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Dear Heidi,

It is with great pleasure that I send you this letter of support from Y2Y for the DLUP. I applaud the DLUP Committee in their achievement of developing an innovative, integrated and holistic land use plan that achieves balance between industrial development and conservation. This plan, and its long-term sustainable nature, has the potential to ensure an integrated land and resource management regime that promotes the vision of the Dehcho territory, preservation of the spirit of the land, and an interconnected web of life from Yellowstone to the Yukon.

I have sent an electronic copy of this letter and will forward you the original by mail. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me if I could be of additional assistance or should you have any questions or concerns. I wish you the best of luck in the upcoming gathering and look forward to hearing of the outcomes.

Sincerely,
Sean Britt



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RE: Revised Decho Land Use Plan

Dear Ms. Wiebe:

Thank you for your recent presentation at the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) regarding changes to the Dehcho Land Use Plan (DLUP). We found your summary of changes and key issues very informative and the ensuing discussion engaging.

Development and implementation of the DLUP is an exciting opportunity. As you know, the environmental and cultural resources of the Dehcho territory are invaluable. The integrated approach of the DLUP achieves a balance between industrial development and conservation that takes into consideration a range of economic, social, and environmental values that is in the best interest of all Canadians. The long-term sustainable nature of the DLUP has the potential to ensure an integrated land and resource management regime that promotes the vision of the Dehcho territory and preservation of the spirit of the land.

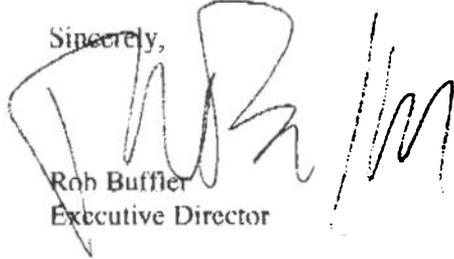
The DLUP also supports a larger vision for the area, specifically the preservation of a vital network of wildlife habitats along the northern spine of the continent known as the Yellowstone to Yukon region. This region is hailed as one of the last best chances on Earth for a fully functioning mountain ecosystem. Here at the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative Society we combine science and stewardship, in a vision to ensure that the world-renowned wilderness, wildlife, native plants, and natural processes of the region continue to function as an interconnected web of life, capable of supporting all of the natural and human communities that reside within it, for now and for future generations. Our vision and the vision of the Dehcho territory view the same future. It is with this future in mind that I would like to extend our support for the revised DLUP.

While the future may look bright, one issue that has potential to undercut the innovative, integrated, and holistic land use plan is the permission of non-exclusive geophysical surveys as outlined in section 2.3.3 under Sustainable Development. If non-exclusive geophysical surveys are allowed as outlined, the resulting impacts could impact wildlife in a negative manner, such as impeding habitat connectivity - which the management zones have ensured to protect. In addition, by permitting the first stage of development-surveys, this action could provide an inroad for greater development in the future (e.g. exploration, drilling, etc.) which would have a devastating impact on wildlife. It is our opinion that no geophysical activity be permitted in

protected areas or conservation zones. It would be advantageous to clarify this issue to ensure the integrity of the DLUP zone management strategy.

I must express once again our support and appreciation for the DLUP and efforts of the DLUP Committee. It is with holistic and visionary approaches such as these that we can ensure natural and cultural resources can be preserved for future generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Buffler', written over a faint, large, stylized graphic element.

Rob Buffler
Executive Director

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