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March 2, 2006,

Heidi Wiebe – Land Use Planner  
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RE: Request from Paul

Dear Heidi;

I requested a meeting between your office and members of Jean Marie River First Nation after a local Elders' meeting. A Community meeting was scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2006 at 1 pm. I understand that you are very busy; please review the information I am providing and use your discretion as to whether its still necessary for a community visit from your office. Perhaps the information provided is sufficient enough. Also Chief Sanguéz might be dropping by your office sometime this afternoon, chat with him!

Please find enclosed my report of February 14, 2006: a half-day meeting with the Elders regarding Land Use Planning

- Explanation of how the Land Use Planning came into effect and the establishment of the Land Use Plan office in Fort Providence.
- Update on the Land Use Plan-regional forum at Hay River Reserve on Feb. 7 -9, 2006 which was attended by: Chief Sanguéz, Elder representatives: Ernest Hardisty and Fred Norwegian, Women Representative: Margaret Ireland and Youth Representative: Tyrone Sanguéz.
- In general the Elders appreciated all the work that has been accomplished on the Land Use Plan and the continuation work.
- Issues that some members of JMRFN were concerned about were brought to the Elders' attention. There are two main concerns that were addressed extensively. First issue: 2 km Conservation Zone 2 (Green area on Land Use Map) around the five lakes, mainly focusing on Conservation Zone 2 around Deep Lake and McGill Lake which the people believe is not sufficient since these lakes are adjacent to the General Use Area (White area on the Land Use Map). The impact of the General Use Zone might be too much so we are asking that the Special Management Zone 19 (Purple area on the Land Use Map) be extended around the

Conservation Zone 2 around Deep Lake and McGill Lake to further minimize the impact. The Elders agree with this request.

- Second issue: Members are concern that perhaps we, JMRFN, are too restrictive on our approach to potential development. Since there is a potential oil/gas in the Deep Lake and McGill Lake area we want the area of Special Management Zone 19 (Purple) south of the highway remain the same but open to oil/ gas. To reiterate, Special Management Zone 19, south of the highway only to be open to oil/gas.
- The people understand that in the Special Management Zone there is some development with conditions and that they would play a major role in monitoring the activities and that there will be consultation before and during development.
- I also mentioned that JMRFN is interested in conducting an archaeology research around McGill Lake and also that JMRFN has two cabins in McGill Lake area and perhaps have plans for further development which may include a controlled tourism. JMRFN need to sit down and strategize the potentiality of tourism in their area.
- The Elders in attendance were: Sarah Hardisty, Laura Gargan-Sanguéz, Billy Norwegian, Douglas Norwegian, Fred Norwegian and Willy Sake. Knowledge of the concerns and possible actions are: Chief Sanguéz and Ernest Hardisty.

Please find attach a map outlining the area of our concern. Thank-you very much!

Sincerely,



Margaret Ireland

