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Mr. Jim Stevens
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Dear Mr. Stevens:

Re: Application to reserve ROW, Mackenzie Valley Highway in the
Gwich'in Settlement Area

This letter is in response to your letter of December 4, 2012, requesting Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) reserve a 60 m wide ROW from Km 1508 to Km 1479 for the Mackenzie Valley Highway project.

AANDC does not issue reservations for road construction, and that the road can be built under a *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) land use permit. Once the road is completed it will become Commissioner's land pursuant to Section 44 (2) of the *Northwest Territories Act*.

As long as the Department of Transportation is eligible for a permit under the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations, consent of the Crown is not required since there is no legislation in place that prohibits access to or use of public lands.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-2670.

Sincerely,

Karen Polakoff
Manager
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