



Grande Cache Coal Corporation

Mount Hamell Mountain Goat Monitoring and Protection

Environment

Objective:

To monitor the mountain goat population on Mt. Hamell's alpine (above the tree line) slopes in Grande Cache Coal's No. 7 Mine area.

Background:

Mt. Hamell supports a healthy population of about ninety mountain goats and provides year-round habitats, including important breeding, kidding and wintering areas. Grande Cache Coal's No. 7 Mine portal pad is located below the tree line.

Progress:

Grande Cache Coal has completed the fifth year of mountain goat monitoring. The Mt. Hamell goat population is maintaining its numbers and pattern of annual habitat use. Goat responses to mining related activities are within the range of low-level behavioral responses. Grande Cache Coal also monitors the goats responses to aircraft, outdoor recreation and other non-mining activity.

