



Grand Chief Gladys Norwegian
Dehcho First Nations
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Votre référence - Your file

Date: September 10, 2019

Notre référence - Our file

Dear Grand Chief Norwegian,

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNAC) received your letter of June 18, 2019 regarding concerns that the Dehcho First Nations' (DFN) Aboriginal and Treaty Rights would be adversely impacted as a result of the proposed Zone 41 amendment to the Sahtu Land Use Plan (the Plan). On July 19, 2019, the Government of Canada responded to your letter, providing more information about Zone 41 and the Plan's requirements and requesting further information from the DFN on its concerns. Opportunities have been made available to you to express your concerns to the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), and the Government of Canada during the amendment process, but CIRNAC has not received any further correspondence or communication from your organization with respect to its requests.

Without further clarity on the DFN concerns, I am writing to advise you that CIRNAC will be proceeding with its decision process on the Zone 41 amendment to the Sahtu Land Use Plan. The Zone 41 amendment has already been approved by the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, as well as by the GNWT.

Should you have any questions, please contact Janice Traynor, Policy Coordinator, Sustainable Development, at CIRNAC by phone: 613-894-5842 or email: Janice.Traynor2@canada.ca.

Yours Sincerely,

Mark Hopkins

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