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Re: Nopiming Provincial Park, Whiteshell Provincial Park, and Bissett Region - Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Remediation Program Update

The Orphaned and Abandoned Mine (OAM) program is continuing the work to remediate former mine sites in the eastern region. This letter serves as both an update following the notification letter and updates previously provided in April, August, November 2023, and June 2024, and an invitation for you to reach out with any questions you may have.

There are two maps included with this letter showing the locations of the sites where the OAM program has finished projects, projects that are ongoing, and projects that are upcoming within eastern Manitoba.

Since the last letter, remediation projects have been completed at Betty Shaft, Pilot Shaft, Valley Vein Shaft, Eclipse Shaft, Moore Lake Shaft and Roger Mine. OAM is now transitioning to long-term routine inspections at these sites.

The work at Central Mine, located in Nopiming Provincial Park, is scheduled to be completed at the end of September. The work at Sunbeam, located in Whiteshell Provincial Park, is underway and is scheduled to be completed by the end of October. Once the remediation projects are completed, OAM will transition to long-term routine inspections at these sites as well.

There are 13 sites with upcoming remediation projects set to begin over the next 18 months. Temporary accesses will be developed to some of the sites over the winter, when the ground is frozen, and concrete shaft caps will be installed to reduce the risks associated with former mine openings. The first sites to be remediated are near Beresford Lake and are scheduled to start September 23, 2024.

Many of these OAM sites were developed decades ago, before environmental impacts were fully understood and modern operating standards were developed. The remediation work will address hazards posed to the environment and public safety. For more information about the OAM program please visit the website: https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/environment and biodiversity/mines/index.html.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of these projects, we welcome you to contact the Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Program at EPRBranch@gov.mb.ca.

Regards,

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