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Attention: Paul Wilson, Land Use Planner

" Concern about Acho Dene Koe Band's Resource Development Plans"

We recently received your letter dated January 16th regarding the Nahanni Butte Pre Forum information session follow up. In this letter, you state that " Nahanni Butte may agree to revise the permitted uses within the areas identified by Fort Liard " etc, I wish to strongly advise you that this is not the case.

Our community has never agreed with Fort Liard's interpretation of where the boundary should be respecting traditional lands, they are attempting to claim our land for their own benefit that is adjacent to our winter road and obviously very close to our community. Fort Liard has drawn up these maps in isolation without any meaningful input or discussion from Nahanni Butte.

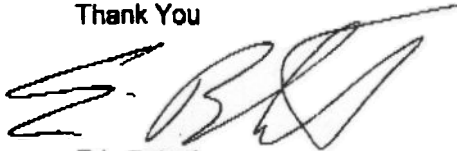
This new aggressive approach being advocated by the Fort Liard Chief, which is nothing more than a land grab, clearly shows that they are not bargaining in good faith to resolve this boundary issue.

We oppose any development on these disputed lands until a settlement is reached, We have an existing resource development boundary and Fort Liard should not be conducting any activities without our knowledge and subsequent written permission.

We will be meeting with Chief Deneron in Hay River during the upcoming DCFN meetings to discuss this issue further.

I can be reached at 602 2900 should you wish to discuss this further.

Thank You



Eric Betsaka
Chief
Nahanni Butte Dene Band

cc: Heidi Wiebe, Executive Director