



Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee

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RE: Tourism in Traditional Area

Dear Hilda,

Thank you for your letter dated September 29, 2004 regarding your interest in establishing a tourism operation in the Sibbeston/Little Doctor Lake area. As you are aware, the land use plan will replace the land withdrawals once it is approved. The plan will show what uses are permitted where and general terms and conditions for development. To get your permits, your operation must be considered a permitted use in the approved land use plan. We hope to have a draft plan next summer and a final plan approved in 2006. Therefore it will be at least 18 months before the land withdrawals are revised and lands are opened to new developments.

While we are still in the plan development phase, we have begun mapping with communities to identify which uses they would like to encourage and promote. At this point, low impact tourism such as your proposed operation is considered appropriate for this area by those who attended our mapping sessions. We encourage you to continue working with the local community to ensure people are aware of your interest and continue to support this as a future land use. A draft land use map for the Dehcho territory is currently under development and will be presented for discussion at a regional forum in Fort Providence next March (2005). We will ensure you are informed of the details of this workshop so you can participate.

The land use map may go through several revisions as a result of feedback between now and approval. Given this, I would encourage you to stay informed and involved in our planning process to ensure that future revisions continue to meet your needs. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (867) 699-3164 or hwiebe@dehcholands.org.

Sincerely,

Heidi Wiebe, Executive Director
Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee