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Mr. Tim Lennie
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Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee
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Dear Mr. Lennie:

Government of the Northwest Territories
Dehcho Land Use Plan Revisions and Committee Role

Thank you for your letter of December 11, 2007. It is my understanding that the Premier will be responding to the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee (DLUPC) with the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) formal response to the Final Draft Dehcho Land Use Plan (May 2006).

It is also my understanding that the role of the Committee is being dealt with through Dehcho Process Negotiations. I will ensure your concerns are conveyed to my Cabinet colleagues and the Chief Territorial Negotiator for consideration.

In your letter you refer to Section 43 (5) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*; while we would agree this is an important instrument governing land and resource management in the Mackenzie Valley it would be premature to refer to the DLUPC as a "planning board" under the act at this time.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources supports the goal of a land use plan for the Dehcho Region that can be agreed to by all parties to the Interim Measures Agreement.

Sincerely,

Michael McLeod
Minister

c. See Attached List



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