



Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee

June 13, 2006

To: Distribution List

RE: Public Release of Final Draft Dehcho Land Use Plan

Dear Planning Partners,

We are pleased to announce that the Final Draft of “Respect for the Land: The Dehcho Land Use Plan” (“Ndéh Ts’edíichá: Dehcho Ndéh T’áh Ats’et’í K’eh Eghálats’ênda”) and the associated Background Report are now available for download on our website at www.dehcholands.org.

On May 31st, the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee formally presented the Plan to the Dehcho First Nations for their consideration and approval. In a letter to the Committee dated May 26th, Pehdzeh Ki First Nation requested further changes to zoning around Pehdzeh Ki Ndeh as a condition of their approval. The Final Draft, as submitted to DFN on May 15th, had reduced the Conservation Zone for Pehdzeh Ki Deh to reflect the recently negotiated land withdrawals. Pehdzeh Ki First Nation requested that several pockets of General Use on the east and west side of the Mackenzie River be revised to Special Management Zones with restrictions on oil and gas and mining. This request was discussed at length at the DFN Leadership Meeting on May 31st. Following discussions, the Dehcho First Nations passed a resolution (attached) giving approval-in-principle to the Final Draft Land Use Plan, subject to the revisions requested by Pehdzeh Ki First Nation, and subject to ratification at the DFN Annual Assembly in Kakisa, June 27-29, 2006.

The Committee has now made the changes to the zoning required for DFN approval. A Notice of Revision and the updated maps and table have been inserted at the front of the Plan. As per section 10 of the Dehcho First Nations Interim Measures Agreement, the Plan (with revisions) will now be forwarded to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT for approval, and the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for consideration.

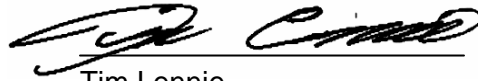
The Committee would like to remind you that the comment period is now closed; we will not be accepting further comments on the Plan. The Committee will now be working exclusively with the Parties – Dehcho First Nations, GNWT and Canada to facilitate approval of a Final Dehcho Land Use Plan that is acceptable to all Parties. We will continue to post all correspondence to our website and will provide you with periodic updates as we reach key junctions in the approval process.

Mahsi Cho for your contribution to our planning process! If you have any questions, please contact our Executive Director, Heidi Wiebe at (867) 699-3164 or hwiebe@dehcholands.org.

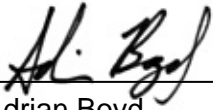
Sincerely,



Herb Norwegian
Chair



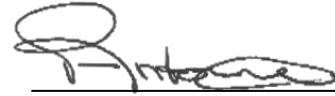
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Fort Liard, NT
May 31, 2006**

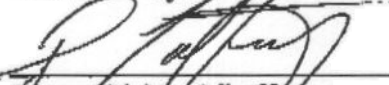
Resolution # 01

RE: Dehcho Land Use Plan Approval

Moved by:


Chief Stanley Sanguez
JMR First Nation

Seconded by:


Proxy Richard Lafferty
Fort Providence Metis

**Certified copy of resolution
made at Fort Liard, NT
May 31, 2006**


Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee (DLUPC) was established through the Interim Measures Agreement signed in 2001.; and

WHEREAS the DLUPC has conducted extensive community consultations throughout the Dehcho Territory including 140+ meetings, 2 regional forums, 11 Leadership, Elders, and Negotiating meetings.

WHEREAS the DLUPC has submitted a final draft to the Dehcho First Nations for approval.

WHEREAS, Pehzch Ki First Nation has requested the addition of special management zones where mining and oil/gas would be prohibited but forestry, tourism, and agriculture would be permitted in a letter dated May 26, 2006 and in a map shown in a document entitled "Linear Notes for the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee and the Dehcho Land Withdrawals, May 28, 2006".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dehcho First Nations approve-in-principle the final draft land use plan, as set out in Section 10 of the Interim Measures Agreement, subject to the changes requested by Pehzch Ki First Nation, and subject to ratification at the Kakisa Annual Assembly in June 2006.