



Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee

November 8, 2005

To: Distribution List

RE: Release of Revised Draft Dehcho Land Use Plan and Next Steps

Dear Planning Partners,

I am pleased to announce the **release of the Revised Draft Dehcho Land Use Plan and Background Report today**. These documents are now available for download at www.dehcholands.org. Hardcopies are currently being printed and will be distributed by mail once complete. If you have not received your **hardcopy by December 9**, or if you require additional copies, contact our office.

The June 2005 Draft Plan has been revised to address comments received, provide better consistency in language, and improve document readability and flow. **All text changes are highlighted in grey (as shown)** to allow you to quickly identify them. I would like to draw your attention to some of the key changes we have made in the Revised Draft.

1. The Revised Draft has been split into two separate documents. The “Plan” contains the Zoning, Terms and Implementation information and will be approved by the three Parties – DFN, GNWT and Canada. The “Background Report” contains all the remaining information that was included in the June 2005 Draft. It supports and enhances the Plan, but is not subject to approval by the Parties.
2. Zone Changes – There have been minor changes to the Land Use Zone boundaries and permitted uses (now in Chapter 2 of the Plan). Zones 1, 14, 25, and 29 (new zone) were modified and resulted in a number change on Zone 30. Zone 4 – Edehzhie has been given a new zone designation of Protected Area Strategy (PAS) Zone in recognition of its existing land withdrawal and future management under the PAS strategy. Nahanni National Park Reserve and Community Boundaries are now excluded from all area calculations for consistency between analyses.
3. Conformity Requirements have been redefined as Terms which describe permitted and non-permitted uses or identify conditions for development that must be met on all new applications. As such, many of the Terms labeled as Actions in the June Draft are now Conformity Requirements. Actions have been redefined as Terms which identify new activities (e.g. research or meetings) required to achieve the goals of the Plan.

4. There is a new section in Chapter 1 of the Plan called "Scope and Application of the Plan". This section provides a number of statements which provide greater clarity on how the Plan should be used and interpreted.
5. Appendix 8 in the Background Report contains the new table of comments on the June 2005 Draft and DLUPC responses. Please review this table to see how the Committee specifically addressed your comments in Plan revisions.
6. Many of the Terms were modified as a result of comments made on the June 2005 Draft Plan. Substantial changes were made to the Cumulative Effects Management Term and methodology. A number of new Actions were added to address data gaps. The DLUPC is committed to ensuring the Plan is fully implementable by the Parties and has made changes to better align Terms with existing regulatory processes. If more changes are required, please bring these to our attention in your next round of comments.
7. Corrections were made throughout the Background Report to improve accuracy, formats and clarity.
8. Revised assessments were run for the Protected Areas Representation Analysis, Cumulative Effects Analysis and the Economic Development Assessment Model. These are provided in Chapter 6 of the Background Report.

Many of the Map, Table, Figure and Term numbers have changed from the June 2005 Draft to the Revised Draft. A reference table has been attached to this letter as a guide.

One of the challenges of revising integrated documents like the Revised Draft Plan and Background Report is ensuring that revisions are reflected accurately and consistently in all sections. If you find any inconsistencies, please bring these to our attention for correction in the Final Draft.

Consultations and Comments:

The DLUPC is inviting comments from interested planning partners on the Revised Draft Plan and Background Report by January 27, 2006. To facilitate this, the Committee will be hosting a series of Information Sessions before Christmas and in early January (see attached schedule). At these sessions, we will present the Revised Draft Plan and Background Report, provide clarification and answer questions. We strongly encourage those wishing to submit comments and participate in the Regional Forum to attend one of the Information Sessions. If you are unable to attend but have questions, please contact us directly so that we may assist you.

This will be the final opportunity for you to comment on the Plan and Background Report before the Plan is submitted for approval. As such, we ask that your comments provide clear direction for revisions to these documents. If you have questions, please contact us in advance for clarification so that your comments may be based on a shared understanding of the Plan and Background Report.

We ask that your comments once again focus on the following topics:

1. Zoning – Are any further changes required to zone boundaries, permitted uses or descriptions? If so, please provide clear revisions and supporting information to substantiate them.

2. Terms – Are the Terms implementable within existing regulatory processes? If not, please provide specific wording or direction for required changes.
3. Are there any inaccuracies or inconsistencies in the Plan or Background Report? If so, please bring these to our attention and provide specific wording to correct the error.
4. Any other specific recommendations you have to improve the overall layout, flow, clarity and quality of the Plan and Background Report.
5. If you support the Plan, or sections of it, and would like them to remain unchanged in the Final Draft, please let us know.

