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Via Fax (867) 699-3166

Re. DCLUP – Acho Dene Koe Meeting December 8, 2005:

Dear Heidi;

On July 14, 2005, the membership of the Acho Dene Koe voted overwhelmingly for change. One of the concerns raised in the community was the way land use planning was being conducted. Land use planning has not represented the interest of the Acho Dene Koe. In addition, there have been concerns raised about the selection of lands by Trout Lake in the Celibita Lake area, an area that is clearly on Acho Dene Koe Land.

As a result of our meeting we make the following questions and comments:

1. What is the process whereby the DLUP is approved? Specifically, does the plan need the consent of the Acho Dene Koe where it impacts our Territory?
2. The Acho Dene Koe does not support the expansion of the Nahanni National Park to an area known to us as the Tlogotsho Plato.
3. DCLUP indicated that they will arrange a meeting with Samba Ke to resolve issues around Celibita Lake.

The Acho Dene Koe does not accept the imposition of "Thresholds" as described in Cumulative Effects Management on our Land Base. These thresholds are unworkable and do not reflect our values.

5. We were informed that Canada's position has changed in support of Land Selections. The Acho Dene Koe welcomes this change.

In light of the recent change in Canada's position on Land Selections; the Acho Dene Koe does not wish to participate in the Selection of Conservation Zones. These areas can be protected by the Acho Dene Koe under existing legislation. The Acho Dene Koe prefers to move forward on the selection of surface lands to protect these areas.

7. The Acho Dene Koe is implementing a comprehensive land use study on our Land Base. This study should be completed in 2006. Upon completion, a copy of the study will be provided to the DCLUPC.

The Acho Dene Koe provided DCLUP officials with a map which outlines Acho Dene Koe's Land Base.

These are our comments at this time. We look forward to your response on the above matters.

Sincerely yours,


Chief Harry Deneron

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