

In 44 Days...The Deadline for the Grassy Mountain Joint Review Panel Report

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Dear Members of AWA's Grassy Mountain List Serv:

The Joint Review Panel on the Grassy Mountain Coal Project must submit its report to the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change **by no later than June 18, 2021**. That's only 44 days away and it's possible the JRP report could land on Minister Wilkinson's desk before then.

Another clock starts ticking the day the Minister receives the JRP's report. The Minister will then have up to 150 days (five months) to issue a Decision Statement about the project. This means that a Decision Statement about Grassy Mountain could be released at around the same time that Alberta's Coal Consultation Committee is due to submit its report to Energy Minister Sonya Savage – November 15, 2021.

I think it's imperative to start to organize now for the day when the JRP report is submitted to the Minister. I hope we can be an important part of a flood of emails, phone calls, letters, and faxes Minister Wilkinson will receive within hours/days of the release of the JRP report.

In doing so we will reinforce the "No to Grassy" message that thousands of Canadians gave to the Joint Review Panel during its hearings. Thousands? Absolutely. More than 4,400 individuals left comments about the Grassy Coal Project on the Impact Assessment Agency's public registry. A stunning 98 percent of those comments came from people opposed to Grassy Mountain. Only 69 of 4,411 comments supported the project. Grassy Mountain, in AWA's mind, is clearly an issue where public and scientific opinion walk hand in hand.

In the weeks ahead here's what I hope you'll do. Start with five of

your family and friends, talk to them about the madness of Grassy Mountain, and get them to commit to contacting Minister Wilkinson when the JRP report is released. Urge them to urge Minister Wilkinson to recommend to his cabinet colleagues that the significant adverse environmental effects of Grassy Mountain are not justified. The federal government must refuse to approve this project.

Encourage your five contacts to do exactly the same thing. If each of them can convince five people to join us, and their contacts follow their lead, we can help the opposition to Grassy Mountain grow exponentially.

Tomorrow, I'll send you another note with some details about the process that will follow the release of the Joint Review Panel report.

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