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Memorandum

To: Lois Craig, ADM, Economic Development
From: Joy Waters, ADM, Renewable Resources
Date: April 14, 2000
Re: YPAS Planning Initiatives for the Northeast Yukon

I am writing to provide you with the YPAS information that your department can use to plan your future geological field programs. The current YPAS Work Plan (1999-2000) approved by Cabinet identifies the Arctic Circle/ Dempster Highway area of Northeast Yukon as the next YPAS planning priority. The Work Plan identifies this area to include the British Richardson Mountains and Eagle Plains eco-regions.

However, as mentioned at our April 4th meeting with Maurice and Bill, after the election we will be seeking a renewed YPAS mandate by submitting the 2000-2001 Work Plan to Cabinet. In that work plan, which we will review with Economic Development beforehand, we intend to propose, as one option, that this planning initiative also include the Peel River Plateau and Fort-MacPherson Plain eco-regions.

On another, but related matter, I would like to ask if you could clarify at what stage in the YPAS planning process your department feels that geo-chemical data is required. On March 22, 2000 we were told that regional geological data is sufficient to identify areas of interest and that geo-chemical data is required to define a study area. On April 12, 2000 your geology staff indicated that the regional geological data would be sufficient for both the area of interest stage as well as the study area stage, and that geo-chemical data would only be required when defining protected area boundaries. It would be helpful for us to understand exactly at what stage which level of assessment is required. ||

I hope that this information will be of assistance as your department plans its future fieldwork program. I also look forward to your response regarding when geo-chemical data is required in the YPAS planning process.

Joy Waters

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April 6, 2000

To: Bill Oppen, Deputy Minister, Renewable Resources
From: Maurice Albert, Deputy Minister, Economic Development

Re: Tombstone Territorial Park – Management Plan

Please find below a listing of anticipated issues that may come up during the Tombstone Park Management Planning process. This list includes issues that Economic Development will have responsibility for following the transfer of the Northern Affairs Program to the Yukon government. Many of the issues are also relevant to the management planning process for the infrastructure corridor that has been excluded from the Park and for which a separate management plan will be developed.

Potential Management Planning Issues:

- 1) Third party interests that have been recognized within the Tr'ondek Hwech'in Final Agreement:
 - There is a need to address the third party interests (existing claims inside the Park boundaries) that were grandfathered in the TH Final Agreement. It can be expected that the Steering Committee will be looking to government for direction in this area and this will be a central issue during the management planning process.
 - Access to these claims has already become an issue and we should anticipate that this will remain a concern during management planning;
 - Industry has stated its interest in continuing to use the Dempster Highway corridor as a site to mobilize helicopter supported exploration programs. This has the potential to become an issue for some groups;
 - Further development of the mineral interests (consistent with grandfathering) will also be an issue during management planning;
 - Discussions related to the potential removal of the grandfathered interests and the issues associated with this (expropriation, compensation, breach of contract, etc.) can also be expected.



2) Impact on third party interests (mineral claims) outside of the Park boundaries:

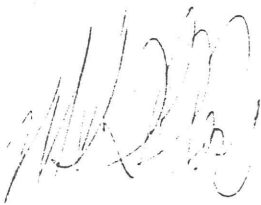
- Industry has expressed concern related to possible restrictions on flying over the Park to properties both within and outside of the park boundaries. This will be addressed during management planning;
- Issues related to road access to properties outside of the Park but whose logical access route would fall within the Park (such as the Hart River road) can be expected;
- Concerns related to adequate/meaningful consultations with the mining industry during the management planning process are also expected.

3) Other areas:

- There is potential for concern to be expressed with regards to the size and location of the infrastructure corridor as well as the coordination of the corridor management plan with the Park plan;
- Related to this, the possible inclusion of a sunset or a review clause with regards to the corridor may also be discussed.

As follow-up to our meeting on April 4th, I would request that your staff contact Joe MacGillivray within my Department to begin internal discussion regarding potential Tourism related development within the Tombstone Territorial Park. The Department of Tourism should also be included in these discussions.

I trust that you will find these comments useful. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Joe MacGillivray at 667-3432.



Maurice Albert

Status of RGS surveys

