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RE: Comments on Background Report: Amending the Sahtu Land Use Plan following the creation of the Nááts'Jhch'oh National Park Reserve

Dear Heather:

The ʔehdzo Got'İne Gots'ë Nákedi (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board-SRRB) reviewed the subject Background Report at our June 3 meeting, and wishes to thank the Sahtú Land Use Planning Board for providing this invaluable history of the issues associated with amending the Land Use Plan to accommodate changes to the Nááts'Jhch'oh National Park Reserve boundaries.

The SRRB was an active participant in the extensive research and consultation process related to the lands in question that led to the approved Land Use Plan. This process documented wildlife, habitat, watershed and ecosystem, traditional land use and associated cultural values within the lands now under consideration for Land Use Plan amendment since they fall outside the present park boundaries. As noted in the Background Report, based on these documented values, it was the intention that those lands be given the same status as a conservation zone.

To the SRRB's knowledge, no significant new information has come to light regarding the conservation values of these lands. The SRRB therefore recommends that the Land Use Plan maintain the conservation zone status for the lands in question.

Please don't hesitate to contact our office if you require any further information from the SRRB.

Máhsı cho,

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Executive Director