

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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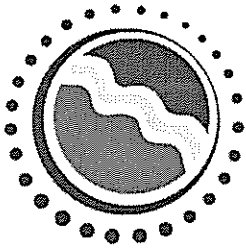
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Martin

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## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

June 15, 2005

EA0506-003 Distribution List

Dear interested parties:

**Re: Party Status for EA05-06-003 Ur Energy**

The organizations listed in the table below have been granted status as a Party to the environmental assessment. Individuals listed further below have been added to the distribution list as members of the public.

Section 117(2) of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act requires the MVEIRB to consider any submission made by a member of the public. Members of the public have the right to make submissions and/or presentations to the Board at any time during the environmental assessment. Parties may also bring expert witnesses before the board, submit information requests and make a request for ruling. Parties may be asked to submit technical analysis reports and respond to information requests themselves. Representatives of parties making a presentation to the Board are subject to cross examination. For further information on the roles and responsibilities please see the work plan for this environmental assessment available on the public registry at [www.mveirb.nt.ca](http://www.mveirb.nt.ca).

<b>Organizations with Party Status</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>
Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board	Leslie Wakelyn
Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation	Monica Krieger
World Wildlife Fund	Monte Hummel
Environment Canada	Mike Fournier, Ivy Stone
DIAND	Lionel Marcinkoski
Canoe Arctic	Alex Hall
Akaiicho Interims Measures Agreement (IMA) Office	Stephen Ellis
GNWT	Paul Cobban

Members of the Public added to distribution list:

- David F. Pelly
- John Groves
- Joan Pelly
- Andrew Stewart
- Elisabeth Havnen

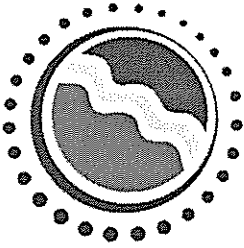
Organizations (or individuals) that are not parties to this environmental assessment may request party status at any time during the proceeding.

If you have any questions regarding party status or any other aspect of the environmental assessment process, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 766-7053 or [mhaefele@mveirb.nt.ca](mailto:mhaefele@mveirb.nt.ca).

Sincerely

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Martin Haefele  
Environmental Assessment Officer



## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

June 15, 2005

### EA0506-003 Distribution List

Dear interested parties:

**Re: Pre-Hearing Conference for EA05-06-003 Ur Energy Environmental Assessment**

Please note the following information regarding the pre-hearing conference for the Ur Energy environmental assessment.

**Date:** Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Time:** 09:00 to 11:45

**Location:** MVEIRB Boardroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Scotia Centre (5102 – 50<sup>th</sup> Ave)  
Yellowknife

**Teleconference info:** Parties participating in the pre-hearing conference via telephone should dial 1-888-337-8477 followed by 5593 # (the PIN #). If you have difficulty connecting to the teleconference please call our office at (867) 766-7050.

**Participants:** A list of confirmed and yet unconfirmed participants is attached.

**Documentation** You should previously have received the following documents:

- Pre-hearing conference agenda
- Pre-hearing conference guide
- Participants' worksheets
- Issues summary
- General description of uranium exploration
- Environmental assessment work plan

All documents are available from the online public registry at [www.mveirb.nt.ca](http://www.mveirb.nt.ca). After selecting EA0506-003 please select *work plan* for the work plan and *public hearings* for all other documents.

Attached to this letter is documentation from the Treaty 8 NWT Tribal Corporation regarding efforts undertaken to protect the project area. Also attached is a community hearing announcement.

You will be receiving further information on the cultural significance of the area and its importance for harvesting as it becomes available, hopefully prior to the pre-hearing conference.

If you have any questions regarding the pre-hearing conference or any other aspect of the environmental assessment process, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 766-7053 or [mhaefele@mveirb.nt.ca](mailto:mhaefele@mveirb.nt.ca).

