

DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Bonnie robinson Robinson
Location Haines Junction
Reference 101
Date Sent 10/19/2021 1:02:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name Lauren Waters
Location
Reference 102
Date Sent 10/18/2021 11:05:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

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However, meeting these ambitions - and living up to our treaty obligations - requires bolder action than what's in the draft land use plan. I thank the Commission for the work to date, but I insist that they go further, and create a plan that makes these visions a reality.

Sincerely,

Lauren Waters

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Name Rick Bennent
Location
Reference 103
Date Sent 10/19/2021 12:38:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Location Haines Junction
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Date Sent 10/19/2021 12:41:00 AM
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Name Kenneth De la Barre
Location Whitehorse
Reference 105
Date Sent 10/18/2021 10:46:00 PM
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Location
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Name Chelsea Hamilton
Location
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Sincerely,

Chelsea Hamilton

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Name Nancy Campbell
Location
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Message:

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Sincerely,

Nancy Campbell

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Location
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Date Sent 10/24/2021 11:08:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Linda Leon

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2. The plan should better protect lands that are critical for wildlife and subsistence, like river corridors and the range of the Fortymile caribou herd. This can be achieved by expanding protection to cover more of the fortymile caribou's range. I am concerned that simply relying on cumulative impacts or other measures would not be effective because once an area has been opened for development, it's clear that YESAB finds it difficult to say no - and they are also often over-ruled by Yukon Government when they do - when disturbance may have an impact, but it is not certain. I am concerned that insufficient protection may lead to death by one thousand cuts.

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Lisa Mazzola

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name James Mulcare
Location
Reference 118
Date Sent 10/25/2021 3:22:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Eleanor Millard
Location
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Date Sent 10/25/2021 8:59:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Eleanor Millard

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Name Paul Davis
Location
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Date Sent 10/25/2021 3:26:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Paul Davis

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Deborah Donnelly
Location
Reference 121
Date Sent 10/25/2021 4:13:00 PM
Email ████████████████████

Message:

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Sincerely,

Deborah Donnelly

DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Elizabeth Hofer
Location
Reference 122
Date Sent 10/25/2021 11:32:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Elizabeth Hofer

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Stephen Pick
Location
Reference 123
Date Sent 10/26/2021 7:02:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Stephen Pick

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Allie Winton
Location
Reference 124
Date Sent 10/27/2021 12:16:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Lebret Gaetan
Location
Reference 125
Date Sent 10/27/2021 9:24:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

Lebret Gaetan

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Jaimie Hale
Location
Reference 126
Date Sent 10/28/2021 12:22:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

"This is Jaimie Hale and Lucy Welsh, we've lived here for the past six years. Over that time, we've been humbled time and again by Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in's foresight, generosity and wisdom. We need to listen now, we need to protect land and water, wildlife and culture. We believe that a strong position of reconciliation, is what is best for our community, and our territory.

I support Tr'ondëk Hwëch'ins conservation priorities for the Dawson Region, and urge the Commission to put the health of the lands, waters, wildlife and people at the heart of the Dawson Region Plan. The draft plan provides a strong vision for the region, but there are areas that need to be strengthened. For example:

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Sincerely,

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Name Catherine Lalonde
Location
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Date Sent 10/28/2021 1:06:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Annie Worth
Location
Reference 128
Date Sent 10/29/2021 12:34:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Annie Worth

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Name Nicole Schafenacker
Location
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Date Sent 10/28/2021 10:42:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Nicole Schafenacker

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Name Katharine Sandiford
Location
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Date Sent 10/29/2021 12:29:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Location
Reference 132
Date Sent 10/29/2021 1:05:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Location
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Date Sent 10/29/2021 1:10:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

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Wendy Morrison

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Email [REDACTED]

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Location
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Date Sent 10/29/2021 2:52:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

Giustina Damiano

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Richard Griffiths
Location
Reference 136
Date Sent 10/29/2021 6:08:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Mitchell Beverly
Location
Reference 137
Date Sent 10/29/2021 2:58:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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I have lived in the Yukon and the Dawson Region for over 30 years and I have seen industry get away with leaving the land and resources decimated . I strongly believe in protecting this wonderful land and that protection of the land and habitats for our future generations is paramount over industrial development and economics .

Sincerely, Beverly Mitchell"

DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Karla Charlton
Location Whitehorse
Reference 138
Date Sent 10/29/2021 9:42:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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If you have not gone out and seen the devastation of wetlands and lack of wildlife from mining, you should with your own eyes.

Sincerely,

Karla Charlton

DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Heather Swystun
Location Whitehorse
Reference 139
Date Sent 10/29/2021 10:09:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]m

Message:

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Sincerely,

Heather Swystun

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Eleanor Millard
Location Whitehorse Yukon
Reference 140
Date Sent 10/29/2021 9:37:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

Eleanor Millard

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Faith Green-Mykituk
Location Whitehorse
Reference 141
Date Sent 10/29/2021 11:48:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Faith Green-Mykituk

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Lauren Waters
Location Whitehorse
Reference 142
Date Sent 10/30/2021 12:54:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

Lauren Waters

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Chris McQuarrie
Location Innisfil
Reference 143
Date Sent 10/30/2021 4:42:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

Chris McQuarrie

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Mark Hollinrake
Location Toronto
Reference 144
Date Sent 10/30/2021 6:20:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

Mark Hollinrake

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Elizabeth Hofer
Location Haines Junction, Yukon
Reference 145
Date Sent 10/30/2021 10:36:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

"In this territory and now in particular in the Dawson region it is time to actually put into effect the goals of land protection into the future.

We no longer have the option to do anything that compromises the commitments made to reduce greenhouse gases and head toward 0 emissions. Is it not obvious that mining and resource extraction can no longer be part of that future? If we use the lens of the Big Picture climate emergency many issues in this plan can be addressed in a straightforward way. We now have to consider that mining should be in the future limited to only the metals that are absolutely essential and gold is not one of those. Until we make the transition complete, placer mining could be restricted to Yukon residents only as an interim compromise. In this territory we have got to figure out how to keep people healthy and happy and the land safe into the future by thinking beyond the established box! which keeps perpetuating climate destruction with tons of excuses called mitigation. The world has changed dramatically and this is the first opportunity to really acknowledge that we are not in a position that allows us to carry on as before. If we mean to preserve as best we can the world we know into the future we cannot keep 'developing' it. Simply, protect more and limit resource extraction as stated. This plan needs vision and leaders to put into effect much more bold and immediate steps than I see in it."

DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Marc LaPointe
Location Gatineau
Reference 146
Date Sent 10/30/2021 9:44:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Joy Snyder
Location Whitehorse
Reference 147
Date Sent 10/30/2021 9:42:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

"I strongly support Tr'ondëk Hwëch'ins conservation priorities for the Dawson Region, and urge the Commission to put the health of the lands, waters, wildlife and people at the heart of the Dawson Region Plan. As a biologist who has worked in the region I saw first hand the lands ability to support a strong vibrant and and diverse wildlife population. At this time in our planets history we need to protect the natural world that we have left.

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Name Jeanne Beaudoin
Location Whitehorse
Reference 148
Date Sent 10/30/2021 10:50:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Jeanne Beaudoin

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Jason LaChappelle
Location Kingston
Reference 150
Date Sent 10/30/2021 12:07:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name Anja Meilick
Location Dresden
Reference 151
Date Sent 10/30/2021 11:26:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Don Hutton
Location Mayo
Reference 152
Date Sent 10/30/2021 10:53:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name Shan Kothari
Location Montreal
Reference 153
Date Sent 10/30/2021 12:57:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Shan Kothari

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Shari Borgford
Location Dawson City
Reference 154
Date Sent 10/30/2021 12:53:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Deb Bartlette
Location Whitehorse
Reference 155
Date Sent 10/30/2021 1:50:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Deb Bartlette, Whitehorse, YT

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Kim Biernaskie
Location Dawson City, Yukon
Reference 156
Date Sent 10/30/2021 2:27:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name Timothy Turner-Davis
Location Whitehorse
Reference 157
Date Sent 10/30/2021 3:13:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

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Timothy Turner-Davis

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Jenna Roebuck
Location Dawson city
Reference 158
Date Sent 10/30/2021 3:11:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Jenna Roebuck

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Name Jay Oppold
Location Whitehorse
Reference 159
Date Sent 10/30/2021 4:16:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Jay Oppold

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Name Serge Deslex
Location Joliette
Reference 160
Date Sent 10/30/2021 5:17:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

