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**RE: Buffalo Pound Lake Crown Land Use Review and Freeze**

The Ministry of Environment is providing notification regarding an ongoing Crown land usage review and land use freeze at Buffalo Pound Lake.

The Ministry has an inventory of authorized developments which have valid leases or permits and are paying appropriate fees for occupying and using Crown land. The Ministry is also aware that there are many unauthorized developments on Crown land, which have no dispositions and are not paying fees. This is not fair or equitable.

The land use freeze takes effect immediately and applications will not be accepted until further notice. This freeze will allow government to prevent further unauthorized use and an opportunity to gather data regarding authorized and unauthorized developments.

The Ministry will keep stakeholders informed of the land use review and freeze, including the plan of action moving forward. The immediate action items include stakeholder notification and inventory of land and developments. Stakeholder notification, not only includes this notification, but also includes notifying all authorized disposition holders to post their developments with a corresponding property number. A review of land ownership has been completed. This review was based on the acquisition of land for reservoir development. All developments located on Crown land require legal authorization to occupy those lands. The inventory of the Crown land will determine what is authorized and unauthorized. The land inventory process will be ongoing throughout 2019, with Ministry staff inspecting all Crown resource land adjacent to Buffalo Pound Lake. Once the inventory is complete an updated action plan will be provided.

The ministry is asking that you provide notification to all rate payers affected by this notification. We will provide updates as the inventory is completed and an action plan is being developed.

If you require additional information, I can be contacted by email at [cathy.yuzek@gov.sk.ca](mailto:cathy.yuzek@gov.sk.ca).

Sincerely,



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