

**MAR 17 2005**

Ms. Heidi Wiebe  
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Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee  
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Dear Ms. Wiebe:

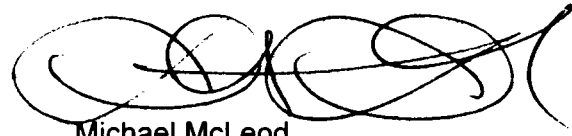
**Regional Forum Information Package**

I am in receipt of the information package you provided to my office, dated February 18, 2005. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and I will be directing my staff to review the information as well. A document that considers many of the economic, social, cultural and environmental concerns of the region will be a valuable tool to guide your other work.

Due to prior commitments, I regret that I will not be able to attend the regional forum planned for March 29-31 on the Hay River Reserve. However, the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs will have regional staff representatives in attendance and I am very confident they will contribute a great deal to the forum topics.

Thank you for the information you have provided and I look forward to receiving and reviewing the final product.

Sincerely,



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