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Serge Deslex

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Name Wendy Wilson
Location Dawson
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Date Sent 10/30/2021 5:21:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

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Wendy Wilson"

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Name Lisa Perry
Location Dawson
Reference 162
Date Sent 10/31/2021 12:56:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Lisa Perry

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Name Galbraith Dreama
Location Fredericton
Reference 163
Date Sent 10/31/2021 5:49:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name Mark Hollinrake
Location Toronto
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Date Sent 10/31/2021 3:37:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Mark Hollinrake

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Name Bernie Hoeschele
Location Whitehorse
Reference 165
Date Sent 10/31/2021 4:14:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name Darren Bullen
Location Dawson city, Yukon
Reference 166
Date Sent 10/31/2021 4:54:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name Anila Pruefer
Location Whitehorse
Reference 167
Date Sent 10/31/2021 4:15:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name Anne Mease
Location Whitehorse, Yukon
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Message:

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Name Gillis Tammy
Location Hudson
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Date Sent 10/31/2021 6:25:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Location Whitehorse
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Sincerely,

Joanne Johnson

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Asad Chishti
Location Whitehorse
Reference 171
Date Sent 10/31/2021 7:14:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

"I support Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in conservation priorities for the Dawson Region, and urge the Commission to put the health of the lands, waters, wildlife and people at the heart of the Dawson Region Plan. The draft plan provides a strong vision for the region, but there are areas that need to be strengthened. For example:

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Alison Woodley
Location Chelsea
Reference 172
Date Sent 10/31/2021 8:58:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Alison Woodley

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Thomas Lips
Location Whitehorse
Reference 173
Date Sent 10/31/2021 3:26:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Thomas Lips

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Jeremy Williams
Location Powell River
Reference 174
Date Sent 10/31/2021 9:20:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

Jeremy Williams

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Sonja Aeschlimann
Location Dawson City
Reference 175
Date Sent 10/31/2021 10:45:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

"I support Tr'ondëk Hwëch'ins conservation priorities for the Dawson Region, and urge the Commission to put the health of the lands, waters, wildlife and people at the heart of the Dawson Region Plan. The draft plan provides a strong vision for the region, but there are areas that need to be strengthened. For example:

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Sincerely,

Sonja Aeschlimann

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Murray Munn
Location Whitehorse
Reference 176
Date Sent 10/31/2021 10:16:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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I feel that the Yukon has for far, FAR, too long used the Klondike goldrush to boost tourism, looked the other way with regard to the settler tradition of finder's, keepers (that is, promoted the mythos of the hard-working miner having every right to all the spoils s/he finds--i.e., capitalism), and not tried hard enough to lasso the environmental damage thus done. We keep the myth up by such terms as calling anywhere but the Yukon @Outside@ (apologies; my quotation marks have vanished), even when most of us live in condos and apartments just like in Winnipeg, Hamilton, or Calgary. I believe we need to strongly curb this myth-making.

DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Sincerely,

Murray Munn

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Rhiannon Kirton
Location Golden
Reference 177
Date Sent 10/30/2021 12:41:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name Linda Cameron
Location Whitehorse Yukon
Reference 178
Date Sent 10/31/2021 11:33:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

Linda Cameron

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Heather Milligan
Location Whitehorse
Reference 179
Date Sent 11/1/2021 1:19:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

Heather Milligan

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Meera Sarin
Location Whitehorse
Reference 180
Date Sent 11/1/2021 12:16:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]t

Message:

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Sincerely,

Meera Sarin

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Graeme Poile
Location Whitehorse
Reference 181
Date Sent 11/1/2021 2:57:00 AM
Email 

Message:

"I'm utilizing this letter format created by CPAWS as I mostly agree with their assessment of the plan and wish to echo their concerns. However, I predominantly wish to voice my support for the vision and desires of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in in the planning process. Their concerns and wishes should form the core of the land use plan. As a settler, I fully support the leadership of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in.

CPAWS letter which I lend my support to, insofar as I anticipate that they have worked with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in in crafting this letter and that may accurately support the wishes of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in. If there is any discrepancy between this letter with the stated aims of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in then I instead support their leadership on the issue.

