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Dear Mr. Robillard,

Thank you for your letter of June 18, 2015 regarding Geological Survey of Canada's upcoming project in the South Rae. As you are aware, the project has been granted a 3-year Class A Land Use Permit by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board.

Thank you for your comments regarding the project. Your concerns have been noted and the information provided is integral in helping us ensure that the people and important sites of the Black Lake, Hatchet Lake, and Fond du Lac First Nations are not disturbed by the field work. Below, we have addressed each point:

- Empty fuel drums will be removed by the end of August. Garbage will be flown out throughout and at the end of the field season and human waste disposed of in latrines according to GNWT regulations, with the organic layer replaced upon demobilization. We will provide photos of the site before camp mobilization and after demobilization.
- The crew will do their utmost to not intrude upon anyone using the land.
- Thank you for the map. The scientists have copies and will take it to the field with them to guide them in avoiding any disturbance of culturally important and/or archaeological sites, and campsites. Additionally, some members of the team have archaeological training, so if they happen to find a site that is not on the map, the site will not be disturbed and the location will be reported to you.
- We will not be hiring anyone from local communities this field season. However, Discovery Mining Services, who have won the contract to mobilize and demobilize the camp site, may do so.
- We are happy to send maps when they are produced, as well as any other publications on the findings.
- We will update communities on the research as it progresses. We will have further discussions with you on how best to do so.
- We do not anticipate there being excess gear at the end of this field season, but if there is, we would be happy to donate it for the use of the communities.

We will provide you with updates as the field season progresses, and should any issue arise, or you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the GEM Engagement Team at GEMEngagement@nrcan.gc.ca or 613-240-0080.

Sincerely,

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