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Mineral staking prohibition order extended for Ross River Area

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government has approved an interim mineral staking prohibition order in the Ross River Area. The order is in effect from December 27 to April 30, 2014.

The December 27, 2012 decision of the Yukon Court of Appeal in *Ross River Dena Council vs. Government of Yukon* stated that the Yukon government must consult the Ross River Dena Council about whether to grant mineral rights on Crown lands in the Ross River Area.

"Interim protection of these lands will provide time for Yukon to conclude the consultation with Ross River Dena Council that began in October," Premier Darrell Pasloski said.

The Yukon government plans to remove the requirement for 2014 for mining claim holders in the Ross River Area to perform work on their claims or pay in lieu.

That will occur as a separate order authorized under Section 57 of the *Quartz Mining Act*. Without such relief in place, claim owners could lose their claims if they did not perform work on them or pay in lieu.

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