



Athabasca Denesuline Negotiation Team

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Dear Ms. Payette,

Re: Draft EIS Guidelines for the NIRB's Part 5 Review of the Garry Lake Project

As stated in our previous letters to NIRB, the Athabasca Denesuline do not support issuing permits for any projects in this region until:

1. The Thelon Plan and its Special Management Areas are finalized and approved by affected parties including the Athabasca Denesuline;
2. The Athabasca Denesuline are full participants in the proposed Thelon Sanctuary Management Committee;
3. Regional assessments of cumulative impacts of mineral exploration on caribou are conducted; and
4. The Treaty and aboriginal rights of the Athabasca Denesuline have been recognized and confirmed through a constitutionally protected settlement agreement.

As well, the proposed project is on calving grounds for the Beverly caribou herd. Uravan must be thorough in addressing the potential for cumulative effects from future exploration and/or drilling in this area. We feel that this will indicate to NIRB that no permits should be issued in these calving grounds.

Yours Sincerely,

for Ron Robillard
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