



April 19, 2021

Chairperson Heather Bourassa  
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by EMAIL

Dear Ms. Bourassa:

**Draft Sahtú Land Use Plan Amendment Application Ts'udé Nı́líné Tuyeta Protected Area**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Sahtú Land Use Plan Amendment Application following the creation of Ts'udé Nı́líné Tuyeta Protected Area.

The Department of Lands has completed a coordinated Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) review of the draft Amendment Application. This draft Amendment Application has addressed the GNWT's comments provided to the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB) following the November 5, 2020 tripartite meeting on the SLUPB's *Background Report – Amending the Sahtu Land Use Plan's Zone 65 PCI Following the Creation of Ts'udé Nı́líné Tuyeta Protected Area*. The GNWT's comments on the draft Amendment Application provided in Appendix A are of an editorial nature.

The GNWT commends the SLUPB on its efforts in working towards completing the Amendment. Should you or the SLUPB staff have further questions, please contact Mr. Justin Adams, Manager, Land Use Planning via email at [Justin\\_Adams@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Justin_Adams@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,

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**APPENDIX A:**

**GNWT Comments on the Sahtú Land Use Planning Board Draft Sahtú Land Use Plan Amendment Application following the creation of the Ts'udé Nijíne Tuyeta Protected Area**

This document provides GNWT comments and recommendations on the draft Amendment Application - Ts'udé Nijíne Tuyeta Protected Area. The comments and recommendations provided below are based on an internal GNWT review of the draft Amendment Application.

## Sahtú Land Use Plan Draft Amendment Application: Ts'udé Nı́líné Tuyeta GNWT Comments

Amendment Number and Page Number in Amendment Package	Topic	Comment/Issue	Proposed Recommendation/Solution
Notice of Amendment Application	Approval of Amendment Applications	The Notice of Amendment Application states: <i>"This amendment application is based on the changes to the SLUP as presented in the 5-year review amendment application. Should approval of the 5-year amendment application result in changes to the plan from what the SLUPB proposed, this amendment application will adopt those changes where they are not further amended through this application."</i> The GNWT notes that the 5-Year Review Amendment Application is yet to be approved.	Please clarify how the Board will proceed with this amendment application should the 5-year review amendment application remain unapproved at the time that the Board adopts this amendment application.
#3, s.2.7, p. 6	Footnote	This is not an ideal placement for this footnote.	The footnote should instead be added in s. 3.2.
#7, p. 13 and #12, p. 21	Table 2 and Table 3. Total area of SSA	The current SLUP states that the total area for the Sahtú Settlement Area (SSA) is 283,988, whereas Table 2 of the amendment application states the total area as 282,773 for a difference of 1,215 km <sup>2</sup> . The reason for the discrepancy is unclear.	Add a footer or explanation for the change in total area of the SSA, or correct accordingly.
#29, pp. 51, 52 and 56	Maps 6, 8, 14	It is unclear, and may due to the scale of the maps, whether the 5 specific Sahtú Settlement land parcels are reflected in the EPA, especially on map 14, which does	Show/add Sahtú Settlement lands located within the EPA on applicable maps. Identification of the parcels on the maps, etc. would confirm the application of legislative authority(ties) for

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		include an expanded map insert.	these 5 parcels of Sahtú settlement land.
#43, Zone 65, p. 70	Paragraph regarding reports misplaced	The paragraph regarding the reports <i>Rakekée Gok'è Godi: Places We Take Care Of and Mapping Our Future, Report on Community Surveys and Workshops April – May, 2001</i> currently appears under the heading 'Values to be Protected'. This does not appear to only be relevant to values to be protected.	Move the paragraph regarding the reports to the 'Reason for Establishment' section.
#43, Zone 65, p. 70	Acronyms for 'Established Protected Area' and 'Important Wildlife Area'	In the 'Reason for Establishment' for Zone 65 - Shı̀déléré Special Management Zone the terms "Established Protected Area" and "Important Wildlife Area" are written out in full, with the respective acronyms, "EPA" and "IWA", used afterwards. Since the current Amendment Application is based on the Sahtú Land Use Plan 5-Year Review Amendment Application, these terms would already have been defined in an earlier section of the Plan, i.e. before the Zone 65 descriptions.	For consistency with the Sahtú Land Use Plan 5-Year Review Amendment Application, Replace "Important Wildlife Area" with "IWA". Replace "Established Protected Area" with "EPA" as appropriate.
#44, Zone 67, p. 74	Paragraph regarding reports misplaced	The paragraph regarding the reports <i>Rakekée Gok'è Godi: Places We Take Care Of and Mapping Our Future, Report on Community Surveys and Workshops April – May, 2001</i> that currently appears under 'Values to be Protected' does not appear to only be relevant to values to be protected.	Move the paragraph regarding the reports to the 'Reason for Establishment' section.

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#44, Zone 67, page 75	Clarification of acronym 'MVT'	In the first sentence of 'Economic Importance' for Zone 67 - Dahwu Special Management Zone, the text describes "Very high MVT zinc-lead potential...". The term 'MVT' has not been used or defined prior to this, and the meaning is unclear.	Define/use the full form of "MVT" as there has been no first mention prior to this in the Plan. If there are no further mentions following this usage, it is suggested that the term does not need an acronym.
Throughout	Reference to "Ts'udé Nlį́né Tuyeta Established Protected Area"	Document references both "Ts'udé Nlį́né Tuyeta Established Protected Area" and "Ts'udé Nlį́né Tuyeta Protected Area"	For consistency, reference "Ts'udé Nlį́né Tuyeta Protected Area" throughout the document.