



Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee

October 18, 2005

Chief Lloyd Chicot
Ka'agee Tu First Nation
C/O Kakisa Lake
P.O. Box 4428
Hay River, NT X0E 1G3

RE: Changes to Zone 14 for Revised Draft Plan

Dear Chief Chicot,

We have reviewed the mapping you completed in our office in September identifying preferred changes to Zone 14 in the Draft Land Use Plan. As I mentioned during previous discussions with you, we are facing strong criticism from the other Parties regarding the level of conservation in the Plan. Further increases in the level of protection will be met with very strong opposition, especially if these are in areas of high resource development interest. As such, not all proposed changes will be acceptable.

You had identified two areas where the zone should be increased (labeled B and C in the attached map) and one area where the zone could be decreased (labeled A). We have no issue with decreasing the zone as proposed by A. Area C was identified as important to protect lakes important for fishing on the west side. The area drawn extended further south than the area shown on the map but did not contain any lakes in the southern portion. As such, we propose the extension encompass only the lakes of interest as shown on the map. Please let me know if this is acceptable to you and your community.

Area B is an area of high development interest and presents a considerable challenge for approval if we were to include this in the conservation zone. In discussions with Julian Landry on October 18, 2005 it was noted that the objective of this area is for long term development for future generations and should not be developed right now. While we appreciate the community's commitment to long-term planning, Conservation Zones are meant to identify areas for protection of cultural and ecological values, and as such are not an appropriate vehicle with which to delay development. As such, we propose to keep area B zoned as is – part of Zone 21 (Special Management).

We will show Ka' Agee Tu First Nation's proposed changes on the Zone description maps and discuss the intent of the proposed revisions so other planning partners are aware of your community's views. The Revised Draft Plan showing these changes will be available in November. Should further revisions be required, we would appreciate an opportunity to discuss these with you as soon as possible so that we have sufficient time to include any required revisions in the Final Draft Plan.

Please let me know immediately if our proposed changes are not acceptable to you. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (867) 699-3164 or hwiebe@dehcholands.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi Wiebe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Heidi" and last name "Wiebe" clearly distinguishable.

Heidi Wiebe, Executive Director
Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee

CC: Julian Landry

**Proposed Changes to Zone 14
(Kakisa & Tathlina Watershed Conservation Zone)**

- Conservation Zone
- Special Management Zone
- General Use

