

Sahtu Land Use and Planning Board
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Re. Feedback on SLUPB Proposed Zoning

By way of this letter, the Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve Management Committee is submitting our comments to SLUPB on the re-zoning exercise as a result of the creation of Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve.

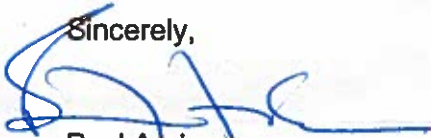
The Committee feels the need to comment as the re-zoning process can cause significant impact on the park, watershed and wildlife. One of our responsibilities as a Committee is to provide advice to agencies of Government on matters affecting the park (section 15.1 of the Impact and Benefit Plan).

The Committee, in particular, the Sahtu appointees to the Committee, envision a future where the entire Nááts'ihch'oh watershed is protected, in addition to more protection given to important areas for caribou. This cannot be accomplished if the areas outside of the park boundary in the former land withdrawal area are not maintained as conservation zones.

The status quo of the area outside the park boundaries remaining as the Nááts'ihch'oh Proposed Conservation Initiative (current Sahtu Land Use plan stands) is preferable to any of the proposals that we have seen to date.

The Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve Management Committee would like to thank Scott Paszkiewicz for presenting the SLUPB proposed zoning at our last meeting in Norman Wells. We look forward to further updates and engagement from SLUPB on the zoning process.

Sincerely,



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