Sincerely

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Martin Haefele  
Environmental Assessment Officer

**Pre-Hearing Conference June 20, 2005 for EA0506-003 Ur Energy**

**Confirmed Participants**

Name	Organization	Phone
Jack Charlton	On behalf of Ur Energy	✓
Leslie Wakelyn	BQCMB	X
Paul Pitman, President	Ur Energy	✓
Eric Craigie, Senior Vice-President	Ur Energy	✓
Shelagh Montgomery	Senes Consultants on behalf of Ur Energy	X
John Donihee	MVEIRB legal counsel	✓
Mike Vaydik	NWT/Nunavut Chamber of mines	X
Paul Cobban	GNWT	X
Ivvy Stone	Environment Canada	X
Monica Krieger	Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation	✓
Stephen Ellis	NWT Treaty #8 Tribal Corporation	✓
Mike Fournier	Environment Canada	X

**Potential Participants**

<b>Lionel Marcinkoski</b>	<b>INAC</b>	<b>X</b>
TBA	INAC	X
Bill Carpenter	WWF	✓
Tracey Williams	WWF	X
TBA	Ur Energy	✓

X: will be present at MVEIRB Boardroom

✓: will participate via teleconference



Akaitcho Interim Measures Agreement Implementation Office

*NWT Treaty #8 Tribal Corporation*

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June 2, 2005

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**RE: EA0506-003 Response to request for documentation of efforts to include the upper Thelon region in a conservation zone**

Dear Mr. Haefele:

In response to your request for available documents outlining efforts to include the Screech Lake region in a protected area, the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation (LKDFN) has asked me to compile the relevant documents, briefly describe the relevance of each, and forward the information to you. Please find the available documents attached to this letter, and their relevance herein described.

The attached documents are:

**Thelon Game Sanctuary**

1. *Thelon Game Sanctuary Management Plan* – This document has been approved by all the relevant authorities in Nunavut, and has agreement-in-principle from the LKDFN. The LKDFN will approve the plan with the support of the other Akaitcho Dene First Nations. This support is currently being sought. Appendix #2 of the Plan describes a Special Management Area to the southwest of the current Sanctuary as being particularly important for maintaining the integrity of the Sanctuary. Once the Plan is fully approved, the resulting Management Authority would proceed with the necessary measures and consultations to establish the Special Management Area.
2. *Joint Lutsel K'e / Qammanituaq letter to the relevant territorial Ministers* - Outlines support-in-principle for the Thelon Game Sanctuary Management Plan.

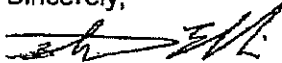
3. *Recommendation from Akaitcho Negotiating Team to the Akaitcho Chiefs* – Demonstrates commitment to proceed expediently with the approval and implementation of the Thelon Game Sanctuary Management Plan.
4. *Map* - Outlines proposed boundaries of a Special Management Area to the Thelon Game Sanctuary.

**National Park in the East Arm and Artillery Lake regions**

5. *LKDFN BCR (October 5, 2004)* – Demonstrates commitment of the LKDFN to plan and negotiate a National Park.
6. *LKDFN Proposal excerpt and covering letter to Parks Canada (March 9, 2005)* – Demonstrates desire of the LKDFN to plan for new boundaries beyond the current land withdrawal.

I trust these materials suit your needs. Please contact me if you have any questions, or need anymore background information.

Sincerely,



Stephen Ellis – Akaitcho IMA Implementation Coordinator  
NWT Treaty #8 Tribal Corporation

- c. Sub – Chief Albert Boucher – LKDFN  
Peter Enzoë / Monica Krieger – LKDFN Wildlife, Lands, and Environment Committee



Qamanittuaq (Baker Lake) / Lutsel K'e  
Joint Community Meeting  
regarding  
*Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary Management Plan*  
Lutsel K'e, NT - March 9, 2001

Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation  
Box 28 Lutsel K'e, NT X0E 1A0

Hunters and Trappers Association  
Akiliniq Planning Committee  
Qamanittuaq (Baker Lake), NU

March 9/01

Olayuk Akesuk  
Minister of Sustainable Development  
Brown Building 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
P.O Box 1340  
Iqaluit, NU

Joseph Handley - Minister  
Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development  
Box 1320  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

**Re: Finalization of the Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary Management Plan**

Dear Ministers:

Our communities of Qamanittuaq and Lutsel K'e met on March 9/01 in Lutsel K'e to review the status of the proposed *Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary Management Plan*.

