



**KTUNAXA
NATION**

Ktunaxa Nation Council
7468 Mission Road
Cranbrook, BC V1C 7E5
tel: 250-489-2464
fax: 250-489-2438

visit us at:
www.ktunaxa.org

**For Immediate Release
November 15, 2010**

Ktunaxa Deliver Qat'muk Declaration

Victoria – Ktunaxa Nation has called for the government of British Columbia to reject the proposed Jumbo Glacier Resort.

“The Qat'muk Declaration is a clear expression of Ktunaxa interest in the Jumbo-Toby Creek watershed,” said Kathryn Teneese, Ktunaxa Nation Council Chair. “The Declaration clearly prohibits the development of the Qat'muk area by the proposed Jumbo Glacier Resort.”

The Qat'muk (GOT MOOK) Declaration is an expression of Ktunaxa sovereignty and stewardship principles. The Declaration was delivered to the provincial legislature after a lengthy journey from Ktunaxa territory and a brief ceremony welcoming the Ktunaxa Nation flag. For more information on the Declaration go to www.beforejumbo.com.

Qat'muk is the Ktunaxa name for the area that encompasses the Jumbo-Toby Creek watershed. The Qat'muk Declaration has now been released publicly along with a Stewardship Principles document and map of the area. The Declaration is an demonstration of Ktunaxa sovereignty.

“The provincial government is about to approve an environmental disaster in south eastern British Columbia” said Teneese. “The Ktunaxa Nation is calling on all British Columbians to help prevent this jumbo mistake.”

The Qat'muk Declaration comes on the heels of the rejected Fish Lake mine proposal as well as the recent ratification of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by the government of Canada.

“The provincial government process of engagement with the Ktunaxa has not heard our voice,” continued Teneese. “After today, no one can mistake the Ktunaxa position on the proposed Jumbo Glacier resort.”

The Ktunaxa Nation has never extinguished their Aboriginal Title within their Territory, and government and proponents have a legal obligation to consult about and accommodate impacts upon Ktunaxa interests.

?akisqnuuk

Lower Kootenay

St. Mary's

Tobacco Plains

The Ktunaxa Nation has continuously opposed the development of the proposed resort due to its impacts upon Ktunaxa interests..

Ktunaxa people have occupied the lands adjacent to the Kootenay and Columbia Rivers and the Arrow Lakes of British Columbia, Canada for more than 10,000 years. The Territory of the Ktunaxa Nation covers approximately 70,000 square kilometers within the Kootenay region of south-eastern British Columbia, and historically includes parts of Alberta, Montana, Washington and Idaho.

Today the Ktunaxa are a thriving people who are revitalizing their language and culture throughout their Territory. The Ktunaxa Nation is actively working towards a model of self-governance, and continue to build cooperative and positive relationships with regional, provincial, and federal governments.

-30-

For Further Information Contact:

Garry Slonowski
Communications Manager
Ktunaxa Nation Council
250-919-2848
gslonowski@ktunaxa.org

“Strong, healthy citizens and communities speaking our languages and celebrating who we are and our history in our ancestral homelands, working together, managing our lands and resources, as a self-sufficient, self-governing Nation.”

- Ktunaxa Nation Vision Statement

?akisqnuuk

Lower Kootenay

St. Mary's

Tobacco Plains