

Hi Corey.

It is difficult to evaluate your request until I receive the shapefiles of the TNR operations. However, following on our conversation I looked into the documents that I mentioned and discovered that Narrow Island and the surrounding area have not been subject to a detailed arch. study. The 2004 work that Steve mentioned did not stop at this area. This would be the reason that the request to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Survey did not find any results. I wanted to get back to you today with this information trying to ensure that this is cleared up – it's a little time consuming for me to convert the data in the maps in your letter to shapefiles (and if you already have them it's not especially efficient), so I'm guesstimating from a key map that is too small scale and a more local map that is too large scale until then.

When researching, I came across two other resources which I checked. This data cannot be released without the direction of leadership (If you wish to obtain a copy of the relevant information, please submit a letter to Chief and Council, cc'ing me on it). These resources are confidential and can be provided to you only under a confidentiality agreement. I'm happy to describe them however, as I think that will give you good insight. The first resource is a very large map (the size of a high school gym) where the land uses of many elders were mapped. This area includes (again, without the claim block handy to overlay in my GIS it's difficult to know) 2 historic villages and several known gravesites. Along with this, the area is a veritable highway of transportation routes, with perhaps the highest density anywhere on the map. Additionally, there is a camp in the area that has been well used over the years by many families.

The second resource is a text description of the two villages. The first, Nudar Na'ghe Kue Thela, was a well used area dating back to at least 1910. Approximately 20 known residents occasionally lived here (at a minimum). A second village, which I believe is further away, Dene del ?aze thelti was approximately the same size and has a known history dating back to 1946 and has a very old cemetery along with other burial sites nearby.

What is important to say is that this data does not have the level of spatial accuracy that I believe that you are looking for *nor does it represent all of the landuses in the area*. The text description is not adequate and provides only general location, while even the large map does not provide a sufficient level of detail to allow fine tuning of targets for planning purposes. I would suggest that given the high use of this area there is a significant likelihood of heritage resources being present on your claim block. There is a real and significant risk of destruction, degradation and indignity being brought to them. This is precisely the reason that YKDFN are requesting an archaeological study of the area prior to drilling. No one, including yourselves I'm sure, want to disturb these resources and all Parties should have confidence that it is not going to happen.

As a final reminder (I'm confident that this has been raised before) – I'm happy to help on information issues such as this, but it is not a substitute for meaningful consultation

with the YKDFN. Completion of the formal engagement nature of “consultation” must occur directly with leadership and should take place in a face to face manner.

Regards

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