

Gwich'inat Eenjit

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Via email: amacdonald@glwb.com

March 4, 2019

Dear AlecSandra,

Re: G19S004 Geotechnical Drilling at km 36.7 Dempster Highway 8

We have reviewed the above-noted application against our heritage databases and reviewed the negative archaeological assessment conducted by GSCI in 2009.¹ We have the following issues and 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.

This camp is within berry harvest areas. 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.

This site is with the Gwich'in named place, "T'oo Geeghanh", which translates as *grassy-ridge*. 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.

¹ Benson, K. 2009. Post-Impact Archaeological Assessment of Geotechnical Testing and Archaeological Impact Assessment Proposed Gravel Pit Expansion, KM 36.7, Dempster Highway Northwest Territories Archaeologist's Permit 2009-017. Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute: Fort McPherson

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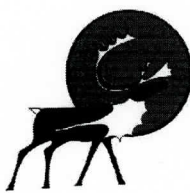
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As with any application, if archaeological or heritage materials are encountered during the development within the Gwich'in Settlement Area, all work must cease immediately as required by law, and the DCH and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre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

Sincerely,

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

Sharon Snowshoe

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