



Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee

December 6, 2005

Chief Roy Fabian
Katlodeeche First Nation
PO Box 3060
Hay River, NT X0E 1G4

RE: Proposed Changes to Zone 15 and Surrounding Area

Dear Chief Fabian,

Thank you for your efforts in coordinating your community members for our meeting on the evening of December 1, 2005 on land use planning. I am sorry you could not join us but understand you were busy. We had very informed and productive discussions that I hope were equally helpful for your community members.

As I promised your staff, I am sending back a map of the proposed changes and direction we received from the participants that evening for further discussion and approval in your community. For clarity, we are taking the proposed changes into consideration at this time only. I cannot guarantee we can make these changes and all participants were told this. As you know, we have a very high level of conservation already and further increases could jeopardize Plan approval. Once consultations with all communities are complete, we will need to consider all the proposed changes and balance the various interests and needs within the Dehcho territory. We will do our best to accommodate your requested changes. Regardless of what happens in the Land Use Plan, you are still free to pursue permanent protection of lands through the Protected Area Strategy at any time. We can provide the PAS secretariat with digital files of your proposed revisions if you would like to pursue that further.

The first map attached shows the current Zoning in the Revised Draft Land Use Plan. The second map shows the proposed changes identified at the December 1st meeting. Your community proposed an expansion around the lower portion of Zone 15 following the moderate potential for Traditional Land Use and Occupancy mapping as per our data, and then linking that with the middle portion of Zone 15.

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We also discussed the land uses and zoning relating to Zone 12 and the General Use Zones around these areas. We asked specifically about whether we could open Zone 12 to agriculture in response to questions from the Town of Hay River and the Territorial Farmers Association. Your community confirmed their concerns with agricultural run-off affecting the Hay River and fish spawning so asked that Zone 12 remain a Conservation Zone. No changes are required to Zone 12 at this time then.

Your community has asked about changing the General Use Zones around Zones 12 and 15 to Special Management Zones. Many people think “Special Management” gives the community more control or special protection for the area. This is not necessarily the case. A Special Management Zone is designated if there is a special objective for the area or if specific conditions need to be set to address an issue for that area. We then develop either Special Terms or restrict some land uses to manage for that objective. There was no specific direction or objectives for these areas, and the community had no specific concerns about allowing the five key land uses (oil and gas, mining, forestry, agriculture and tourism), providing they are consulted on all applications as per the current regulatory requirements. As such, it is more appropriate to maintain these areas as General Use Zones. The meeting participants agreed.

Many of the general concerns the community had about land and resource management are addressed through other Terms in the Plan – consultation requirements, air and water quality, traditional use, etc. These Terms apply to all areas in the Dehcho territory.

For your information, the following community members were present at the meeting, participated in discussions and signed the map revisions:

- Joe Tambour (Translator)
- Verda Tambour
- Fred Martel
- Ernest Martel
- Pat Martel
- Arthur Martel
- Solomon Smallgeese
- Pat Buggins
- Les Norm
- Peter Sabourin
- Victoria Martel St. Jean
- Alex Sunrise
- Fred Tambour

Should you wish to discuss these areas further, please call me at (867) 699-3164 and I'd be happy to review this with you.










Sincerely,

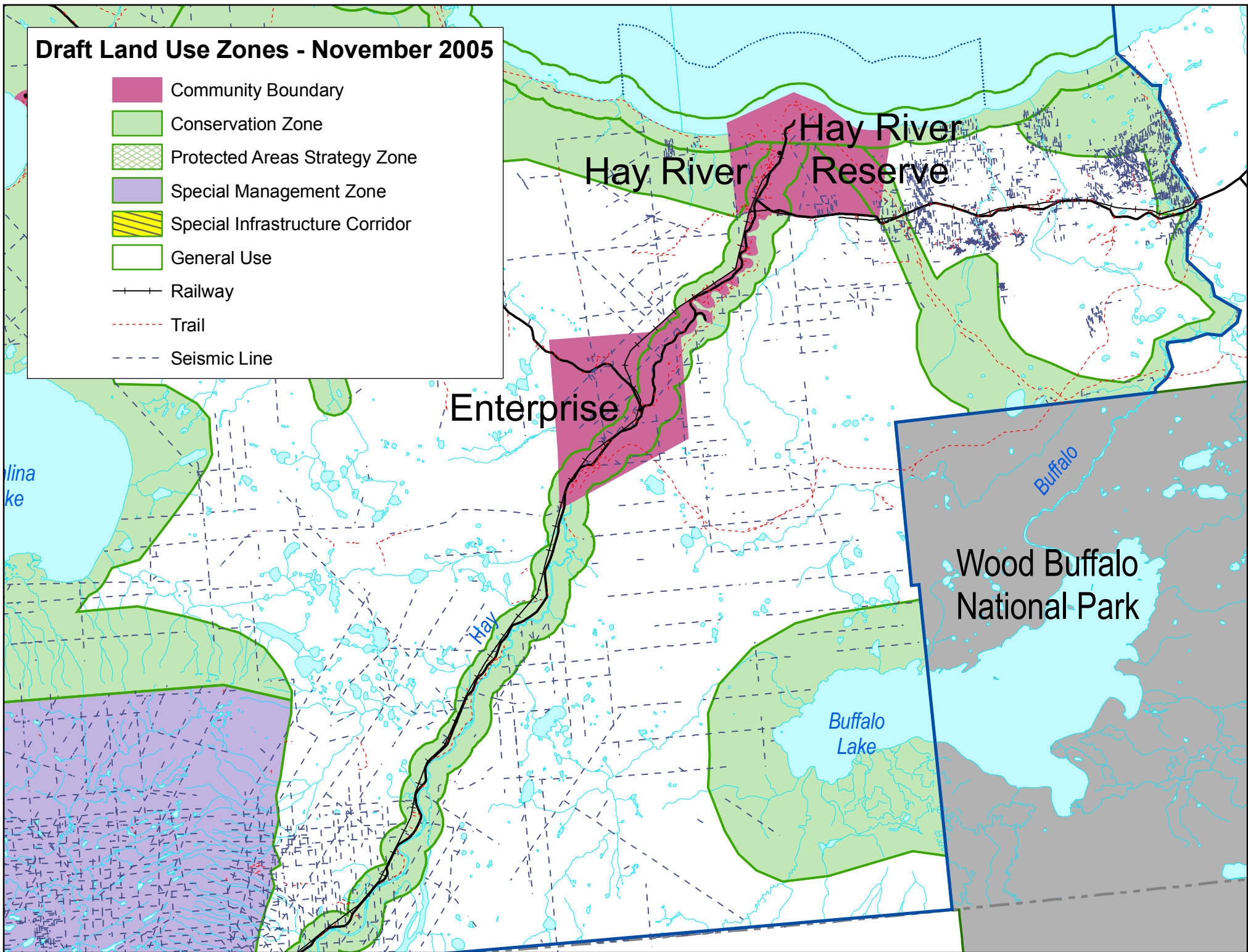


Heidi Wiebe, Executive Director
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


Cc: Verda Tambour

Draft Land Use Zones - November 2005

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-  Protected Areas Strategy Zone
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