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Dear Mr Duxbury

Re: Paramount SDL8 IR0506-007-5 & IR0506-007-4

The Deh Gah Got'ie Dene Band and Metis Local #57 were sent two independent Information Requests regarding the seismic program proposed by Paramount Resources Limited. The Deh Gah Got'ie and Metis Local #57 has asked the Fort Providence Resource Management Board to respond on their behalf. Both the Dene and Metis are in the process of organization technical information and obtaining advice regarding development projects. Some of this technical information will include traditional land use and occupancy mapping and data capture. Our GIS mapping of the Deh Gah Got'ie Traditional users and is ongoing, however it has been a challenge to log historical use of the Ft. Providence Dene/Metis because of the fear of misuse of the data by our affected elders and harvesters. Therefore traditional mapping information of the use of the Cameron Hills and more specifically the SDL8 area is not available at this time. Having said that, the FPRMB feels it nessisary to respond in general to the information requests.

Request Response

1. The Deh Gah Got'ie and Metis 57 elders have indicated general use of the Cameron Hills and have expressed concerns that artifacts and the cultural history of the area would be interfered with without a thorough archeological assessment of the area.
2. The SDL8 location is particularly cultural significant because it lays within the Cameron Hills and the area on a whole is believed to be a refuge for Caribou. It is a common belief that Caribou seek shelter in the Cameron Hills during the winter then migrate back to cross the river at the Beaver Lake area in fair weather.
3. Again, the area in general is held in the belief that Caribou shelter during winter, become healthy and propegate in the Cameron Hills. The they travel into DGGDC and ML#57 traditional hunting grounds in the fall.
4. Woodland Caribou, Geese (over Tathlina Lake) and Furbearing Animals
5. Woodland Caribou, Furbearing animals
6. Late winter and early fall
7. An accurate account of resources harvested can not be estimated at this time
8. Again, this estimate cannot be accurately described at this time
9. The traditional belief widely held by Ft. Providence elders is that the Cameron Hills on a whole is an important source of caribou. Our traditional harvesters do not see the SDL area as a location that can be excluded

from the Cameron Hills as a whole. The Harvesters believe that if animals are disturbed at any point along their migration routes or staging areas this will have a detrimental effect on the population in its entirety. What happens to Caribou within the SDL8 will have a domino effect on the harvest in the following years

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