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Dear AlecSandra,

Re: G03L3-001 Hamlet of Fort McPherson Construction of new Solid Waste Disposal Facility

We have reviewed the above application, and have the following issue and concerns. There are boreal woodland caribou in the area, and the construction and operation of the dump should not affect these animals. There are multiple traditional trails through the area, which were used from at least 1900 to modern times. They were used for travelling and big game hunting for caribou and moose, among other reasons. Trails are often associated with undiscovered archaeological remains, so if new ground will be disturbed during this project, the DCH requests that the wildlife monitor hired also has experience with archaeological remains and keeps an eye out for any archaeological artifacts. The lake to the west of the dump is Aat'oo Zhìt Van (Birch-in-lake). The surrounding area is considered good for berries, so any effects on berries should be mitigated during the construction and operation. The area is also known to be eagle and waterfowl habitat, and was traditionally used for trapping furbearers as well.

Gwich'inat Eenjit
Gàdatr'igwijiłcheii Gidilii
Gwich'in nan, nakłwec'yûu ts'ât gwitr'it
tthuk nakłwidawee gwiheezaa eenjit



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As with any application, if archaeological or heritage materials are encountered during the development within the Gwich'in Settlement Area, all work must cease immediately as required by law, and the DCH and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife must then be contacted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Snowshoe". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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