



Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee

June 13, 2006

Mr. Robert Hornal, Chair
Joint Review Panel – Mackenzie Gas Project
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RE: Public Release of Final Draft Dehcho Land Use Plan

Dear Mr. Hornal,

Please find enclosed a digital and hardcopy of the Final Draft of “Respect for the Land: The Dehcho Land Use Plan” (“Ndéh Ts’edīchá: Dehcho Ndéh T’áh Ats’et’í K’eh Eghálats’ênda”) and the associated Background Report as promised in our presentation at the May 17-18, 2006 JRP Hearing in Fort Simpson. We are only sending one copy since printing and distribution of this Draft was limited to the approving Parties. All documents are 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. The Dehcho First Nations gave approval-in-principle to the Final Draft Land Use Plan, subject to revisions requested by Pehdzeh Ki First Nation, and ratification at the DFN Annual Assembly in Kakisa on June 27-29.

The Committee has revised the Plan as required for DFN approval. 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.

If the Plan is approved and implemented in advance of final approvals on the Mackenzie Gas Project, then the Conformity Requirements will apply to that project and the recommendations should be given due consideration. If that is not the case, then please consider the Plan a valuable source of information from which to find potential solutions to the issues you are being asked to address. The Committee has spent the last four years finding creative ways to integrate community values and priorities into decisions on resource development. The Final Draft Plan is the result of that work; we hope you find it useful.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (867) 695-2355 or our Executive Director, Heidi Wiebe at (867) 699-3164 or hwiebe@dehcholands.org.

Sincerely,

Herb Norwegian, Chair
Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee