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Hon. Jim Prentice
 Minister of Environment
 House of Commons
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Dear Minister Prentice,

Re: Liard highway

I want to bring to your attention the condition of the main access road into the Nahanni National Park Reserve, Northwest Territories Highway 7, also known as the Liard highway. The highway is in very poor condition and the Government of the Northwest Territories will need assistance in making repairs.

Considering this highway is the access route into the national park reserve, I ask that you ask your department to examine the possibility of assisting the NWT make repairs. I understand there are programs through Environment Canada which can be used to provide assistance for repairs to highways in and accessing national parks.

Knowing your strong interest in developing Nahanni National Park Reserve as a world class attraction, it would be in your best interest to make it easier for tourists to travel to the park. Not only will it improve the road but it will also help the local economy.

Member of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly for Nahendeh, Mr. Kevin Menicoche, has raised this issue to me on several accounts. He has travelled the highway on numerous occasions and is very familiar with its condition. If you wish I can provide you with his contact information.

I ask that you look into this at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Dennis Bevington MP
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