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May 2, 2004

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Sincerely,

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RE: Your letter of October 15th, 2003 concerning a Land Use Permit

Dear Ms Keough:

We have reviewed your letter to conduct exploration in the Horn River area.

The UTM coordinates you provided have been identified as a mineral claim. The coordinates are on the east end of an un-named lake that is located at 62 21' latitude X 118 06' longitude, and 38 km ENE of the eastern end of Willow Lake, and 3 km south of Horn River

This claim is clearly within the proposed Edehzhie Protected Area, within the context of the NWT Protected Areas Strategy that is sanctioned by both the NWT Government, and the Federal Government. The Edehzhie Interim Protected Area is a very significant area to not only our people, but its protection from development is also fully supported by our neighboring communities of Wrigley, Ft Simpson, Jean Marie River, Rae Edzo, and Wha Ti, as well as Deh Cho First Nations and Dogrib Treaty 11 Tribal Councils.

The legal status of Edehzhie is under the Federal government definition of an "Interim Protected Area". In order to obtain this privileged land status, we and our neighboring Communities provided the Federal Government with the necessary documentation of our reasons to protect Edehzhie. In fact our document was praised for its thoroughness by the Federal Government officials who prepared the Order-in-Council for Cabinet approval.

The Edehzhie Interim Protection status prevents the issuance of exploration or any related Land Use Permits by the Regulatory authorities, for a period of 4 more years. However the claim in question was made prior to this Interim Protected Status. For this reason, we must address your Land Use Permit application under the Deh Cho Interim Measures Agreement

Your letter to us is very vague, and we are under the impression that you are sending this to us as "consultation" for your LUP. The Interim Measures Agreement contains a definition of "consultation". Your letter has failed to meet Section 1 (a) (i)

"notice of the matter in sufficient form and detail to allow the party to prepare its views on the matter;"

This Interim Measures Agreement definition is a minimum requirement for consultation, and for your information, we wish to expand upon it. Case law requires much more than the Interim Measures Agreement definition. It should be clear that letters to Leadership or the presence of Leadership or Community members at project presentations, meetings, or in telephone conversations should not be considered as "consultation", or consent. Consultation items must be clearly identified and consent of the results of the discussions must be explicitly given. This is a standard Deh Cho First Nations approach to all land use requests.

We have obtained a copy of the LUP application made for this project. As an affected First Nation, we do not support this LUP, or any development within Edehzhie Interim Protected Area.

Sincerely

Berna Landry

Chief

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Comments:

FYI, attached is a letter from L Keough regarding the Jane Lind LUP to conduct exploration work on existing mineral claims, within Edehzhie Interim Protected Area. As per our discussion today, the status remains that the permit is not being reviewed until the MVL&WBoard receives a completed LUP application per your letter dated Jan 14/04 regarding the results of First Nations consultation.

The letter sent by Chief Landry (Nov 4/2003) to L Keough remains in effect; that is "As an affected First Nation, we do not support this LUP, or any development within Edehzhie Interim Protected Area."

John

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