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Mr. Joe Acorn
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Dear Mr. Acorn:

Re: Response to Cameron Hills EA Report – Measure #13

Thank you for providing DIAND and the GNWT-RWED with an opportunity to comment on the MVEIRB's Cameron Hills Gathering System and Pipeline EA Report. As a result of recent consultations we are in agreement with the suggested modifications to Measures #15, #16 and #17.

In regard to suggested wording on Measure #13, DIAND and the GNWT-RWED still have concerns that the wording does not fully reflect the consultations of January 4.

We are opposed to using terms that dictate to the developer that it must compensate for ~~unqualified and unquantified~~ ^{direct and indirect} "indirect" harvesting losses. This would lead to further uncertainty and could result in significant delays in determining the ability of a developer to meet such a requirement. ^{Impacts}

DIAND and the GNWT-RWED suggest the following modification to the proposed second sentence in Measure #13:

✓ **The scope of the plan is to include compensation for hunting, trapping, fishing and other resource harvesting activity losses resulting from the project, as agreed to by Paramount and the communities.**

We believe this wording captures the essence of what was discussed and agreed to by all parties at the January 4 consultation meeting.

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DIAND and the GNWT-RWED feel that it is important that Paramount and the communities be provided with the opportunity to work cooperatively towards concluding a harvesting compensation plan for the Cameron Hills gathering system and pipeline project. We believe that the parties must be given sufficient latitude and flexibility to discuss, develop and implement a mutually beneficial plan.

On behalf of DIAND and the GNWT-RWED, we look forward to assisting these parties in meeting this goal.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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Tom Isaac, Justice
Bob Bailey, GNWT-RWED

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