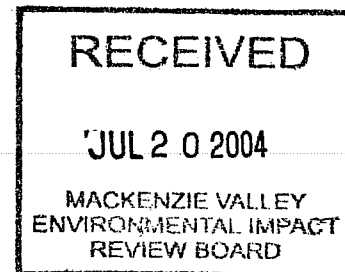




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Dear Ms. Cliffe-Phillips:

Jane Lind Horn River Mineral Exploration Environmental Assessment - Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has reviewed the *Draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan for the Environmental Assessment of the Jane Lind Horn River Mineral Exploration*. This was distributed by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board to interested parties on June 28, 2004. The GNWT's comments on the draft document are as follows:

Subsection I-5 Protected and Withdrawn Areas

1. Change the first and second paragraphs as indicated.

"Describe in detail the impacts on the Candidate Protected Area, Edehzhie, which has been withdrawn from development **for a five year period** under the Deh Cho process and the NWT Protected Areas Strategy. Describe in detail potential impacts within the boundaries of Edehzhie and explain how they may affect the ~~"Candidate Protected Area" status~~ **viability of the area as a potential Protected Area from an ecological and cultural perspective.**"

Please call the undersigned at 920-6106 with any questions that you may have regarding the attached.

Sincerely,

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