Our communities were actively involved in preparing the *Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary Management Plan* from 1994-97 through the Akiliniq Planning Committee. Since that time we have seen little support from the two Territorial Governments for the work of the Akiliniq Planning Committee and the interests of the communities of Qamanittuaq and Lutsel K'e with respect to the Sanctuary.

At our March 9/01 meeting the two communities of Qamanittuaq and Lutsel K'e agreed to accept the *Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary Management Plan* in principle. However, there are a number of key issues within the plan that require revision. Those issues largely relate to the:

- legal context of Treaty#8 governance negotiations;
- boundaries of the Sanctuary including the Special Management Areas;
- constitution of the Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary Management Authority;
- implementation of the plan.

Notwithstanding these concerns, we feel that the plan generally addresses our common interest in protecting the land, water and wildlife of the Thelon. Both our communities have a long history of living on the land in that area. We would like to see these resources and our cultural heritage protected for future generations.

We are therefore recommending that the Nunavut Department of Sustainable Development and the Department of Resources Wildlife and Economic Development accept the plan in principle and provide resources for the communities of Qamanittuaq and Lutsel K'e to:

- establish a joint-management board;
- redraft those sections of the agreement of concern to them;
- consult with the members of their communities regarding the plan and revisions;
- meet together in July 2001 to finalize the plan.

Over the past years our two communities have found ways to work together in the interest of managing the lands, wildlife, and resources we share in common. At this time, we feel it is important that the Department of Sustainable Development and the Department of Resources Wildlife and Economic Development recognize our efforts and support us in finalizing the *Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary Management Plan*.

Sincerely,

Chief Felix Lockhart  
Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation

David Aksawnee – Chair  
Qamanittuaq Hunters and Trappers Organization

Charlie Catholique – Chair  
Wildlife Lands and Environment Ctte.

David Toolooktook  
Akiliniq Planning Committee

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JB Rabesca – Elder  
Wildlife Lands and Environment Ctte.

Thomas Qiqmat  
Akiliniq Planning Committee

Archie Catholique – Councilor  
Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation

Basil Tuluqtuq  
Akiliniq Planning Committee

Recommendations of the April 19-21, 2005 Akaitcho Technical Lands Workshop (MVEIRB EDIT)

**Recommendations of the Akaitcho Technical Lands Workshop (April 19-21, 2005)**

*THIS REPORT HAS BEEN EDITED TO ONLY INCLUDE INFORMATION OF RELEVANCE TO THE UR-ENERGY INC. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT*

**YKDFN**

Fred Sangris – Community Negotiator  
Ted Tsetta – Lands Coordinator

**DKFN**

Paul Boucher – Community Negotiator

**LKDFN**

James Marlowé – Acting Community  
Negotiator  
Stan Desjarlais – Lands Coordinator

**T8TC**

Sharon Venne – Akaitcho Chief  
Negotiator

The purpose of this workshop was to discuss and develop ideas for Akaitcho lands in the context of the Treaty Implementation negotiations. Negotiators and Lands Coordinators from the First Nations were brought together to discuss their current progress on this issue, and to develop recommendations for the Chiefs in order to advance negotiations and the First Nation interests as they pertain to Akaitcho lands.

**Recommendation #3 – Akaitcho should work with the Inuit to protect and manage caribou herds important to the Akaitcho First Nations**

*Beverly*

The Thelon Game Sanctuary Management Plan contains provisions for creating "Special Management Areas" in order to protect the calving grounds of the Beverly herd, as well as the headwaters of the Thelon river system. The plan would be administered by a management board with Dene and Inuit membership. This Plan has been approved completely by the relevant Inuit organizations (Government of Nunavut, Kivalliq Inuit Association, Baker Lake). Lutsel K'e approved the plan in principle in 2001, pending overall Akaitcho support. Only the current lack of formal Akaitcho support is preventing the implementation of this Plan. **Akaitcho leadership and the negotiating team should review the Thelon Game Sanctuary Management Plan, and if in line with the Treaty negotiations, should sign off and implement for the protection of the Beverly calving grounds and the Thelon watershed.**

