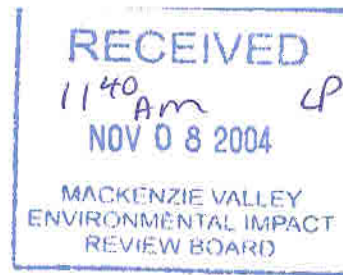




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Dear Mr. Burlingame:

**Re: Deh Cho Bridge- EA Hearing - October 21, 2004 Undertaking #1, are lands in this development identified as a potential part of the land claim**

The present Deh Cho Bridge location that is under assessment has approaches on the North and South shores of the Mackenzie River. These bridge approaches occur within the existing ferry entrances and exits and exist in the right of ways of lands managed by the Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Transportation.

The question asked by the Mackenzie Valley Environment Impact Review Board is as follows, "People who camp along the way there and have fish camps, has it been identified as a potential for part of their land claims?"

The land in question was not included in the land withdrawal done pursuant to the Deh Cho Interim Measures Agreement, which is an indication that there are unlikely significant land claim issues related to the use of this area for the bridge. Assuming the bridge is being built within the existing right-of-way and area of the highway and ferry crossing, there should be no significant land claim issues in terms of title or control over the site, as third party interests and public infrastructure are typically protected in Aboriginal settlements, and there are no existing cabins or camps on the site.

If you have questions, regarding this submission, please call contact Lionel Marcinkoski at 669-2591.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Meredith Seal". The signature is written in a cursive style.

for/ David Livingstone  
Director of Renewable Resources and Environment

cc: James Lawrance, Director, ATR