. The past couple of years they have averaged more in the 4 – 6 pound range. The earlier time frame also coincided with a tremendous overfishing of the resource because of the easy access.

It has been my privilege to lease this property and to use it under prior leases for nearly 40 years. For many of those years we could leave our boats on the beach. But a few years back that all changed and we had three stolen. The days when people respected other people's property are gone. Allowing a winter road will just exacerbate this problem on Campbell Lake while also creating the potential for a catastrophic contamination event. Please reject this project.

Sincerely,



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