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Chief Wilfred Hooka-nooza
Dene Thá First Nation

Emailed to: Wildred.Hooka-nooza@denetha.ca

Dear Chief Hooka-nooza,

It has come to the attention of the Kátł'odeeche First Nation (KFN) that Dene Thá First Nation (DTFN) personnel are carrying out environmental assessment and other research work in the Pine Point area of the NWT, which is within the northeastern portion of Kátł'odeeche Got'ı Ndee (the KFN traditional territory – see attached map) and includes portions of the Akaitcho Territory. KFN has no knowledge of historic or contemporary land use and occupancy by the Dene Tha in the Pine Point area and DTFN did not consult with KFN before carrying out work in that portion of our territory. We are concerned that DTFN is asserting Aboriginal rights in that area of the KFN territory without evidence of historic land use and occupancy and without respectful, advance consultation with KFN.

For this reason, we would like to have a meeting between KFN and DTFN leadership and officials to ensure that traditional protocols are followed when undertaking activities within one another's traditional territories. Although we are related, we are separate First Nations and have our own respective traditional land use and occupancy areas, while respecting the fact that there is overlap in some areas along the Alberta – NWT border.

Please let me know if DTFN can be available to a meeting on this matter in January 2023.
Mahsi.

Respectfully,

Chief April Martel

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