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Dear Mr. Kuiper,

Hi Bob, we sort of met at the Protected Areas session of the Circumpolar Sustainable Development conference.

As you know the NWT is also in the process of developing a Protected Areas Strategy, on which I am a member of the government working group. We were reviewing a draft document from a Yukon P.A. workshop that came out in May 1997. In it was stated the need for mineral resource assessments to be incorporated into any protected area proposal.

Let me give you credit for being proactive in addressing this aspect of evaluating proposed areas. I think that having assessments tied to all p.a.'s, not just National Parks and National Marine Conservation Areas, is really the best way to limit conflicts and achieve consensus on p.a. boundaries.

As we are just starting to formulate our own strategy, I was interested in any further drafts which may detail how the Yukon will approach compensation for mineral claims and if resource assessments will be tied in by specific legislation, by policy due to government commitments i.e. WMI, or how exactly.

I appreciate any information you can send to us.

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