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Sent by email

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips,

**Re: Government of Northwest Territories – Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Application for Land Use Permit – Campsites – Francois Lake, NT**

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) met on March 11, 2021 and considered the Application from Government of Northwest Territories – Department of Environment and Natural Resources (GNWT-ENR) for Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2021J0001 for the Francois Lake Forestry Camp (Project) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board conducted a preliminary screening based on the public record for the proceeding. Based on the evidence provided, the Board is satisfied the screening has been completed according to section 125 of the MVRMA and has decided **not to refer** the project to environmental assessment. The Board's reasons for decision, as required by section 121 of the MVRMA, are attached.

If the Board does not receive notice of referral to environmental assessment, it can proceed with issuance of Permit MV2021J0001 on **Monday March 29, 2021**.

The Board and staff look forward to continued communications throughout the pause period. Please contact Shelagh Montgomery at (867) 766-7457 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Mavis Cli-Michaud

Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, Chair

BCC'd to:     Distribution List  
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Attached:     Preliminary Screening and Reasons for Decision