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Re: Apache Canada Ltd. Winter Drilling Program Applications: S03A-007, S03A-008, S03L-105, S03L1-016

We have reviewed these applications and note that the exploration area is sensitive from an archaeological and cultural perspective. As a result we are growing increasingly alarmed about the pace and extent of development in the Colville Lake area and wish to make recommendations to address this issue.

We note that the proponent is aware of the known archaeological sites and has taken steps to ensure that impact to them will be minimized. However, there has never been a detailed and wide-ranging archaeological inspection of the area, and based on information available to us, including traditional land use data, the potential for the presence of additional archaeological sites is high.

Consequently we recommend that next summer the proponent be required:

- To conduct a follow-up effects monitoring program designed to assess impacts to archaeological resources and focused on all project areas (including, but not limited to, drill sites, storage locations, access routes) involved in this coming winter's exploration, or in past Apache Canada exploration programs.
- To undertake an archeological impact assessment in areas identified for future exploration.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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