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Minister Gordon Wray
Department of Public Workers
Government of the N.W.T.
Yellowknife, N.W.T.
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Dear Sir,

This letter is to express concern about the recent Highway mishap involving Wood Bison. Quite recently, there were nine animals killed or injured near the Community of Fort Providence. Next time the mishap may take a life.

The Band Council has discussed this situation and would like to offer a solution. The portion of Yellowknife Highway that encompasses the Bison Sanctuary is unfortunately riddled with a lot of curves. Our suggestion is to straighten out the Highway right - of- way by brushing out the curves from km 25 to km 95. This should aid on -coming traffic to sight any obstacles or animals before it's too late.

Obviously, the band would quite anxious to participate in a project such as this. Particularly with the slump in the Fur Industry and we have a lot of Experienced Slasher from the Hire North Days. we await your reply and initiative.

Your Sincerely,
FORT PROVIDENCE DENE BAND COUNCIL


Joachim Bonnetrouge,
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