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Dear Bill,

#### Re. Yukon Protected Area Strategy (YPAS)

Due to the significant implications for program implementation and the tight time frames allowed for the review of the current draft, DIAND will require further time to undertake a coordinated federal response and a judicial review of the draft in progress, prior to providing federal support for the proposed Strategy. Therefore, I am writing to request the opportunity to undertake a coordinated federal review of the present draft in progress, once completed, prior to its release to the public. Such a review was also undertaken for the Yukon Forest Strategy.

In particular, we are concerned that the Strategy, may duplicate existing legislated resource management processes established under the claim, eg. land use planning, and in doing so, draw on limited resources that may further delay their successful implementation.

Coordination of intergovernmental support to implement the Strategy will also require greater clarity regarding priorities, and our respective roles in the implementation of the work plan. Presently, there appears to be significant and undetermined resource implications for our department arising out of the Strategy's implementation.

We appreciate that considerable work has gone into the drafting process to address federal concerns and to gain consensus between divergent interest groups. Clearly, significant progress has been made since the review of the March 30th Draft Strategy. We appreciate the opportunity to be involved in the process and trust that you will understand our concerns in this matter. Once we receive the final draft, we will begin our review.

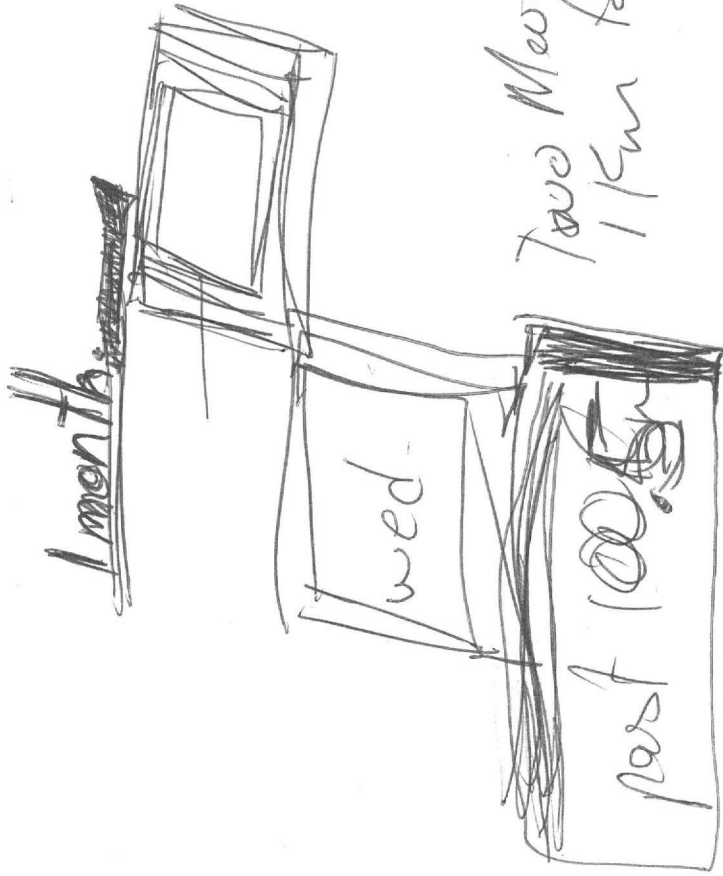
If you would like to discuss these or related matters do not hesitate to call.

Yours truly,

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