I support Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in's conservation priorities for the Dawson Region, and urge the Commission to put the health of the lands, waters, wildlife and people at the heart of the Dawson Region Plan. The draft plan provides a strong vision for the region, but there are areas that need to be strengthened. For example:

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Thank you,

Graeme Poile

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Jen LalibertÃ©
Location Whitehorse
Reference 182
Date Sent 11/1/2021 2:45:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in has been the caretakers of the land forever, and their stewardship and knowledge needs to be honoured and respected.

From,

Jen Laliberte

DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Bobbi Rose Koe
Location Whitehorse
Reference 183
Date Sent 11/1/2021 2:52:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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In peace and respect,

BOBBI ROSE KOE

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Jennifer Dyck
Location Malahat BC
Reference 184
Date Sent 11/1/2021 3:07:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Jennifer Dyck

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Karen MacKay
Location Dawson City
Reference 185
Date Sent 11/1/2021 9:25:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Edouard Borel
Location Whitehorse
Reference 186
Date Sent 11/1/2021 4:13:00 AM
Email 

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Name Annie Hakim Therrien Boulos
Location Whitehorse
Reference 187
Date Sent 11/1/2021 1:31:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name Hans-Peter Bucher
Location Maple Ridge
Reference 188
Date Sent 11/1/2021 11:25:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

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Date Sent 11/1/2021 10:38:00 AM
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Location Dawson City
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Date Sent 11/1/2021 11:11:00 AM
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Name Theo Stad
Location Crag Lake, Yukon
Reference 192
Date Sent 10/31/2021 5:52:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

"Hello Dawson Regional Planning Commission members,

Thank you for your work that you have done so far on the Dawson Regional Land Use Plan.

Since moving to Yukon around 1999, I've tried to keep an eye on land use plans as they are developed as this is quite a unique area on this planet.

I support Tr'ondëk Hwëch'ins conservation priorities for the Dawson Region.

With that in mind, would you folks mind taking another look at this plan and consider the following suggestions?

Thanks in advance.

1/ 39% of the region is newly designated for conservation " but only 3.8% will be fully protected

The Commission should upgrade Special Management Area 2s, conservation areas with weak to moderate protections, to Special Management Area 1s. This would provide lasting protections for conservation areas, and put tools in place for Tr'ondëk Hwëch'ins to co-manage their traditional lands.

2/ Important areas have been left without protection

The plan should better protect lands that are critical for wildlife and subsistence, like river corridors and the range of the Fortymile caribou herd.

3/ Some types of wetlands are protected

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Thank you,

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Name Maddy Skinner
Location Jasper, AB
Reference 193
Date Sent 11/1/2021 11:38:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

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Name Lulu Bartholomeus
Location Dawson city
Reference 194
Date Sent 11/1/2021 12:11:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

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Name Angela Gordon
Location Marmora
Reference 195
Date Sent 11/1/2021 12:18:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

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Name James Boyde
Location Whitehorse
Reference 196
Date Sent 11/1/2021 12:02:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name amy Cloutier
Location Timmins
Reference 197
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Location Whitehorse
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Location Whitehorse
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Name Tiss Clark-Robinson
Location Dawson City
Reference 200
Date Sent 11/1/2021 12:22:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

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Name Sandy and Lois Johnston
Location Whitehorse
Reference 201
Date Sent 11/1/2021 1:46:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

"October 31, 2021

To:

Dawson Regional Land Use Planning Commission

From:

Lois and Sandy Johnston

Whitehorse. Yukon.

RE: Comments on the Draft Dawson Regional Land Use Plan

The final Dawson Regional Land Use Plan must reflect and give priority to the aspirations, advice and direction provided by Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation for the long-term future of the region. Not only is this a Treaty obligation, but in these times, the Plan must also demonstrate a genuine commitment towards Reconciliation. The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement recognizes the need to "protect a way of life that is based on an economic and spiritual relationship between Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and the land."

We applaud the Planning Commission for expressing their desire to create a plan that safeguards the ecological and cultural values of the Dawson Region. In its vision statement, the Commission writes that "sustaining lands and waters, living things and natural processes is the fundamental priority. If the integrity of ecosystems is lost, societies and economies cannot be sustained."

However, if the Plan is to achieve these objectives, it must be understood that the past and present ad hoc, and often destructive, land uses must not define the final plan. Significant changes will be required to collectively realize the goals of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and the Planning Commission.

To realize the goals of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and the Planning Commission's vision, there is a need to strengthen conservation throughout the plan.

