



## Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee

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January 31, 2006

To: Chief Harry Deneron, Acho Dene Koe Band  
Chief Dennis Deneron, Sambaa K'e Dene Band  
Chief Eric Betsaka, Nahanni Butte Dene Band

### **RE: Meeting to discuss overlap area in Dehcho Land Use Plan**

Dear Chiefs,

The Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee is nearing completion of the Dehcho Land Use Plan. We are in the final revision phase before submitting the Plan for approval. As you know through recent correspondence, there is some disagreement between your three communities about how the land should be zoned under the land use plan. The area in question relates primarily to Zone 26, with overlap of parts of Zones 5, 6 and 20. I am attaching all related correspondence from your communities regarding this area for your review.

We will facilitate a meeting between your three communities at the Regional Forum on Wednesday evening, 7 PM at the Chief Lamalice Complex on the Hay River Reserve. We ask that you attend this meeting with your delegates and any other individuals you require for these discussions to resolve zoning decisions within this area of overlap.

To be clear, this meeting will only focus on what the appropriate land uses are for this area as it relates to the land use plan. This meeting will not address the location or overlap of traditional boundaries as they pertain to issues of ownership, rights or revenues. We recognize that all three communities have traditionally used this area and therefore must agree on which land uses are appropriate. As such, the meeting will address the following topics:

- Identify required revisions to the November 2005 zone boundaries,
- Identify the type of zone designation for revised zones (Conservation, Special Management, General Use, etc.)
- Identify which land uses are permitted or restricted within each zone,
- Identify objectives for those zones, and
- Identify appropriate terms to guide the conservation, use or development of those zones.

Recent discussions with each of your communities demonstrate that agreement is possible on these topics. We ask that you and your delegates come prepared to discuss your priorities for the area of overlap, and give consideration to the interests of your neighbours. We will bring our zone maps and overlays showing your respective requests to facilitate discussions.

If you have any questions or requirements to prepare for this meeting, please contact me at (867) 699-3164 or [hwiebe@dehcholands.org](mailto:hwiebe@dehcholands.org).

Sincerely,



Heidi Wiebe, Executive Director  
Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee

Encl: August 2, 2005 Email from Chief Eric Betsaka (c/o Stacey Marcellais)  
December 11, 2005 Letter from Chief Harry Deneron  
January 16, 2006 Letter from DLUPC to Chief Eric Betsaka  
January 16, 2006 Letter from DLUPC to Chief Dennis Deneron  
January 25, 2006 Letter from Chief Eric Betsaka  
January 30, 2006 Letter from Chief Harry Deneron  
January 31, 2006 Letter from Chief Dennis Deneron