Please send your comments by January 27, 2006 to:

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The Committee will be hosting a **Regional Forum from February 6-10, 2006** on the Hay River Reserve. This is an opportunity for communities and other planning partners to share their comments and recommendations for final revisions to the Draft Plan and Background Report in an open, respectful forum. The Forum will run similar to the first one held in March 2005, except that the Committee will not be presenting the Revised Draft this time (it will be presented in December and January at the Information Sessions instead). This will provide additional time for you to present your comments, ask questions of other presenters and participate in discussions on key topics. Additional information will be sent out on the Regional Forum as soon as details are finalized.

The DLUPC would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have participated in the planning process so far and provided us with valuable guidance. We hope the Revised Draft Plan and Background Report reflect your values and needs for the Dehcho territory. We look forward to receiving your final comments to make the Final Draft even better.

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Wiebe at (867) 699-3164 or hwiebe@dehcholands.org.

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Encl: Schedule of Information Sessions
Guide to New Reference Numbers in Revised Draft and Background Report

Schedule of Pre-Forum Information Sessions (Tentative)

Date	Time	Location
November 25, 2005	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Fort Providence
November 28, 2005	1:00 – 4:00 PM	Kakisa
November 29, 2005	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Enterprise
November 30, 2005	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Hay River (Gov't & Businesses)
November 30, 2005	1:30 – 4:30 PM	Hay River Town Council
November 30, 2005	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Hay River Public
December 1, 2005	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Hay River Reserve
December 2, 2005	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	West Point
December 7, 2005	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Jean Marie River
December 8, 2005	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Fort Liard
December 12, 2005	1:30 – 4:30 PM	Yellowknife (Gov't & Businesses)
December 14, 2005	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Ottawa
December 16, 2005	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Calgary
January 9, 2006	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Wrigley
January 10, 2006	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Fort Simpson Gov't & Businesses
January 10, 2006	1:30 – 4:30 PM	Fort Simpson Tri-Council
January 10, 2006	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Fort Simpson Public
January 11, 2006	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Trout Lake
January 12, 2006	1:30 – 4:30 PM	Nahanni Butte

Guide to New Reference Numbers in Revised Draft and Background Report

Terms	Draft Plan June 2005	Revised Draft (Nov 2005)	
		Plan	Background Report
Existing Rights, Dispositions, Authorizations and Activities	S. 5.3.2	CR #6	
Existing Rights, Dispositions, Authorizations and Activities	S. 5.3.2	R #13	
Land Use Zones	CR #1/A #1	CR #1	
Community Infrastructure and Expansion	CR #2	CR #27	
Minor Infrastructure	CR #3	CR #9	
Water Monitoring / Management (3)	CR #4	CR #16	
Cumulative Effects Management	CR #5/A #30	CR #25	
Significant Features and Seasonal Restrictions	CR #5/A #30 & A #32	CR #26 & R # 24	
Contaminated Sites	N/A	CR #7 – New	
Non-Exclusive Geophysical Surveys	N/A	CR #8 – New	
Non-Exclusive Geophysical Surveys	N/A	A #5 – New	
Granular Resources	N/A	CR #10 - New	
Access	A #2	CR #11	
Mackenzie Valley Pipeline	A #3	CR #12	
Use and Recognition of Traditional and Cultural Knowledge	A #4	CR #2	
Protection of Significant Traditional Land Use and Occupancy Sites	A #5	CR #3	
Traditional Economy	N/A	A #1 – New	
Consultation	A #6	CR #4	
Plant Gathering Areas	A #7	CR #5	
Plant Gathering Areas	A #8	A #2	
Visual Quality	A #9	R #10	
Use of Guides and Monitors (1)	A #10 & R #12	R #11	
Use of Guides and Monitors (DFN)	A #11	A #3	
Use of Guides and Monitors (2)	N/A	R #12 - New	
Use of Traditional Materials	A #12	A #4	
Commercial Fishing	A #13	CR #13	
Commercial Fishing	A #14	A #6	
Water Monitoring / Management (1)	A #15	CR #14	
Water Monitoring / Management (2)	A #16	CR #15	
Air Monitoring / Management	A #17	R #16	
Air Monitoring / Management	N/A	A #7 – New	
Mine Reclamation Planning and Security	A #18	CR #17	
Revegetation	A #19	CR#18	
General Silvicultural Practices	A #20	A #8	
Community-Based Forest Management	A #21	CR #19	
Timber Recovery	A #22	CR #20	
Prevention Measures and Salvage Logging	N/A	CR #21 - New	
SMART Principles	A #23	R #17	

