

Chair, Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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To: Chair, Sahtu Land Use Planning Board
Subject: Proposed Amendment to Sahtu Plan

Sahtu Plan Committee,

My name is Ron Berdahl. I am a prospector based out of the Yukon Territory. I have spent a few decades exploring for minerals in the mountains along the NWT/Yukon border. Twenty years ago or so I discovered the first documented emerald find in Canada in what is now your area 41. They were not of economic quality but portend to the mineral potential of the area.

Variety is usually a good thing. There is now an abundance of Park and protected land in the Nahanni Country. It might be good to have some country available for jobs. While this area is remote to Sahtu communities mineral development there could directly, and indirectly benefit your people, and all the NWT.

My main interest in the area is tungsten, a metal used to make steel harder, for things like grader blades and jet engines. There is also potential for Zinc and other minerals. I have an extensive collection of material on the Lened tungsten deposit. I took that deposit to lease, and unfortunately the company I leased it to failed to make a lease payment and it was "lost". Given the opportunity I would like to do more work in the area. It is remote country and even a world class deposit like Cantung has gone bankrupt, so it is not easy sledding. However I am optimistic that there might be opportunities if a developer would work with the Sahtu.

If I had a vote I would amend the plan to allow for special development. It gives the community more options. We are all in this together.

Let me know your decision. Thanks

Ron B

see this is an hour late for NWT time!! opps