

Gwich'inat Eenjit

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Via email: amacdonald@glwb.com

March 4, 2019

Dear AlecSandra,

Re: G19S003 Geotechnical Drilling at km 28.8 Dempster Highway 8

We have reviewed the above application, and have the following issues or concerns at this time.

This area is within the range of the Porcupine Caribou herd. This herd is an extremely important herd for Gwich'in subsistence and lifestyle. The herd may be at risk due to cumulative effects of development and climate change, including from far away from the development location. If this area is one used by hunters, then accommodations must be made to ensure traditional activities such as hunting do not interact with development activities, and that the development will not affect the caribou.

There are berry harvest areas nearby. If development will happen during berry harvest seasons, there should not be interactions between berry harvest and the development, including dust contamination, prevention of access of traditional harvest areas, and so on.

There are many traditional trails in this area, indicating extensive traditional use and the possibility for increased archaeological potential.

This site is about 15km from the Gwich'in named place, "Divii Chì", which translates as *sheep-its rock*. Pending approval from Fort McPherson, this may be a good name for the camp.

Grizzlies use this area and safety precautions should be taken to ensure the safety of the workers and the bears.

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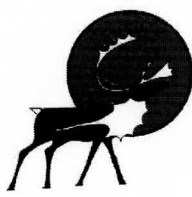
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As with any application, if archaeological or heritage materials are encountered during the development within the Gwich'in Settlement Area, all work must cease immediately as required by law, and the DCH and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre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

Sincerely,

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