

Media Backgrounder:

Juggernaut Exploration work in Nuxalkulmc (Bella Coola, B.C.)

August 16, 2021

Juggernaut Exploration is a Vancouver-based mining company. They are looking for **GOLD** and other precious metals in Nuxalkulmc (Sovereign Unceded Nuxalk territory)

Juggernaut Exploration has been granted exploration permits from the Province of B.C. for two sites in Nuxalkulmc. They are drilling on the top of Qw'miixw (Mt. Pootlass) above the Nutciets'kwani (Necleetsconnay) River, which leads into the Bella Coola River and estuary. *Juggernaut* calls this their **Goldstandard Property**. The second site is located in the vicinity of South Bentinck. *Juggernaut* calls this their **Goldstar Property**.

Nuxalkmc Staltmc (ancestral governance), speaking on behalf of their families, have said **NO** to mining. Mining without consent is a human rights violation. They are supported by the elected Nuxalk Chief and Council.

The Nuxalk Nation has never ceded rights and title to its territory, nor has it entered into any treaty negotiations with the Canadian government.

The eviction notice to *Juggernaut Exploration* was issued by the Nuskmata on behalf of the Nuxalk in Nukits' (Hagensborg) on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7am. *Juggernaut* has been given until August 18th at 11pm to leave the territory.

Nuxalk Staltmc have appointed Nuskmata (Jacinda Mack) to be their spokesperson regarding this issue. Nuskmata will be accepting requests for interviews.



Nuskmata (Jacinda Mack)

Nuskmata is a community advocate with a focus on mining. She was instrumental in the response to the Mt. Polley tailings breach in 2014, when more than eight million cubic metres of tailings effluent containing toxic copper and gold mining waste flowed into Quesnel Lake.

Staltmc Nuximlayc (Noel Pootlass)

Staltmc Nuximlayc (Noel Pootlass) is the Hereditary leader of the village of Q'umk'uts, upon which most members of the Nuxalk Nation now reside and he carries on traditional responsibilities for the land.

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