

Chair, Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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Canoe North Adventures Ltd

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Heather Bourassa, Chair, Sahtu Land Use Planning Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Amendment Application to the Sahtu Land Use Plan. Our company, Canoe North Adventures, provides multi-day wilderness canoe expeditions in the Mackenzie Mountains within the Sahtu Region including the Natla, Keele, Mountain and Redstone Rivers since 2000. We support all private and public measures and initiatives that protect and monitor the pristine nature of land, water and wildlife on these rivers. The inherent value of our wilderness tourism products depend entirely on the pristine nature of the wild lands and rivers. These Sahtu rivers are some of the best canoeing rivers in the world. These rivers are valuable resources for the tourism sector in the NWT and especially for Norman Wells and the Sahtu. People who paddle these rivers (including those on guided trips or on self-guided trips) practice No Trace Camping on the land. Industry or mining development might compromise the pristine nature of the lands and waters of the Sahtu and could be a threat to the opportunity to continue these tourism initiatives. We understand that Norman Wells was built on a foundation of resource development around the production of oil. We respect this legacy and do support sustainable development with third party input and monitoring. We appreciate the efforts in protecting the Keele, Mountain and Redstone watersheds and the efforts of the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board.

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