



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

PRRD Guidelines for Review of Large Industrial Dugouts and Borrow Pits on ALR Lands

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Purpose

The Regional District is periodically asked to review and provide comment on proposals for large industry use dugouts and borrow pits that occur on ALR lands. These large water containment facilities are being developed in northeast BC to collect and store water for the fracking process when drilling for natural gas.

Application of Guidelines

These guidelines which have been developed with advice from the PRRD Agriculture Advisory Committee are intended to provide base considerations for staff and Directors when reviewing ALR non-farm use applications for Large Industrial Dugouts and Borrow Pits on ALR Lands, for proposals the PRRD receives as:

- A. A referral through the OGC/ALC Delegation Agreement process,

OR

- B. A direct application for consideration by the Regional Board.

Processes

- A. For referrals received through the OGC/ALC Delegation Agreement process, staff refer proposals to the affected Electoral Area Director and then work with the Director to submit referral comments, as necessary. There is no decision authority for the PRRD in this process.
- B. For ALR non-farm use applications that the PRRD receives, staff will review the proposal and prepare a standard planning report for Board consideration. In these cases the Board is obligated to review the application and may:
 - 1. Authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (for final approval),

OR

 - 2. Refuse the application, for reasons stated. (At which point the application is stopped).

Guidelines

The following guidelines provide an indication of base considerations for reviewing proposals for ALR non-farm use applications for Large Industrial Dugouts and Borrow Pits on ALR Lands:

1. Has an invasive plant management plan been include that is consistent with PRRD invasive plant management policies?
2. Require that clean certified seed mixes be used for remediation.
3. That no interruption of the natural water flow occurs for down-stream users down the line. (subject to obtaining any required water licenses from the authority having jurisdiction)
4. That confirmation is provided that lease agreements have been established (as necessary) for proposals on private land.
5. That proposed access does not hinder or cause a nuisance for other nearby residents.
6. The operations of the facility maintain minimum disturbance (nuisance) for nearby residents.
7. For clarity, encourage use of the term “industrial water storage” rather than “borrow pit”.