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Dear Mr. ^{Louie}Azzolini

Re: Patterson Sawmill Ltd. Environmental Assessment. EA00-005.

The Fort Resolution Metis Council has met regarding the above and strongly objects to the timber licence application submitted by Patterson Sawmill Ltd..

We have a lot of concerns with the assessment. Traditional knowledge was not incorporated in the assessment. Furthermore the study indicates that there are four trappers in the area. This is incorrect. There are more than four individuals who trap in that area. Our people have used the area for thousands of years to pick berries, hunt small and big game, as well as gathering medicinal plants. Harvesting is done on an "as needed" basis by our people. We are proud of the fact that we can conserve our livelihood. Not all of the fur that is caught gets sold. A lot of it is used for traditional handicraft products, clothing, etc.

We know how we were treated when Pine Point was in operation. Our people were told that there would be minimal impacts to the land, water, trees, and animals. Our people have been forced to move off their ancestral lands while the mining company bulldozed our traplines. We have yet to be compensated. Although the mine has been closed for the last thirteen years, the company has not restored the land to its natural, pristine state.

We will continue to object to any development on our traditional territory until the South Slave Metis Tribal Council Land and Resources claim has been settled.

Regards

For Violet Mankieles
 Cara Carriere
 Vice-President

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