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Dear Mr. Alvarez:

CAPP Comments on Final Draft of the Dehcho Land Use Plan

Thank you for your letter of August 21, 2006. The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is currently considering the Final Draft of the Dehcho Land Use Plan (DLUP) which was approved by the Dehcho First Nations in June of 2006.

During its deliberations the GNWT will consider carefully all aspects of the plan given its role as a public government for the Northwest Territories (NWT). Points raised in your letter are noted.

The GNWT is mindful that the Interim Measures Agreement states that the purpose of a DLUP, once it is approved, is to promote the social, cultural and economic well being of residents and communities in the Dehcho Territory having regard to the interests of all Canadians. The GNWT is reviewing the Final Draft DLUP to ensure that it can be carried out through existing policy and legislation and is compatible with NWT public interests.

The GNWT thanks you for your active involvement in the Land Use Planning Process. We will keep the public apprised of its actions and decisions regarding GNWT consideration of the Final Draft DLUP for approval.

Sincerely,

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