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Elaine – can you post this email below to MV2016X0013 and MV2016L8-0004 – INAC-CARD as Email from Ken Yoder – Hearne Lake Lodge – October 17, 2016

To 2> consultation and reviews

It goes along with the letter that Shannon had put up earlier today.

Thanks

Jen

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From: Julian Morse
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From: Ken Yoder
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 3:39:11 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: Julian Morse
Subject: Bull Moose / Ruth winter road

Good morning Julian,

I am re-sending my concerns as we had computer issues during the summer and not certain that you received the original as it does not show in the records.

We purchased Hearne Lake Lodge in the fall of 2011. We not only operate the lodge in the

summer for tourist fishing and the winter weekend guests but we live here all year long, this is our home now and has been for five years. During the first two years as we explored the many islands and shorelines it became very apparent that there had been a lot activity on this lake during the time that the old winter road was in use. We spent many days gathering garbage left behind and had this taken to the landfill in YK at our cost so that our guests would not have to see the disrespect that others had shown previously. During the fires of 2014 and 2015 we witnessed the North end of the lake go up in smoke. What we discovered in the following years was unbelievable as we thought we had removed the garbage but soon realized that we had just scratched the surface of what was hidden amongst the trees etc. The reason I bring this up is that we could be looking at the same scenario if there is a winter road across Hearne Lake which will once again open this land up to the public and I find it hard to believe that the outcome will be any different after seeing the destruction of pristine land on other lakes namely Great Slave which we journeyed on for over ten years and is easily accessed by the governing bodies of the GNWT to control. I am sure that the other lodges and occupied cabins share the same concern, so in short squatters and their disrespect for the land, water ways and the inhabitants.

We have also become aware of the extensive netting that transpired during this time with evidence of rotten nets and floats left behind in the old cabin sites primarily at the mouth of the river where the lake trout and whitefish go to spawn. It doesn't take a biologist to determine the outcome of removing the breeding stock hence this lake has been catch and release for the past fifteen years and we are finally seeing the outcome of this practice. My concern is that if this event is to start again it will without any doubt have a negative effect on our tourism business which is our only source of income, so I feel that our business is at risk.

Another concern that we have is the quality of the water should there be an incident removing the heavy metals or any contaminant that could remain in the water system for an extended time frame. This would not only effect our business but could effect our ability to live on location as we do today and plan to for a long time, it would also have a negative effect should we choose to sell at some point.

I have to question the value or more so the need for redemption of these sites after many years. One would think that nature has done it's part to contain the contaminants and by disturbing the sites will this in the end be more destructive. I did attend the meeting with INAC but very little information was passed out in comparison to the truer picture once we received the literature via mail, a lot of the contaminants were not mentioned during the meeting, why not? Some of the contaminants have to be dealt with such as the hydrocarbons that are above surface I understand this.

Thank you for your time, sorry for the re-write.

Ken

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