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Attention: Jim Umpherson,

Regional Manager Land Resources NWT GOVERNMENT LIBRARY
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find an application for a Land Use Permit. This application will be identical to Permit # 89W176 Km 382. However we would like to include the Magill Lake area as a possible logging site. Access would be by the most direct cut line to the Magill Lake area.

I am unable to obtain #95 H Fort Simpson map, however I have enclosed a vegatation map and a sketch of the compsite.

Yours truly,

Eugene Patterson,

Manager

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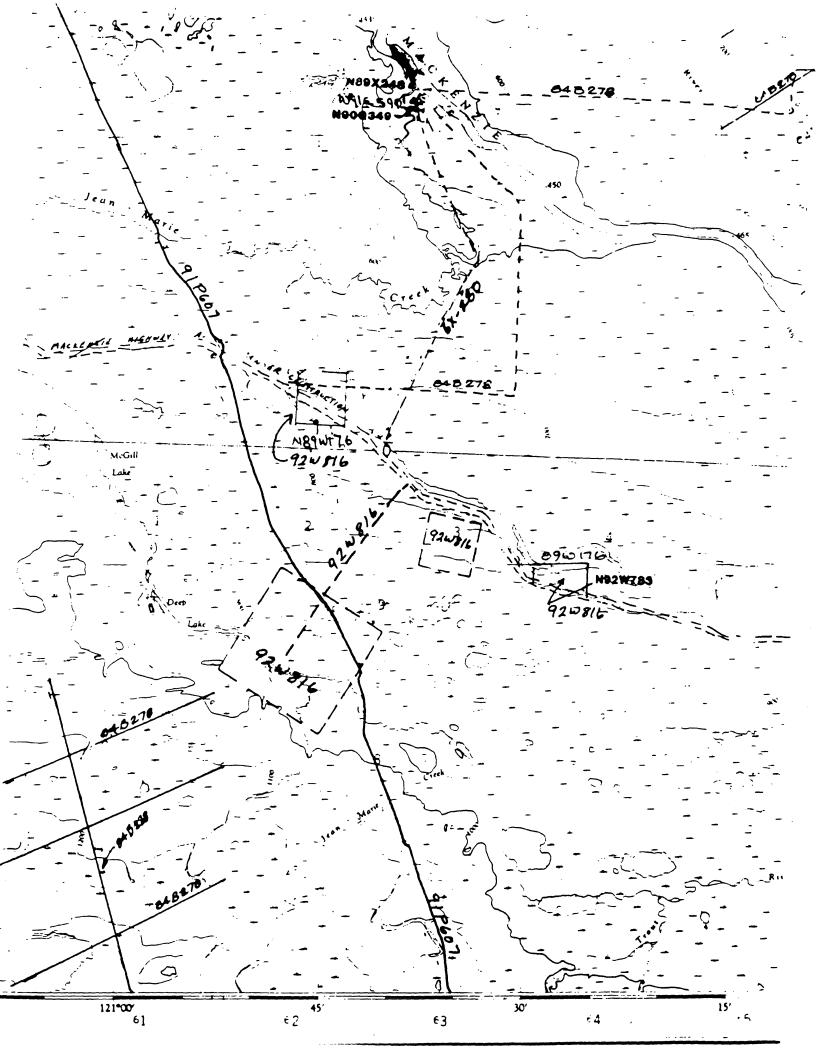


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4 September 1992

Mr. Trevor Teed Dene Nation Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Dear Mr. Teed;

RE: INVESTIGATION OF LOGGING SITE AT KIM. 382 MACKENZIE HIGHWAY

As per our discussion this morning regarding the above item, I am hereby submitting a formal request to your office for assistance.

In brief, Patterson Enterprises has issued an application to carry out a logging operation in the Ekali Lake area. Upon receiving a copy of this application, we spoke with individuals from Jean Marie, a community located very close to this logging site. These individuals indicated that they had some grave concerns regarding the submission of Patterson Enterprises who had previously logged some of this area. Once the work had been completed, various members of Jean Marie went out viewed the logging site and provided us with the following concerns:

- 1. The logging site was left very dirty.
- The site was logged without any apparent care for the forest and can be said to have been clear cut.
- 3. There were trees that could have been salvaged but were not.
- Trees were not bucked.
- Trees were hanging across the ravines.
- 6. Trees and brush that could have been burned were not.
- 7. The mill site was left in a very messy state.

It is because of these concerns that the Fort Simpson Dene Council will not be accepting the enclosed application.

The people were further concerned because when they had done logging contracts in previous years, they had some very trying experiences with government agencies regarding issues as identified above. We are in agreement that it is not fair when one organization is scrutinized more closely than another, particularly when the Jean Marie people did their best to ensure that the job was done as per the terms of reference.

The First Nations People, as you know, hold a great love and respect for the land and it is doubtful that they would leave a whole section of forest in total disarray. In this light, the Fort Simpson Dene Band is request that your office assist us by coming to Fort Simpson, and with the Chief and two other individuals accompany us to view the site in question. A written submission based on your findings would be of great service in our attempts to discourage companies who have little or no respect for the land to be successful in getting these types of contracts.

I thank you for your attention to our concerns and anticipate a prompt response.

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Chief Gehald Antoing

Fort Simpson Dene Council

cc:

B.J.J. Gauthler, District Manager, Fort Simpson

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JEAN MARIE RIVER BAND COUNCIL JEAN MARIE RIVER, N.W.T. XOE ONO

September 9th, 1992

Northern Affairs Program Government of Canada P.O. Box 150 Fort Simpson, N.W.T. XOE ONO

Re:Land Use Permit-Logging Operation
Patterson Mill Enterprises Ltd.

We the elected Chief and Council of the Jean Marie River Dene Band, strongly oppose the application put forth by Patterson Mill Enterprises Ltd. of Hay River, N.W.T.

Our concerns are:

- 1) This area enfringes on the traditional hunting and trapping area of the community;
- 2) We are further not satisfied with the previous logging methods and clean up use by Patterson Mill Enterprises Ltd. in our area;
- 3) We are especially concern about the area near Deep Lake, as it is in the area in which the Jean Marie River headwaters begins. We believe the disruption to this area will be detramental to fish life in Deep Lake and McGill Lake;
- 4) We strongly believe that these two lakes will eventually become the only two remaining lakes from which the community can harvest fish;
- 5) This area is also an area selected for our land claim settlement.

It is with these concerns that we ask the Department of Northern Affairs Program not to approve the land application put forth by Patterson Mill Enterprises Ltd. of Hay River, N.W.T. dated August 25th, 1992.

Cheif, Ms. Yvonne Norwegian Jean Marie River Band Council

cc. Deh Cho Tribal Council
Fort Simpson Dene Band
Mr. Jim Antoine, MLA
Dene Nation, Yellowknife
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PATTERSON SAWMILL ENTERPISE LTD. HAY RIVER, N.W.T.

WHEREAS: The Band Council of Jean Marie River has reviewed

and discussed the land Use application,

And Whereas; the Chief and Council of the Jean Marie River Band

Council, stronly oppose the application for a Land Use Permit,

put forth by Patterson Mill Enterprise Ltd. of Hay River, N.W.T.

And Whereas; the Chief and Council, has a very strong substantial

concern particularly in respect to the traditional hunting

and trapping area,

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DEH CHO TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING HAY RIVER SEPTEMBER, 9-11TH., 1992

MOTION 92-09 $\sqrt{11}/17$

RE: PATTERSON MILLS LAND USE APPLICATION

- 1. WHEREAS, Patterson Mills from Hay River is applying for a land use permit to log in the Deep Lake area; and
- 2. WHEREAS, the Government of the Northwest Territories own Patterson Mills; and
- 3. WHEREAS, the Northern Affairs Program of the Department of Indian and Northern Development, Government of Canada, issues land use permits; and
- 4. WHEREAS, the G.N.W.T. is an agent of the Government of Canada; and
- 5. WHEREAS, Deep Lake is the head waters of the Jean Marie River; and
- 6. WHEREAS, agreement for monitoring the Ekale Lake operation last year was not kept by G.N.W.T.; and
- 7. WHEREAS, Patterson Mills has left the lands they logged near Ekale Lake in a seriously damaged state;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Deh Cho Tribal Council hereby opposes the granting of a land use application to Patterson Mills to work in the Deep Lake area; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the leader of the government of the Northwest Territories and the public be advised that the Deh Cho Tribal Council hold the position that the Government of Canada is in a position of conflict in issuing a licence to Patterson Mills, since G.N.W.T. owns Patterson Mills; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Environment Canada be called in to review the Patterson Mills at Kelly Lake and to provide funds to allow the Deh Cho Tribal Council to assess the environmental and cultural value of the Deep Lake area to the hunting and trapping culture of the Dene from Fort Simpson and Jean Marie River.

