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To: Martin Haefele

Subject: re: EA 0607-003, Ur-Energy proposed uranium exploration at Screech Lake

Hello Martin,

I have been made aware about a proposed drilling project in the upper Thelon watershed and the upcoming public hearing in Lutsel K'e. I was told you were the best person to address this to. Please add this to the public registry regarding: EA 0607-003, Ur-Energy proposed uranium exploration at Screech Lake.

I operate an adventure travel company that provides tours and experiences throughout Canada to visitors from around the world. I have had the opportunity to visit the East Slave region on two occasions in 2003 and 2006. The Thelon is a gem in terms of diversity of the ecosystem, wildlife, natural splendor and human history. People come to this area from all over the world because of its remoteness and uniqueness of the wilderness experience. It is one of a kind, remote, but also accessible, and this area should be protected from high impact and non sustainable development. Some areas simply must be set aside as natural and pristine, and the decisions being made now could forever impact this region. I agree with the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation that this region should be conserved. Opening the door to mining development in this area would be a terrible loss for all of Canada. Wildlife impacts through habitat loss and fracturing of the ecosystem will occur, not to mention hazardous wastes and mines that realistically cannot be reclaimed properly at this latitude and climate. Tourism interests are a long standing, sustainable industry in this region too. The impacts of tourism operations are minimal when managed properly, and my first hand accounts confirm local operations and outfitters are doing things right and benefitting the local economy as well. There will be a negative impact to tourism in this region should industrial development proceed 'as staked'. People will simply not come to the Thelon for their vacations, and I also fear general negative press for the NWT and Canada as a true wilderness destination. Perception among travellers is that the Thelon remains as it always has been, and I would like to add my voice to protect what we have now.

Yours in Adventure,

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