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Dear Ms. Bourassa:

Thank you for your letter of January 23, 2018 and for sending the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board's paper, *Sahtu Land Use Plan, The First 5 Years: A Look Back to Move Forward*. I understand the intent of the paper was to communicate the Board's views on the review of the Sahtu Land Use Plan that is required under section 50 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, and to seek comments from other parties.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada asked federal departments to consider the *Sahtu Land Use Plan, The First 5 Years: A Look Back to Move Forward* and provide comments on the scope of the amendments that may be required to the Plan. The attached document is a coordinated set of comments provided by this department, Transport Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Parks Canada, and Natural Resources Canada. We agree with the Board that amendments to the Plan are required and support the minimum amendments the Board has proposed concerning making corrections to the Plan, incorporating recent legislative and regulatory changes, improving map scales and boundary descriptions, and completing the Naats'ihch'oh amendment process. In addition, federal departments have made some suggestions for the Board to consider in deciding on the scope of any additional amendments.

Departmental officials are looking forward to participating in the scoping session you indicated the Board will host this fall with the Government of Canada, Government of the Northwest Territories and the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated.

Yours sincerely,

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