**Recommendation #5 – Resolve overlap issues with Sahtu, Tlicho, Deh Cho and Nunavut**

NWT Treaty #8 Tribal Corporation

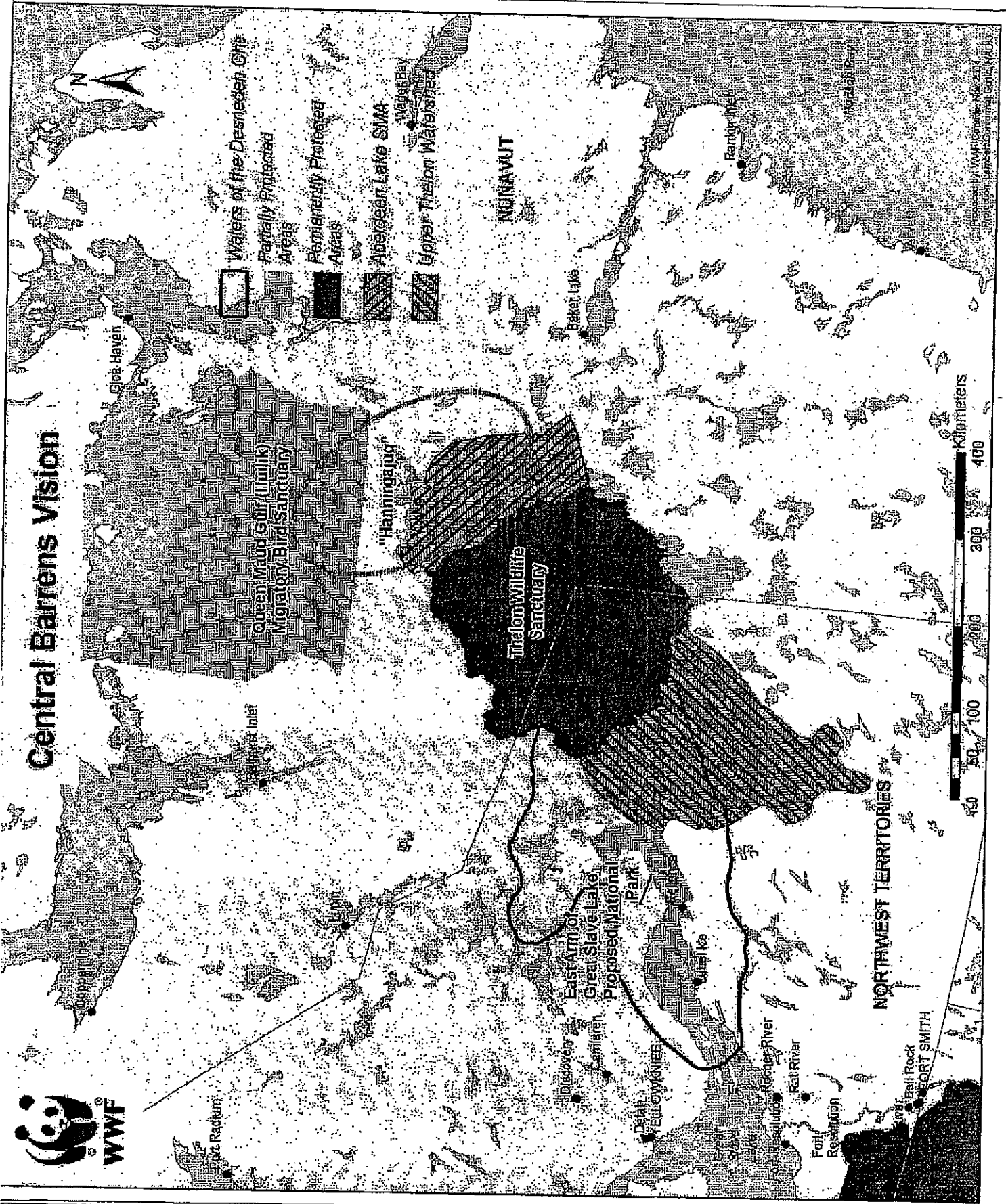
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*Nunavut*

This issue would partly be dealt with through the sign-off of the Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary Management Plan, and a shared management arrangement for the eastern part of the Akaitcho territory.

An agreement was made between Nunavut and the Dene in 1990 regarding boundary issues. The AFN should have these documents, and they should be tracked down and examined.

**Outstanding overlap issues with the Inuit could be dealt with through joint caribou protection measures, and should be pursued at a meeting with the Inuit at the meeting described in Recommendation #3.**



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BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION / RÉSOLUTION DE CONSEIL DE BANDE

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NOTE: The words "Band Council Resolution" or "Résolution de Conseil de Bande" must appear in the title of all resolutions originating from Band Councils.

Table with 2 columns: Council info (Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation) and Financial info (Cash free balance, Capital account, Revenue account).

DO HEREBY RESOLVE / DECIDE, PAR LES PRÉSENTS:

WHEREAS the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation has been considering protecting lands in its traditional territory in partnership with Parks Canada, and
WHEREAS the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation has the inherent right to govern itself based upon values and principles handed down from generation to generation, and
WHEREAS the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation has occupied and used its traditional territory for subsistence, cultural, and spiritual practices from time immemorial, and
WHEREAS the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation has a nation to nation relationship with the Crown established through Treaty #8 (July 26, 1900), and
WHEREAS the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation is signatory to the Akaitcho Framework Agreement (July 25, 2000) with the purpose of renewing a relationship with the Crown based on the spirit and intent of Treaty #8, and
WHEREAS the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation has the right and the responsibility to protect lands in its traditional territory for as long as the sun shines, the river flows, and the grass grows, and
WHEREAS the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation has the values, knowledge, experience, and practices necessary to plan, operate, and manage protected lands in its traditional territory, and
WHEREAS Parks Canada has legislation, ecological integrity principles, experience, expertise, and resources that can help in the planning, operation, and management of protected lands.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation will enter into negotiations with the Crown with the intent of creating a partnership for the planning, operation, and management of protected lands in its traditional territory.
FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation will enter into negotiations based on the original spirit and intent of Treaty #8 and the principles of the Akaitcho Framework Agreement.

Quorum section with signatures and names of Council members: Chair, Members, and Clerk.

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY - RÉSERVE AU MINISTÈRE. Form with fields for Approving officer, Date, and Signature.



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March 9, 2005

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Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N8  
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Fax: (867) 669-2829

**RE: 2005-2006 Proposal for Protected Area Planning**

Dear Mr. Hamre and Mr. Gamble:

The Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation has developed a proposal outlining the planning and preparatory work it would like to accomplish in 2005-2006 relating to the advancement of a protected area in the East Arm, Reliance, and Artillery Lake regions. Please find attached the detailed final proposal for your review.

We look forward to working cooperatively with Parks Canada in the planning of the protected area during 2005-2006. We also look forward to a commitment from Parks Canada to fund the proposed work.

Please contact Stephen Ellis (867-370-3217) with any questions and comments regarding this proposal.

Sincerely,

Sub Chief Albert Boucher  
Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation

**Planning for the Establishment of a National Park in the East Arm of Great Slave Lake, Reliance, and Artillery Lake Regions of the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation Traditional Territory**

*THIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN EDITED TO ONLY INCLUDE INFORMATION OF RELEVANCE TO THE UR-ENERGY INC. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT*

Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation

The LKDFN spent the better part of 2003, 2004, and the early part of 2005 in internal discussions concerning the implications of establishing a protected area in its traditional territory, particularly in the context of the Akaitcho Treaty Entitlement Process. As a result of these recent discussions, the LKDFN is prepared to initiate protected area negotiations with the Crown at a side table to the broader Akaitcho Process, focusing on partnership with Parks Canada in the Lockhart River (upper and lower) / Artillery Lake / East Arm regions. A Band Council Resolution was passed to these effects at a duly convened meeting of the LKDFN Chief and Council on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004. This BCR was reinforced by further community resolutions at a meeting of the LKDFN membership on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Support from the other First Nations party to the Akaitcho Framework Agreement is expected to be secured in the first half of 2005.

During the 2005-2006 fiscal year, the LKDFN would like to focus its park planning on the development of a detailed and comprehensive community vision for a protected area in the East Arm, Reliance, and Artillery Lake regions. Developing community proposals for various aspects of protected area design is essential if the LKDFN is to take a well-prepared and pro-active approach to protected area planning and negotiation. Some of these aspects include:

- Boundaries and Zoning
- Name
- Management Structure
- LKDFN Member Access and Use
- Visitor Regulation
- Infrastructure
- Cultural Respect and Promotion
- Economic Development and Training

2005-2006 activities can be viewed as the necessary preparatory work in advance of actual protected area negotiations. This work will allow the LKDFN to develop detailed and well-thought out negotiating positions, which would greatly facilitate both the effectiveness and efficiency of eventual negotiations.

1. To detail and elaborate on a community vision, in cooperation with Parks Canada, for a protected area in the East Arm, Reliance, and Artillery Lake regions. This includes exploring options for boundaries, zoning, naming, management structure, Dene access and use, cultural promotion, tourist regulation, infrastructure, and economic development.

Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation



With regards to developing a community vision, project methods will simply involve a series of discussions and workshops. An Elder-Youth Forum, tentatively consisting of two Elders, two Land-Users, and two Youth, will be established to direct and oversee protected area development discussions. It is expected that such a Forum will focus park planning in a more efficient and effective manner, and provide continuity to the community parks establishment process. It is likely that this Forum would extend its role into eventual park negotiations.

Initial design and planning will be completed by the Elder-Youth Forum, with facilitation support from the Parks Project Director and the Community Planner.

It is expected that the following will require workshop development by the Elder-Youth Forum:

1. Community and Parks Canada Goals for Protection – 1 workshop
2. Boundaries and Zoning (including waters) - 3 workshops
3. Management Options - 2 workshops
4. LKDFN Member and other First Nation Access and Use – 1 workshop
5. Visitor Regulation - 2 workshops
6. Infrastructure - 1 workshop
7. Cultural Respect and Promotion – 1 workshop
8. Economic Development and Training - 2 workshops

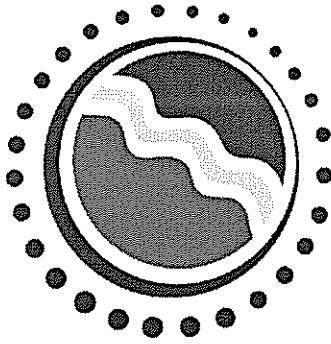
It is expected that the bulk of these workshops will be conducted with Parks Canada participation. In some cases, relevant community agencies will also be involved in the planning workshops. For example, in order to workshop Economic Development and Training, representation from the Denesoline Economic Development Corporation might be involved. Broader community consultations will take place as necessary, but especially to review and approve the results of Elder-Youth Forum workshops.

It is expected that two meetings will be required throughout the year to update the other Akaitcho Dene First Nations as to progress on park planning. Also, there will be two meetings held between the Parks Project Director, the Community Planner, the Elder-Youth Forum, and the Akaitcho negotiating team during the course of the project period. When possible, these meetings will be scheduled to "piggy-back" with other gatherings / meetings of the Akaitcho Dene First Nations and the Akaitcho Negotiating Team (e.g. Akaitcho General Assembly, main table negotiating sessions).

Periodic consultations with Parks Canada will also be required.

Delegates from other First Nations who are working with Parks Canada in the planning, establishment, and operation of protected areas will be invited to attend two of the planning workshops. They will serve as resource people at these workshops. The First Nation delegates will most likely participate in the Cultural Respect and Promotion and Management Options workshops, and will likely be from the Haida Nation, the Deh Cho First Nations, the Inuit, or the Inuvialuit. It is expected that the learning from the park planning and management experience of these delegates will greatly aid the LKDFN planning process.

Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation



**Mackenzie Valley  
Environmental Impact  
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# **Lutsel K'e Community Hearing UR Energy Exploration Program**

**Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**Meeting starts at 10:00 am**

**In the Zah Lockhart Hall**

**LUNCH WILL  
BE PROVIDED  
AT 1:00 PM**



**Questions?  
Call Martin Haefele: 867-766-7053**