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Drybones field trip
report Aug...

Sherry:

Please find attached in pdf format, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's, Drybones/Wool Bay Field Trip Report.

As mentioned, this information is not confidential in nature and INAC would like it placed on the Public Registry for the proposed Drybones/Wool Bay Developments.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Cheers Fraser

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Drybones/Wool Bay Trip Report

Field Trip Summary

On Thursday, August 14, six DIAND staff joined three guides from the YKDFN for a tour of the Drybones and Wool Bay areas. Four diamond exploration projects are proposed in the area. The purpose of the trip was to familiarize EA participants with the proposed project area.

Participants included:

Lionel Marcinkoski, E&C DIAND
Andrea Cole, E&C DIAND
Miki Promislow, E&C DIAND
Meighan Wilson, Water Resources DIAND
Rebecca Chouinard, Water Resources DIAND
Shannon Pagotto, Water Resources DIAND
Morris Martin, YKDFN
James Sangris, YKDFN
Randy Freeman, Archaeology consultant to YKDFN

Two boats set out from Dettah. We passed through Wool Bay and viewed the island where North American General has proposed a drilling program. We landed at the south side of the mouth of Drybones Bay at Dave Smith's old camp, currently owned by New Shoshoni Ventures. Helicopter tours of the Bay area took off from this base. During the helicopter ride, Randy Freeman pointed out areas that had been mapped and studied during this summer's YKDFN field work. This research catalogued traditional use sites such as: graves, old and contemporary camps, spiritual sites, old missions, and other features on the land. This data is currently being inputted into a GIS by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. The concentration and number of sites we observed during our brief trip would likely indicate the importance of the area to the local communities. After a shore lunch of fresh fish we headed back to Dettah, stopping along the way to visit the site of old Fort Providence.

A special thank you is extended to Rachel, James, Morris and Randy for showing us around Drybones and Wool Bays.

The pictures on the following pages were taken during the field trip.

James, Meighan, Rebecca, and Shannon on the boat ride out to Drybones



Aerial view of Drybones Bay



View of Dave Smith's old camp, currently owned by New Shoshoni Ventures, located on the south side of the mouth of Drybones Bay



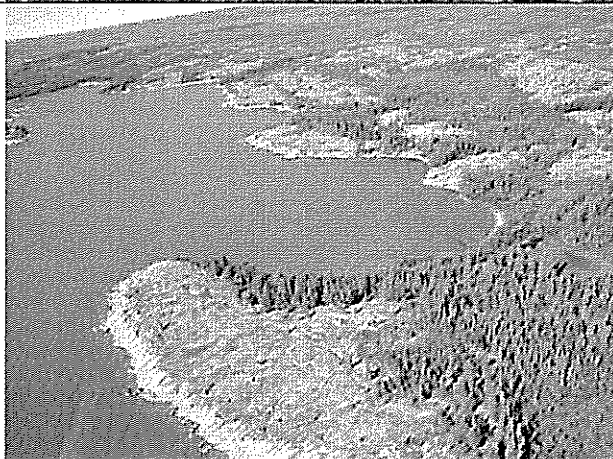
Lunch at the New Shoshoni
campsite



Traditional use site observed
from the helicopter (note wood
cross in center of image)



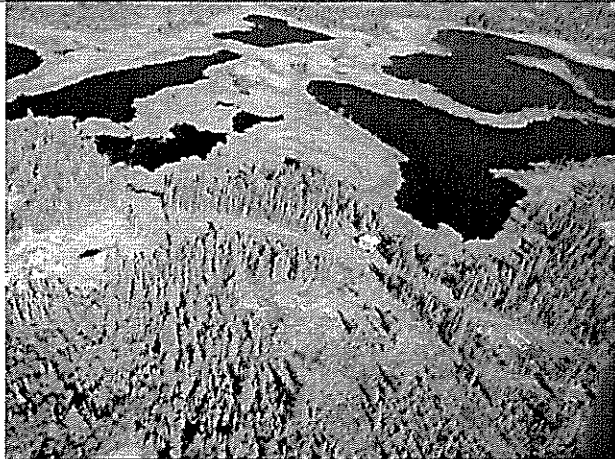
During the helicopter tour we
flew over a camp southwest of
Burnt Island (bottom center of
image)



Cutlines that looked like they may have been cut recently through the bush near the camp southwest of Burnt Island



Unidentified development in the Drybones Bay area



Remnants of Old Fort Providence



The commercial fish plant at
Wool Bay