MOVED BY: <u>Chief Ralph Sanguez</u> SECONDED BY: <u>Chief Lloyd Chichot</u>

VOTE: Carried

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DEH CHO TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING HAY RIVER SEPTEMBER, 9-11TH., 1992

MOTION 92-09-11/18

RE: LEGAL ACTION VS PATTERSON MILLS

- WHEREAS, Patterson Mills has left the Ekale Lake logging area in a devastated state; and
- WHEREAS, Environment Canada has a legal responsibility to ensure that environments be protected; and
- WHEREAS, it is our understanding that Environment Canada has funds to support legal action against environmental abusers;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Deh Cho Tribal Council access funds from Environment Canada or other agencies to sue Patterson Mills for environmental damage at Ekale Lake; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Deh Cho Tribal Council seek funds to hire local people to clean up the mess left by Patterson Mills at Ekale Lake.

MOVED BY: Chief Ralph Sanguez
SECONDED BY: Chief Berna Landry

VOTE: Carried



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September 14, 1992

Jim Umpherson Regional Manager Land Resources Box 1500 Yellowknife, N.W.T. X1A 2R3

Dear Mr. Umpherson:

Re: Land Use Application N92W816

between 350 - 385 Mackenzie Highway

Fort Simpson, NT

Dene Nation does not support and strongly apposes Patterson Enterprises Ltd.'s land use application. In consultation with the Fort Simpson Dene Council and the Jean Marie River Band Council our office has learned that the applicant has a very poor history of logging and clean up practices in the area.

The state of Patterson's most recent work site in the area has raised grave concerns regarding the future of the ecosystem in the new application area. The old site was left very dirty, was apparently clear cut, some trees were not salvaged, trees were not bucked, trees were left hanging across ravines, the mill site was left dirty and brush that could have been burned was not.

Jean Marie River Band Council is concerned with the latest application because they know the condition of Patterson's last site. The Band is also concerned that logging in the area of the proposed site may cause damage to Deep Lake, the headwaters of Jean Marie River. Furthermore, they are concerned that the fish populations of Deep Lake and McGill Lake may be detrimentally effected.

The Deh Cho Tribal Council also have grave concerns. The Tribal Council believes the Government of the Northwest Territories owns Patterson Mills and that since the GNWT owns the Mills and GNWT is an agent of the Government of Canada that the Government of Canada is in a position of conflict in issuing a license to Patterson

Mills. The Tribal Council further believes that the agreement for monitoring the Ekale Lake operation last year was not kept by GNWT and that Patterson Mills left the the logged lands at the site in a seriously damaged state and, therefore, should not be issued a new permit.

The Tribal Council also believes that Environment Canada has a legal responsibility to protect the environment and further believes that Environment Canada has funds to support legal action against environmental abusers. The Council will seek funds from Environment Canada and other agencies to Sue Patterson Mills. The Council will also be seeking funds to hire local people to clean up the contractor's mess at Ekale Lake.

The above mentioned concerns and action were acknowledged and action was initiated because the Dene of Jean Marie River still practice traditional gathering in this area. The area is well utilized for hunting and trapping. The people of this area and the people of the region believe that their rights to traditional gathering practices are being interfered with and that their way of life is ultimately being threatened.

Since the Dene of Jean Marie River utilizes this area for traditional hunting and trapping pursuits, which are constitutionally protected treaty rights, logging in this area would be an infringement of these rights and therefore illegal. For instance, in 1989 the British Columbia Court of Appeal granted an injunction in Claxton vs Saanichton Marina Ltd. where logging operations were affecting the constitutionally protected gathering rights of aboriginal people.

This is not the first time Patterson Mills has faced opposition to an application in this region. There were several concerns raised by the region regarding the the lands proposed for logging operations in the past. Then, the region expressed interest in the acquisition of the lands during their turn at land selection during the late Dene/Metis Comprehensive Land Claim. In fact, the Jean Marie River Band Council did regionally identify this area for land selection to their eventual land claim settlement. There are several maps in the Dene Nation Archives that support this position.

The Fort Simpson Dene Council has invited our office to their community to view the site. We feel that you should also attend in person the tour of the old logging site with our agent and a represtative of the Band.

The concerns of the Bands and the Tribal Council are of concern for the environment. I have enclosed letters from them to our office and I have included a copy of a Band Council Resolution from Jean Marie River Band Council. Finally, you will also find attached two Deh Cho Tribal Council motions passed last week on the Hay River Reserve in which I was in attendance. The region and the Dene Nation do not take this application lightly.

I trust you will act accordingly and I look forward to your response to our invitation.

Yours truly,

Bill Erasmus National Chief Dene Nation

> c.c. Deh Cho Tribal Council Fort Simpson Dene Council Jean Marie River Band Council Mr. Jim Antoine, MLA

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