



Athabasca Denesuliné Negotiation Team

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Nunavut Impact Review Board
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RE: NIRB: 08EN037 Part 4 Screening of Uravan Minerals Inc.'s Garry Lake Project

Dear Ms. Payette,

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on Uravan's proposed exploration activities. These would take place in an important caribou calving area of the Beverly herd. Since the yearly migration of the Beverly-Qamanirjuaq caribou herd is integral to Athabasca Denesuline economic, social and cultural identity, any potential disturbance to the caribou is potential risk to the Athabasca Denesuline identity.

These activities would also take place in an area that is proposed in the Thelon Game Sanctuary Management Plan to be designated a Special Management Area- to protect the Beverly caribou herd. There are so many exploration projects occurring in the region that we are also concerned that screenings on a case-by-case basis cannot address cumulative impacts of such development on caribou, as well as on the well-being of the people who depend on the caribou, including the Athabasca Denesuline. We have repeatedly voiced our concerns about developments in the Upper Thelon Basin to both proponent and the regulatory authorities in the NWT.

We feel that exploration and development should not take place on caribou calving grounds such as these, and that no permits should be issued for this project, at the very least 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

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4. The Treaty and aboriginal rights of the Athabasca Denesuline have been recognized and confirmed through a constitutionally protected settlement agreement.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Robillard', with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

Ron Robillard
Chief Negotiator
Athabasca Denesuline

Cc ADNT Members
Athabasca Dene Chiefs