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Sherry Sinn
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Dear Ms. Sinn,

Please find enclosed my submission
for the Drybones/Wool Bay Environmental
Assessment public hearing.

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I'm Susan Weaver. My home is near John Bay on Great Slave Lake, which is in the Wool Bay area. For most of the past 19 years I have lived there year round. I live subsistence with a dogteam in the winter and a fishing yawl in the summer. I have been doing this continuously for the past 27 years. I have also lived in the Cost Arm and I'm familiar with the Drybones Bay area.

I use John Bay and the large bay in front of my home, as well as ~~places~~ other places further out on the lake for subsistence and commercial fishing. I use the general area near my home for gathering wood, berries, and herbal plants. I know where the wolves are in the fall, what the

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rabbits are doing in the winter, and where the eagle likes to sit in the summer. I know when the bear has flipped a rock over and the beaver has cut down a new tree. The land and the animals all know me.

For me, the diamond process began about 10 years ago on a cold December morning. The first diamond stakers came to my home by snowmobile. They wanted to know where the trails were. I told them where the thin ice and open water would be. I wanted to know, "Why do you have to do this where people live?"

Two or three summers later, a helicopter came, hovering just above the water about 100 ft. off the end of my dock. An orange suited pilot and I stared at ~~each~~

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each other. The next phase of diamond exploration in the Wool Bay area had begun; first the helicopter and then a small plane electronically scanning around my home and ~~at~~ the general Wool Bay area. This went on all summer.

The peace and quiet of my life and home were definitely disturbed by this intrusive and unsettling air surveillance. What would ^{be} the results? ~~be?~~

One evening, I was on my dock greeting a friend who had just come to visit. The helicopter was hovering in John Bay several hundred yards from my house, really loud and really long.

My friend was excited by the ~~prospects~~ prospects. His wife had invested money in diamond venture stock. He told me,

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"If they find something there, they'll dam
the opening and drain that bay."

No more bay, no more home for
the fish, the bear or the beaver, the rocks
or me. All gone, if the diamond workers
succeed and their dream comes true.

I want mineral exploration in
the Wool Bay/Drybones area halted.

Thank you