

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Mineral Exploration and Development

One of the reasons for increased claim activity in the area may be due to evolving comfort levels associated with exploring in the area. It may be that initial staking in the area was slow due to discomfort with working in a new management area. That concern may have diminished slightly over the years as the regulatory framework has become clearer, and the government has encouraged and welcomed investment in mineral exploration and development projects.

The following recommendations are provided to encourage, manage and sustain future mineral exploration and development in the M-KMA:

- 1) Communicate the spirit and intent of the M-KMA to all developers and potential developers with interest in the area. This could be achieved through:
 - a) Having a presence at public and industry events to provide opportunities to learn about the M-KMA and the possibilities for mineral exploration and development within it.
 - b) Support research in the area including Geoscience BC and BCGS.
 - c) Provide a welcome document as part of a larger expectations document to corporations that acquire tenures in the M-KMA that outlines the spirit and intent of the M-KMA while providing resource documents outlining the permitting processes and management zones specific to the M-KMA.
 - d) Publicize and promote exploration success to date on a poster or presentation at a conference such as the AME BC Mineral Exploration Roundup.
- 2) Maintain a database of resources and reserves as they are identified on the prospects listed within this report to establish an estimated economic value of the resources.
- 3) Produce a report summarizing the regional geology and geological trends of the M-KMA.
- 4) Work with local stakeholders, government and First Nations to communicate the intentions of this report and the development of documents promoting mineral exploration and development in the M-KMA.
- 5) Complete a transportation and access survey to summarize existing and potential land, water and air access routes.

Advisory Board response to 7.1 recommendations:

- **Communicating the spirit and intent of the M-KMA will continue to be done through the Advisory Board website for all users.**
- **Advisory Board members attending public and industry events, will continue to take the opportunity to communicate the spirit and intent of the Management Area Recommendation 1 (a)**
- **An expectations document noted in 7.2 will directly identify the spirit and intent of the Management area with mineral tenure holders. This will not be a “welcome” document per se, but the development of this document will consider the latter portion of Recommendation #1 (c) and #2.**
- **Advisory Board will enter discussions with the Ministry, Geoscience B.C. and the BC Geological Survey (BCGS) to consider the highest potential areas for mineral development and what could be done prior to exploration/development activities. Recommendation #1 (b) and #2**
- **Recommendation 1 (d) is a low priority but any successes identified could be included in the “expectation” document.**

- Overview of geology and trends exist for the Management Area and NE British Columbia and is sufficient at this time. Recommendation #3
- The expectations document will fulfill Recommendation #4
- Recommendation #5 is a large undertaking that the Advisory Board does not feel it can take on at this time. The work on the Vision and Wilderness definition for the Management Area is one important aspect that must be completed prior to taking on transportation and access for the Management Area.

7.2 Regulatory Recommendations

No gaps were identified during the review of provincial mining and M-KMA legislation however it was determined that efforts could be made to more clearly communicate the application of the M-KMA legislation throughout the mine permitting process. In order to accomplish this, the following is recommended:

- 1) If possible coordinate with Mineral Titles Online to establish and post an information document to explorers that acquire mineral claims within the M-KMA. Such a document would introduce them developer to the M-KMA outlining the intent of the management area and the legislation specific to that area. This document would provide links to establish a government guidance documents for mine permitting in BC as well as a link to the “Muskwa-Kechika Management Area Expectations Document” – (see the following recommendation for further description of this recommended document).
- 2) It is recommended that the M-KAB develop an expectations document that clearly outlines the following for potential mineral developers in the M-KMA:
 - a) The spirit and intent of the M-KMA;
 - b) Information on all local stakeholders, government and First Nations;
 - c) Information on all applicable M-KMA legislation and how it connects to provincial mining legislation;
 - d) Links to already established provincial guidance documents;
 - e) Contacts for assistance throughout the process.

It is recommended that input from local stakeholders, government and First Nations be included in the development of this document.

- 3) It is recommended that there is clear communication among all Board members in establishing a vision for mineral exploration and development within the M-KMA. Further to this recommendation, it is important to work openly and transparently with local First Nations to further cultivate strong working relationships

Advisory Board response to 7.2 Recommendations:

- The Advisory Board will discuss recommendation #1 with the Ministry. Until an expectation document is developed, the M-KAB’s “Orientation Guidebook to the M-KMA” developed for the mining sector will be used.
- The Advisory Board supports and will embark on the development of an expectation document with the Ministry of Energy and Mines. This will incorporate the specifics outlined for such a document that EBA has identified in #2.

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To note: The Advisory Board is working on a Wilderness definition and an updated Vision for the M-KMA that will be tabled with the Province of B.C. The objective is to come to a common and shared understanding between the two parties. When a common and shared understanding is reached, then that will be required to be incorporated into the expectation document.

- The Advisory Board has and will continue to work internally on gaining consensus for the vision for the M-KMA which includes all resource sectors and activities.

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