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*Regarding Proposed Southwest Dehcho Land Use Plan Revisions; March 10, 2006*

Dear Heidi,

The Sambaa K'e Dene Band (SKDB) held a general band meeting this morning to discuss the March 10<sup>th</sup> proposed revisions to the Dehcho Land Use Plan. At this meeting, we explained the proposed revisions in detail and asked for input from elders and other community members. A consensus was reached among community members, consistent with previous SKDB positions regarding overlap to the west of Sambaa K'e.

The SKDB will only support the proposed revisions to the plan, as illustrated on the March 10<sup>th</sup> DCLUPC map, under the following conditions.

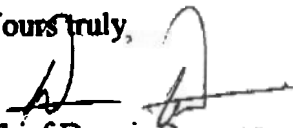
- 1) The proposed 'Acho Dene Koe Traditional Boundary' line must be deleted from any and all Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee maps. The SKDB does not believe that this line fairly represents ADK traditional land use and is also concerned that ADK has not presented any substantiated traditional knowledge information in asserting its traditional land use area.
- 2) The Land Use Plan must clearly state that any rights issuance and/or other forms of resource development proposed for lands east of 122 degrees 30 minutes West Longitude and south of 61 degrees North Latitude, in either 'Zone A' or the proposed 'Oil and Gas Rights Issuance Area', requires Sambaa K'e consent through a General Band Resolution. Resource development proposed for 'Zone 26' or that area of the 'Oil and Gas Rights Issuance Area' west of 122 degrees 30 minutes requires consultation with the Sambaa K'e Dene Band regarding traditional land use matters.

- 3) The Acho Dene Koe must clearly state its support for the Sambaa K'e Candidate Protected Area through a Band Council Resolution, without prejudice to existing ADK Treaty and inherent Aboriginal rights.
- 4) A woodland caribou monitoring program must be put into place in the proposed 'Oil and Gas Rights Issuance Area' in advance of rights issuance and other forms of resource development so that information regarding impacts to these animals can be properly documented within the framework of the 'adaptive management approach' being applied to the area<sup>1</sup>.

If these conditions are agreed to by all parties, the Sambaa K'e Dene Band is willing to support the proposed revisions, including revisions to the threshold levels in 'Zone 26' and the proposed 'Oil and Gas Rights Issuance Area'.

Please advise me if you need further information or clarification regarding these matters.  
Mahsi.

Yours truly,



Chief Dennis Deneron

cc. Chief Harry Deneron, Acho Dene Koe  
Chief Eric Betsaka, Nahanni Butte  
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<sup>1</sup> The SKDB is currently supporting woodland caribou collaring and monitoring in this particular area.