Terms	Draft Plan June 2005	Revised Draft (Nov 2005)	
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Big Game Outfitters	A #24	CR #22	
GHL Hunting (original)	A #25	Deleted	
GHL Hunting (new)	N/A	R #19 - New	
Fishing Lodges	A #26	CR #23	
Visitor Quotas	A #27	R #20	
Sport Fishing	A #28	A #9	
Digital Pre- and Post-Operation Mapping	A #29	CR #24	
Cumulative Effects	A #31	A #10	
Cumulative Effects Research (1)	N/A	A #11 – New	
Cumulative Effects Research (2)	N/A	A #12 – New	
Cumulative Effects Research (3)	N/A	A #13 – New	
Cumulative Effects Research (4)	N/A	A #14 – New	
Cumulative Effects Research (5)	N/A	A #15 – New	
Cumulative Effects Research (6)	N/A	A #16 – New	
Cumulative Effects Research	N/A	R #23 - New	
Economic Development Strategy	A #33	A #17	
Mackenzie Valley Pipeline (1)	R #1	R #14	
Mackenzie Valley Pipeline (2)	R #2	R #15	
Respect Dene Laws, Values and Principles	R #3	R #1	
Fire Feeding Ceremony	R #4	R #2	
Show Respect	R #5	R #3	
Sharing	R #6	R #4	
Take Only What You Need	R #7	R #5	
Do Not Waste	R #8	R #6	
Use and Recognition of Traditional and Cultural Knowledge (1)	R #9	R #7	
Use and Recognition of Traditional and Cultural Knowledge (2)	R #10	R #8	
Culture and Language	R #11	R #9	
Leave No Trace	R #13	R #18	
Agricultural Practices (1)	R #14	R #21	
Agricultural Practices (2)	R #15	R #22	
Secondary Industry	R #16	R #25	
Dehcho Business Development	N/A	R # 26 - New	
Money Management (1)	R #17	R #28	
Money Management (2)	R #18	R #29	
Health and Social Issues	R #19	R #27	
Camps and Communities	R #20	R #30	
Flexible Shift and Holiday Options	R #21	R #31	
Capacity Building	R #22	R #32	
Development Awareness	R #23	R #33	

Item	Draft Plan June 2005	Revised Draft (Nov 2005)	
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<u>Key Maps</u>			
Land Use Potential Maps	Maps 13-17		Maps 13-17
Draft Land Use Zones	Map 19	Map 1	
Non-Exclusive Geophysical Survey Restrictions	N/A	Map 2 - New	
Individual Zone Maps	Maps 20-48		Maps 19-48
Comparison of Draft Land Use Zones with Current Land Withdrawals	Map 49	Map 3	
Draft Plan Land Withdrawals	Map 50	Map 4	
Existing Dispositions Map	Map 51		Map 49
Land Use Comparisons (4-map foldouts)	Maps 52-56		Maps 50-54
Ecological Representation Maps	Maps 58-59		Maps 56-57
Cumulative Effects Assessment Maps	Maps 60-63		Maps 58-62
<u>Key Tables</u>			
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Critical Life Cycle Periods	Table 11	Table 3	
Percent of Plan Area per Zone Type	Table 12		Table 11
Zone Descriptions	Table 13	Table 1	
Resource Potential and Conservation Values Present in Zones	Table 14		Table 12
Estimate of Oil and Gas Volumes per Zone	N/A		Table 13 - New
Implementation Vehicles for Zoning and Key Terms	Table 15	Table 4	
Level of Ecoregion Representation	Table 16		Table 14
Cumulative Effects Assessment Results	Tables 17-18		Tables 15-16
Economic Assessment Results	Tables 19-20		Tables 17-18
<u>Key Figures</u>			
Methods Used to Develop Land Use Zones	Figure 7		Figure 7
Conformity Determination Process for Applications Requiring MVLWB Involvement	Figure 9	Figure 1	
Conformity Determination Process for Other Regulatory Authorities (no MVLWB)	Figure 10	Figure 2	
Economic Development Assessment Results	Figures 11-23		Figures 9-21