



April 17, 2006

Ms. Heidi Wiebe
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Via Fax (867) 699-3166

Re: Proposed Conservation Zone:

Dear Heidi,

On March 10th the 3 communities of Trout Lake, Nahanni Butte and Fort Liard met to resolve overlap issues as it relates to the Deh Cho Land Use Plan. The Conservation Zone being proposed by Nahanni Butte was not raised by Nahanni Butte at that time and they are a bit of a surprise this late in the planning process. In our meeting on March 10th concerns were raised about the area for the proposed Special Management Zone 25. At that time I asked where Nahanni and Trout Lake would like the lines moved. The Acho Dene Koe accepted the request of both Nahanni Butte and the lines moved as demonstrated in recent mapping provided by the DCLUPC. Furthermore, we dropped our concerns about Conservation Zone located on our Traditional Lands where the Nahanni Park and Sambaa Ke Protected Area Strategy were concerned.

A 2 KM Conservation Zone as described in your most recent correspondence is not in the spirit of the discussions held on March 10th, and they do not reflect the values of the Acho Dene Koe. The Acho Dene Koe believes all rivers and tributaries can be protected through existing regulatory review processes by all parties. Therefore, the Acho Dene Koe does not support the proposed Conservation Zone South of 60 Degrees 40 Minutes.

Sincerely yours,


Chief Harry Deneron