



**Denesuline Né Né Land Corporation**

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RE: MV2015X0006 – SOUTH RAE GEOSCIENCE PROJECT

To Whom It May Concern,

The Athabasca Denesuline (AD) have reviewed the documents sent on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regarding the application for a land use permit by the Geological Survey of Canada. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. The AD are primary land-users of the study area and as such have some concerns and comments on the project.

1. It is the experience of the AD that when crews build camps for research and/or exploration purposes, some garbage is usually left behind. Most notably, empty fuel drums tend to be discarded and remain. The AD would require that ALL fuel drums and other garbage be removed and disposed of properly.
2. The AD use the land shown in the 2015-2017 planned study areas for cultural, spiritual and sustenance reasons year round. We request that when locating sampling areas, that any areas that are found to be occupied by AD land-users be avoided completely as to not disturb this community member. The enjoyment and peace necessary to practice his/her Aboriginal Rights in the area is paramount.
3. Attached is a map of known AD burial, overnight and cultural sites in the area. Please be aware of these sites and avoid disturbing them or sampling in their vicinity.
4. The communities of Hatchet Lake, Fond du Lac and Black Lake are in the vicinity of the research being conducted. As NRCan, its geologists and gear will be flying

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in and out of Stony Rapids, we request that any opportunity to hire local people be considered. Black Lake First Nation is 20 km east of Stony Rapids, with many well trained, experienced personnel that could assist with the research and/or at the camp.

5. The AD request that any maps produced by NRCan be sent directly to the Denesuliné Né Né Land Corporation office.
6. The AD request that an update on the research be provided to the communities prior to commencement every field season (2016 and 2017). Any concerns or observations made by the communities could then be addressed directly.
7. Lastly, upon completion of the project, the AD request that any excess gear (e.g. tents, fuel, camping equipment, etc.) be donated to the communities to assist in the annual youth and Elder culture camps and on-the-land experiences if possible.

If you require further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 306-765-2560.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Robillard', written in a cursive style.

Ron Robillard  
President – Denesuliné Né Né Land Corporation

cc.

Chief Earl Lidguerre – Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation  
Chief Ricky Robillard – Black Lake Denesuline First Nation  
Chief Bart Tsannie – Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation  
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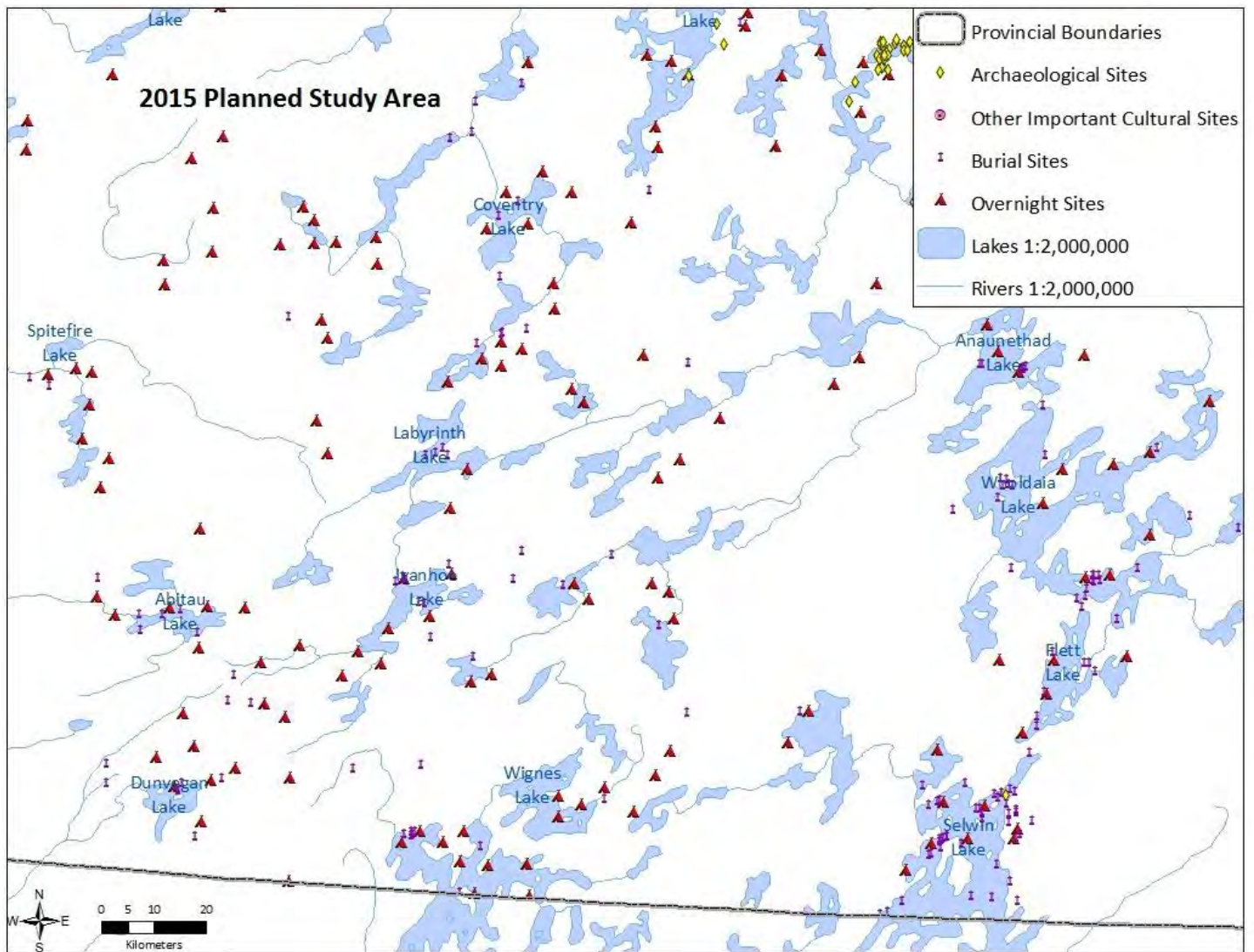


Figure 1 - Athabasca Denesuline burial, archeological and important cultural sites in the 2015 Planned Study Area