

## **New infrastructure equals new opportunity in the West Chilcotin**



Chief Betty Cahoose of the Ulkatcho First Nations along with MLA Donna Barnett, Minister of State for Rural Development, are pleased to announce 7 million \$ for road improvements to connect the communities of Ulkatcho First Nation and Lhookuz Dene Nation with opportunities to the North.

Chief Betty Cahoose explains, “This is a historical moment for Ulkatcho, we will now have access to economic and job opportunities and an alternative fire safety route in the Northern part of our Traditional Territory. My people need access to the New Gold Blackwater Mine Project if it happens – now they have it. This will benefit the community of Anahim Lake as well.”

This agreement is the result hard work by Ulkatcho leadership and the positive working relationship between the Province of BC and Ulkatcho First Nations. “Infrastructure projects like this

help strengthen the rural economy in regions like the West Chilcotin”, states MLA Donna Barnett.