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What's in Your Water?

(Tulsequah Chief mine currently polluting the Taku River watershed)



“Tailings Storage Facility”

vs

“Lake of Poison”



Red Chris Mine

Tailings Dam = 341 feet high

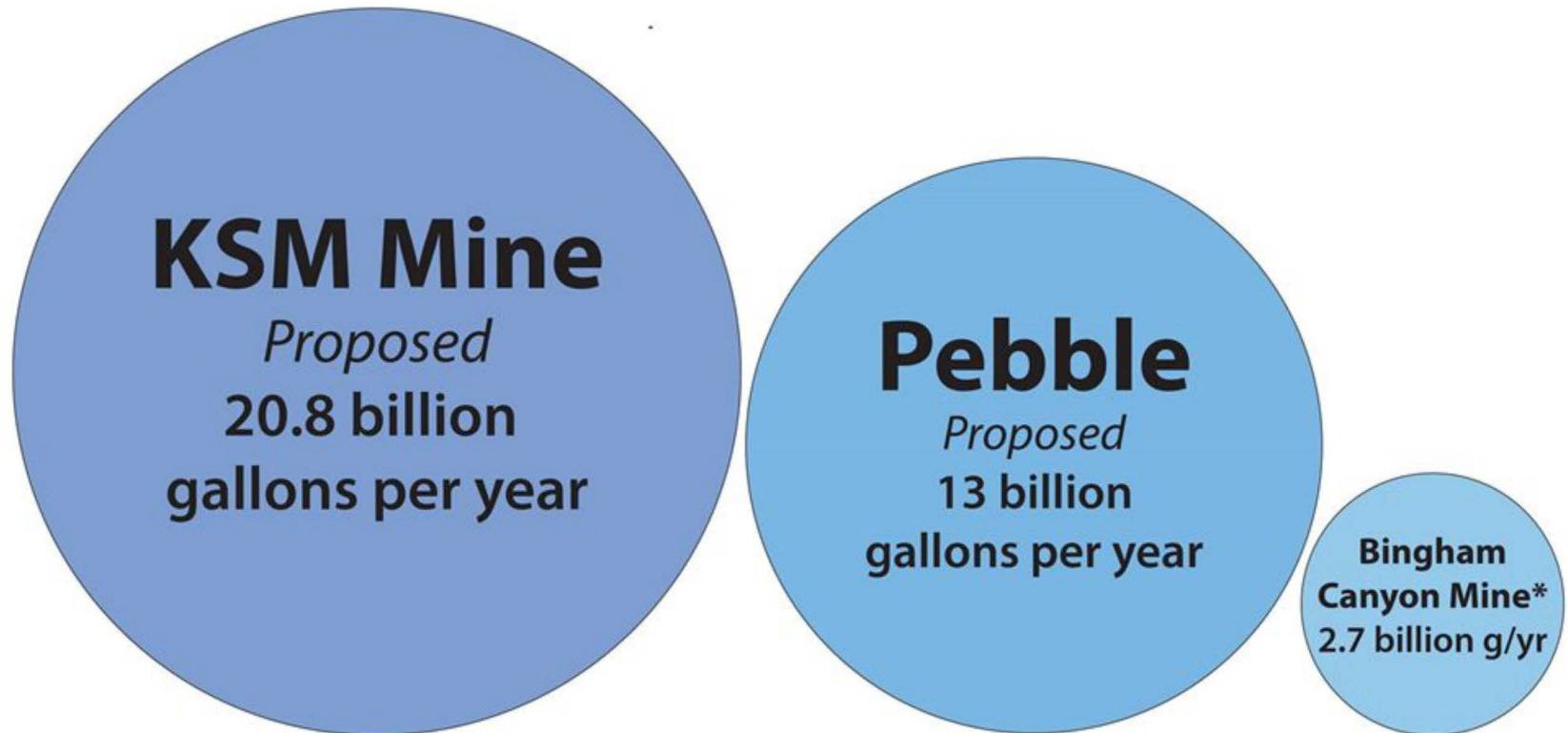
Space Needle = 605 feet

Mount Polley Mine

Tailings Dam = 130 feet high

Water Management

Volumes of water to be annually managed and treated before discharge



*Bingham Canyon is currently the largest operating open pit mine in North America



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Dear Robert Sanderson, Jr.,

Thank you for your March 31, 2021 letter to Premier John Horgan and for your continued commitment to working with British Columbia. The Premier asked me to respond on his behalf. This letter also responds to your September 21, 2020 and January 15, 2021 letters raising similar concerns. We acknowledge your requests in the March 31, 2021 letter to pause new permits, amendments to existing permits, and approval of new mining projects in BC.

As you are aware, BC and Alaska signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2015 based on a recognition of a mutual commitment to sustaining our environment for the benefit of all, including our valuable transboundary rivers, watershed, and fisheries. Both parties agreed that our respective engagement with BC First Nations and Alaska Tribes was important. In 2016, Alaska and BC signed a Statement of Cooperation on Protection of Transboundary Waters (SOC), setting out in greater detail how the parties would strive to enhance their engagements with BC Indigenous Nations and Alaska Tribes.

The Province is committed to implementing the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* and ensuring that Indigenous Nations, when potentially affected by projects within BC, are appropriately engaged in the review processes. The Province is also committed to ensuring that the effects of projects proposed within BC are appropriately assessed in environmental assessment and permitting processes, including appropriate consideration of downstream and cumulative effects.

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Háw'aa! Gunalchéesh! Thank You!



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