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Grand Chief George Mackenzie
Tlicho Government
By email: grandchiefediwa@tlicho.com

January 23, 2018

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Chief Louis Balsillie
Deninu Kue First Nation
Fort Resolution NT, XOE OMO
By email: admin@dkfn.ca

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President Garry Bailey
Northwest Territory Métis Nation
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Chief Darryl Boucher-Marlowe
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By email: chief.lkdfn@gmail.com

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Chief Edward Sangris & Chief Ernest Betsina
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President Bill Enge
North Slave Métis Alliance
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