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Subject: Protection of the Nahanni River Watershed

Dear Canadians,

In the summer of 1998, I finally canoed the Nahanni River. For years I had dreamed of doing this, and I was thrilled to spend that two weeks in the park.

In regard to mining and the building of a road, please review this idea most carefully. A full Environmental Assessment to address the OVERALL impact of the project should be undertaken with the goal of assuring that the ecological integrity of the park not be compromised.

This area, the Nahanni Plateau and the Karst Lands, can not be developed without doing just that to Nahanni National Park, which is also a World Heritage Site. I understand the pressure to develop, but it seems that your country has always had more vision than mine when it came to protecting national environmental treasures. I never thought I would be writing an e-mail such as this to Canadians. Please, please cherish your natural heritage...once it is gone, it is gone forever.

I have canoed many places in Canada: the middle track to York Factory; the Missinnabi to James Bay; the George to Ungava Bay; the Nahanni to Nahanni Butte and beyond. This summer I will spend three weeks on the Thelon River as a 60th birthday gift to myself. You have a magnificent land! You will be glad someday that you protected it well!

With respect and good wishes,

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P.S.: Please pass this on to Vern Christensen, Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board, as he didn't have an e-mail address that I could find. Thank you.

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