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## **Yukon government extends the interim staking prohibition in the Ross River Area**

WHITEHORSE—An interim staking prohibition in the Ross River area has been extended for two months, until June 30.

The staking prohibition order was first put in place on December 27, 2013 for a period of four months to allow the Yukon government to consult with the Ross River Dena Council pursuant to the December 2012 decision of the Yukon Court of Appeal.

"We are extending the interim prohibition of staking to complete our work," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "A two-month extension to the withdrawal gives the First Nation time to complete community consultations and deliver their findings."

The withdrawal does not affect existing claims within the area; it is restricted to new claims under the *Quartz Mining Act* and the *Placer Mining Act*. Yukon expects to complete the consultation process with the Ross River Dena Council during the extended consultation period.

"This withdrawal shows that we are meeting our obligations under the Yukon Court of Appeal decision from December 2012, and are committed to engaging in meaningful consultation with the Ross River Dena Council," Pasloski added.

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