



DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

Canadian Zinc All-Season Road (EA1415-01)

Technical Hearing

April 26 to 28, 2017



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- Opening statements

DAY 1: Avalanche Hazard

- DFN wants more specific commitments to Avalanche Hazard added to the Commitments Table for the project.
- At this stage in the EA, there are no specific mitigation measures proposed for avalanche and it has been deferred to the detailed design phase of the project.
- Detailed commitment in the Commitment Table.

DAY 1: Avalanche Hazard continued

- Evidence that with climate change, there could be changes in avalanche conditions and increased avalanche risk
- DFN specifically recommends:
- CZN provide planning for detecting or forecasting avalanche hazards from December to February along the All-Season Road alignment.
- CZN provide mitigation measures on how they will deal with high avalanche hazards (if high from December to February). For example, will weather and snowpack analysis be required to predict the timing of avalanche events (as stated in Alpine Solutions (2012)) under certain snowpack or temperature conditions.

Day 2: Sundog Creek realignment

- DFN remains concerned about the potential impacts to fish and fish habitat resulting from the Sundog Creek realignment.
- We are looking for more information regarding the Sundog Creek realignment from DFO and CZN.

DAY 3: Northern Mountain Caribou

- Specific commitments on Boreal and Northern Mountain Caribou within the Commitments Table.
- Commitments for caribou and located in various documents and are hard to find. We want a clear understanding of what CZN has committed to for caribou on the commitments table.

DAY 3: Northern Mountain Caribou

- DFN does not support CZN's conclusion that there is only trace occurrence of Northern Mountain Caribou in the project area.
- DFN believes that there is a potential impact on Northern Mountain Caribou due to the All-Season Road.
- DFN recommends that MVEIRB adopt a measure requiring systematic monitoring. This would include local community members as part of the Guardian program.