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Mr. Herb Norwegian
Chair
Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee
GENERAL DELIVERY
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Dear Mr. Norwegian:

Dehcho Final Draft Land Use Plan

Thank you for your letter of February 24, 2006 outlining your concerns regarding the Dehcho Land Use Planning process. As you mentioned in your letter, the GNWT has worked actively as a planning partner in this process over several years. We intend to continue working cooperatively with the Committee now and in the future.

I have asked Mr. Robert McLeod, Secretary to Cabinet, to co-ordinate and arrange for the Deputy Ministers of the key GNWT Departments to attend a meeting with the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to provide your Committee with a better understanding of the GNWT concerns and determine a path forward toward a plan that meets the interests of all the parties.

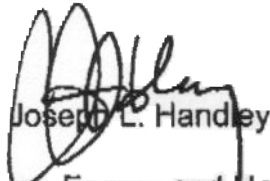
Mr. Bob Bailey, Deputy Minister with Environment and Natural Resources will contact you shortly with the details about this meeting. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is the lead department for matters relating to the Dehcho Land Use Plan. Should you require additional information please feel free to contact Mr. Bailey.

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Let me assure you that the GNWT is committed to the completion of a plan that can be supported by all Parties.

Sincerely,



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- c. **The Honourable Michael Mittenberger, Minister, Energy and Natural Resources**
- The Honourable Brendan Bell, Minister, Industry, Tourism and Investment**
- The Honourable Michael McLeod, Minister, Municipal and Community Affairs**
- Mr. Robert McLeod, Secretary to Cabinet**
- Mr. Bob Bailey, Deputy Minister, Environment and Natural Resources**
- Mr. Kevin Menicoche, MLA, Nahendeh**
- Ms. Jane Groenewegen, MLA, Hay River South**
- Mr. Paul Delorey, MLA, Hay River North**
- Mr. Bob Overvold, Regional Director General, DIAND**
- Chief Keyna Norwegian, Lildli Kue First Nation**
- Chief Gabe Hardisty, Pehdzeh Ki First Nation**
- Chief Stanley Sanguetz, Jean Marie River First Nation**
- Chief Harry Deneron, Acho Dene Koe Band**
- Chief Eric Betsaka, Nahanni Butte Dene Band**
- Chief Dennis Deneron, Sambaa K'e Dene Band**
- Chief Bema Landry, Deh Gah Grotie Dene Council**
- Chief Lloyd Chicot, Ka'agee Tu First Nation**
- Chief Karen Felker, West Point First Nation**
- Chief Roy Fabian, Kattodeeche, First Nation**
- President Marie Lafferty, Fort Simpson Metis Local 51**
- President Albert Lafferty, Fort Providence Metis Local 57**
- President Ernie McLeod, Fort Liard Metis Local 67**
- Ms. Allison de Pelham, Executive Director, Dehcho First Nations**