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My name is Brandi Thornton and I was born and raised in Kitimat. I am now raising my 2 teenage boys in my hometown. I am deeply concerned with the new location of the proposed Kitimat Clean Refinery near the two Wedeene Rivers. I was concerned over the initial location as well; however, this new location has prompted me to write to express my total objection to this location.

This new area is a beautiful area nestled between numerous creeks and two pristine rivers. The waters run clear and blue. This is NOT the location for a refinery! This area is frequented by locals and tourists for it's untouched wilderness as it's an amazing location to reconnect with nature through fishing, hiking, swimming, camping off the grid - like camping should be. My eldest son who is almost 17 spends most summer days on a small beach, next to a deep blue pool of water at the end a canyon in the Wedeene. He and friends hike in and swim, build rope swings and spend hours enjoying their "backyard" - this is a luxury that many kids living in cities and more populous areas do not get to enjoy - but this is not a luxury here...it is our life. We live far from the distractions of malls and hockey games, movie theatres and concerts, mini golf and clubs. The outdoors is our playground and to take this space from us would be inhumane.

Not only does this area afford us a connection with nature it is also close to town which raises significant concerns around contamination of our water supply and pollution in our air. An oil refinery has no place in this location. In addition...a refinery, in my view does NOT belong 1000s of kms away from the source of the oil. Transporting this oil via a pipeline only to refine it here before it's shipped out only reduces SOME of the risk of shipping raw bitumen down the channel...it does not remove the risk of pipelines that leak and fail.

I hope that the concerns of our community will not fall on deaf ears as they have in the past with other proposed projects.

Sincerely,

Brandi Thornton

ps, I am including a couple of photos of the area I am talking about. I'm sure you've seen it through your inspection of the land, but you need to understand from our perspective what this area means to our family and to many, many others.



