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Re: Notification of Commencement of Preliminary Screening of Cabin Build on Lease No. 75K\11-5-4

To: Distribution List (including Review Board)

Parks Canada will be conducting a preliminary screening of potential impacts associated with the construction of a cabin on Lease No. 75K\11-5-4 in Thaidene National Park Reserve. As per the requirements of the *Mackenzie Valley Resources Management Act*, Parks Canada must determine any public concern, or adverse environmental, social or cultural impacts before issuing a building permit in a national park.

Attached is a description of proposed cabin build on Lease No. 75k\11-5-4 in Thaidene Nene National Park Reserve. If you have any comments on this proposal, please submit them to me by **June 27, 2022**.

Thank you. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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DEVELOPMENT TITLE: Cabin Build on Lease No. 75K\11-5-4

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT DATES: July 07 – September 31, 2022 & July – September, 2023

DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION:

Thaidene Nene National Park Reserve is located on the East Arm of Great Slave Lake, in the Northwest Territories. The park reserve is part of Thaidene Nënë Indigenous Protected Area (IPA), which also includes a Territorial Protected Area and a Wildlife Conservation Area. There are currently three leases within the national park reserve (see Map 1) that were originally managed by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT). These leases were transferred over to Parks Canada, with fixed terms and conditions – including renewal clauses, in 2019 when Thaidene Nene National Park Reserve was established.

The holder of Lease No. 75K\11-5-4, hereby referred to as the leaseholder, has requested a permit to build a new cabin to provide additional sleeping quarters. This lease allows for personal use, not commercial ventures. The proposed building site falls within the boundaries of Thaidene Nene National Park Reserve and, therefore, requires a permit¹. As per the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, Parks Canada is legally required, before issuing permits, to conduct preliminary screenings to determine any public concern, or adverse environmental, social or cultural impacts.

The construction of the proposed cabin is planned to occur during the summer of 2022 and 2023 when Great Slave Lake is ice-free and site conditions are favourable. Use of the cabin will likely vary from year to year, depending on weather and recreational needs. There will be no ancillary facilities that are not already existing on the lease footprint. The leaseholder has submitted the following activities and location for building a cabin:

Activities

- Transportation and delivery of building materials, which will occur by barge.
- Off-loading of the building materials at the staging area located on the beach.
- Moving building materials to the proposed construction site, by hand and/or by dolly with soft rubber tires connect to a winch (larger logs).
- Construction of one single-storey log cabin (16'x16' interior; approx. 17'x27' exterior including front and back decks), a shingled gable roof, and log sills set on cement or rock pads (no soil excavation required).

¹ National Parks Building Regulations, s. 5(1).



Locations

The proposed construction site for the cabin is located in Charlton Bay, at the East Arm of Great Slave Lake within Thaidene Nene National Park Reserve (see Map 2). The site includes the and staging area.

The proposed cabin location meets the required mean high water (31m) and lease boundary (3m) setbacks.

MITIGATIONS:

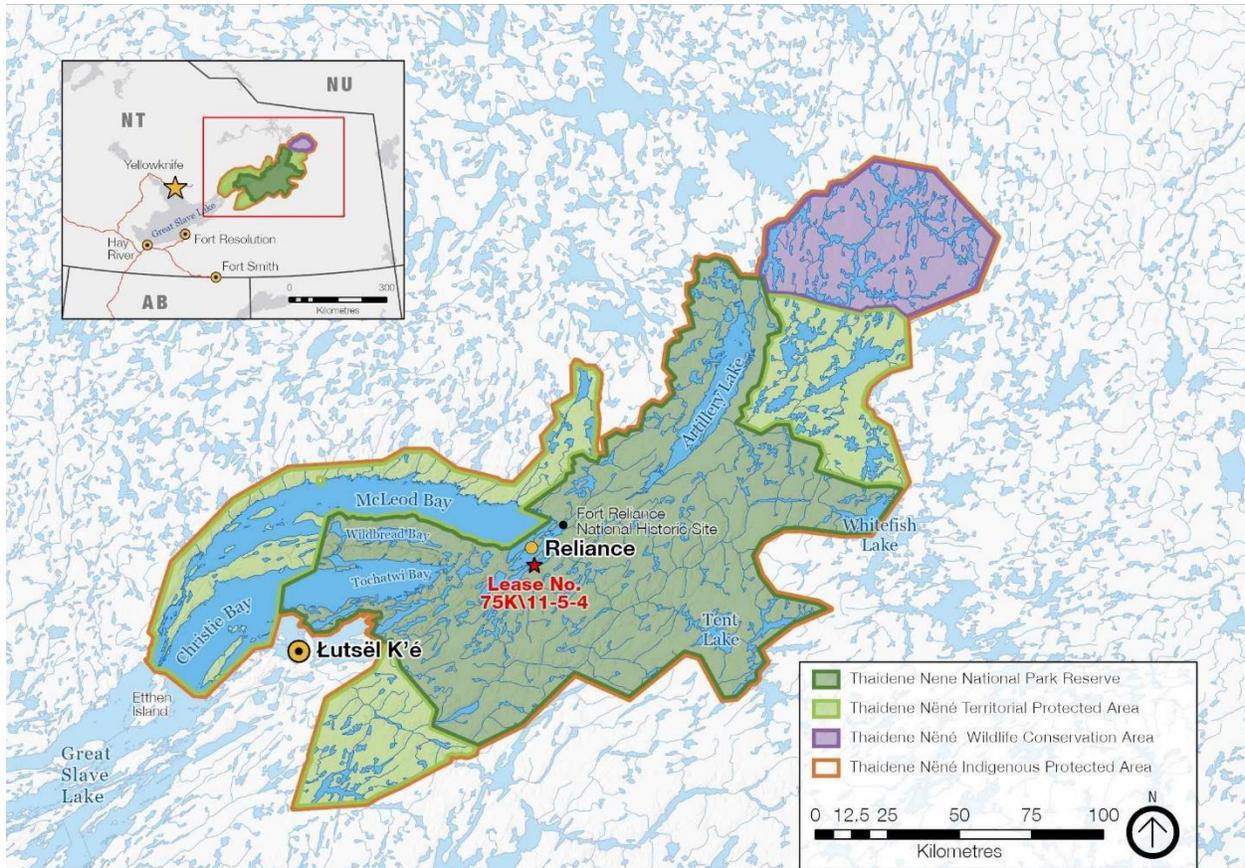
No. 75K\11-5-4 is a long-standing, personal use lease. it is situated within Kaché – a culturally significant area that includes: an old Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation Village site; Pike's Portage Trail that has been used as a travel corridor to access the Barren Lands since time immemorial, and a spiritual gathering site used by Łutsël K'é community members every summer.

There are currently no known heritage resources on the proposed cabin site. However, there may be items present in the project areas that have not yet been documented. Cultural resources are defined as a human work, an object, or a place that is determined, on the basis of its heritage value, to be directly associated with an important aspect or aspects of human history and culture of a heritage area. Examples of cultural resources include archaeological or historic sites, burial sites, artifacts and other objects of historical, cultural, or religious significance, and historical or cultural records.

In accordance to the Parks Canada Cultural Resources Impact Analysis policy, and Archaeological Overview Assessment (AOA) will be conducted to determine whether mitigation measures will be required. Details about any mitigation requirements are outlined in an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA).



Map 1: Location of lease 75K\11-5-4 within Thaidene Nene National Park Reserve, in relation to Thaidene Nënë Indigenous Protected Area, Territorial Protected Area, and the Wildlife Conservation Area.





Map 2: The proposed location of the cabin on existing Lease No. 75K\11-5-4 in Thaidene Nene National Park Reserve.