That means:

1. providing better protections for wetlands. Wetlands need the best possible level of protection. These ecosystems are natural carbon reservoirs and help to buffer the effects of climate change. They provide unique habitats for wildlife and cannot be restored after being disturbed. Limits on development in some areas are too high and allow development to be concentrated within sensitive habitats like river valleys. The Commission should use Traditional Knowledge and conservation science

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to set limits that ecosystems can tolerate. It is likely that some of these limits have already been exceeded and the plan should include direction to restore habitats to preserve ecological integrity.

2. safeguarding critical Fortymile caribou habitat. In spite of great efforts to recover the population of the herd since the 1980s, 32% of the Fortymile Caribou Corridor Landscape Management Unit (as shown in the draft plan) is already staked for mining, and open to the highest levels of development. The herd's need to access vital habitats must take precedence over mining interests if "sustaining lands and waters, living things and natural processes" is truly the "fundamental priority" as stated in the plan's vision. I would encourage Commissioners to view "Memory Trap", a recent film by Allan Code to learn more about the history and importance of the herd.

3. providing better protection for river corridors. All adult Yukon River drainage salmon (chinook, chum and coho) that migrate upstream of the Canada/U.S. border near Eagle, Alaska pass into and/or through this planning region - as do all of their progeny! It is therefore imperative that water quality not be degraded by human activities. What happens on the land within the drainage basin, has the potential to impact water quality and quantity. The plan should therefore include direction on the monitoring of surficial and ground water quality and quantity throughout the planning region. For example, the Plan could propose monitoring be accomplished by a Stewardship Program directed by the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation. Such a program should also include monitoring of terrestrial habitats, and air quality in industrialized areas.

4. providing enduring protections by upgrading Special Management Area 2s (SMA2s) into Special Management Area 1s (SMA1s). This would provide lasting protections for conservation areas, and provide certainty for Tr'ondëk Hwech'in in the management of their traditional territory.

5. keeping industrial development within thresholds that ecosystems can tolerate.

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6. provide direction to ensure developers are aware of, and operate in consideration of, the Calls for Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, 2015. In particular, Call 92 states: "We call upon the corporate sector in Canada to adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a reconciliation framework and to apply its principles, norms, and standards to corporate policy and core operational activities involving Indigenous peoples and their lands and resources. This would include, but not be limited to, the following:

i. Commit to meaningful consultation, building respectful relationships, and obtaining the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous peoples before proceeding with economic development projects.

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ii. Ensure that Aboriginal peoples have equitable access to jobs, training, and education opportunities in the corporate sector, and that Aboriginal communities gain long-term sustainable benefits from economic development projects.

iii. Provide education for management and staff on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal "Crown relations. This will require skills based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism."

Thank-you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,

Lois Johnston

Sandy Johnston

Whitehorse, Yukon

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name John Steins
Location Dawson City
Reference 202
Date Sent 11/1/2021 4:06:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

"I support Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in's conservation priorities for the Dawson Region, and urge the Commission to put the health of the lands, waters, wildlife and people at the heart of the Dawson Region Plan. The draft plan provides a strong vision for the region, but there are areas that need to be strengthened. For example:

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Sincerely,

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Tara Borin
Location Dawson City
Reference 203
Date Sent 11/1/2021 2:06:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Emmy DeBlois
Location Dawson city
Reference 204
Date Sent 11/1/2021 4:08:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Koe Angela
Location Tsiigehtchic
Reference 205
Date Sent 11/1/2021 4:09:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

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Koe Angela

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Marie-Claire Findlay-Brook
Location Dawson City
Reference 206
Date Sent 11/1/2021 6:54:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

Marie-Claire Findlay-Brook

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Dez Rioux
Location Dawson
Reference 207
Date Sent 11/1/2021 5:13:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name John McDonald
Location Dawson City
Reference 208
Date Sent 11/1/2021 7:09:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

John McDonald

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Lauren Whyte
Location Whitehorse
Reference 209
Date Sent 11/1/2021 7:31:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

"I support Tr'ondëk Hwëch'ins conservation priorities for the Dawson Region, and urge the Commission to put the health of the lands, waters, wildlife and people at the heart of the Dawson Region Plan. The draft plan provides a strong vision for the region, but there are areas that need to be strengthened. For example:

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Sincerely,

Lauren Whyte

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Constantine Rudniski
Location Whitehorse
Reference 210
Date Sent 11/1/2021 7:16:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

Constantine Rudniski

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Name Rahel Ahmed
Location Scarborough
Reference 211
Date Sent 11/1/2021 1:03:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

Rahel Ahmed

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Name Paula Hassard
Location Dawson
Reference 212
Date Sent 11/1/2021 9:02:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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I think the plan should further recommend:

- the modernization of mineral resource legislation and regulations so that future development is in truly in accordance with the Umbrella Final Agreement
- that governments develop a reclamation plan for areas that have been impacted by mining

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- that development of waterways and riparian areas is halted until plans are in place for high level of protection

- consideration of climate change

Many kudos on the work to date. I've been privileged to spend my entire adult life in Dawson, and the region means a great deal to me. With the strength of TH and YG, we have an amazing opportunity to do things right, respect each other's values and keep a healthy balance between conservation and development.

With summer activities, elections and pandemic on everyone's plates I would also suggest that the consultation period be extended by a month for additional public input.

Sincerely,

Paula Hassard

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Name Yang Bao
Location Dawson city
Reference 213
Date Sent 11/1/2021 9:33:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name Marley Kolpin
Location Dawson City
Reference 214
Date Sent 11/1/2021 9:56:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Sincerely,

Marley Kolpin

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Name Erika Marzinotto
Location Dawson City
Reference 215
Date Sent 11/1/2021 10:34:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name Colleen Dunn
Location Dawson City
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Date Sent 11/1/2021 11:45:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name Mary Whitley
Location Whitehorse
Reference 217
Date Sent 11/1/2021 5:03:00 PM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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1. The Commission should upgrade conservation areas with weak protections to "Type I" Special Management Areas. This should specifically apply to the Indian River Valley. This would provide lasting protections for conservation areas, and put tools in place for Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in to co-manage their traditional lands. Other areas with higher values are those of the existing Tombstone Territorial Park and the adjacent lands both to the north and east. There are extensive areas of habitat important for the endangered Hart River caribou herd. Caribou are indicator species showing how effective habitat and regulations are.
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Mary Whitley Whitehorse -- hiked over much of the Dawson LUP north of the Klondike Highway

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DRPC Draft Plan Responses 2021

Name Louis Gerberding
Location Dawson
Reference 218
Date Sent 11/2/2021 12:08:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Louis Gerberding

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Name Gerald Haase
Location Marsh Lake
Reference 219
Date Sent 11/2/2021 12:12:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

"Thank you to all parties that have worked on the Dawson Region Plan to this point. It is an incredibly important process in the Yukon, and it is important that we "get it right" for future generations, not only of the people of the Yukon but for the wildlife of the Yukon. We have often heard of First Nations peoples' regard for "the Land;" take care of the land and the land will take care of us. In this context, we cannot "have it all" since there are limits to what any land can provide.

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2. The plan should better protect lands that are critical for wildlife and subsistence, like river corridors and the range of the Fortymile caribou herd. If there is no additional protection for the Yukon River corridor, for example, this would mean that the Fortymile caribou herd's range could be fragmented to the point where it could result in population decline even with the Matson highlands protected as the heart of the summer range.
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fully support this. As the historical document Together Today for our Children Tomorrow states: "The protection of the Caribou must be part of any Yukon Settlement. We know what happened to the Buffalo and we will not let this happen to the Caribou." Either we support this by our actions now or we risk the degradation of our land by not paying adequate homage to this pledge.

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Name Ben Shore
Location Dawson
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Date Sent 11/2/2021 12:22:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

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Name Kath Selkirk
Location Dawson City
Reference 221
Date Sent 11/2/2021 1:02:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

"I fully agree with the points raised by CPAWS, below, and those in the submission from Klondike Active Transport and Trails Society. I do however have additional comments I'd like to put forward.

It seems like the biggest issue is considering how to balance the needs of nature with the desire of resource extractors to develop large areas of the region. Please keep in mind that industry is much better equipped to adapt to restrictions placed upon it than nature is. When denied access to a resource or region, entrepreneurs and business leaders are able to find creative ways to adapt, to find solutions. The environment, and the species dependent upon it are unable to adapt like that. For them, change takes place over millennia. When you compare, on one side, an added challenge to industry against, on the other, the degradation of an environment resulting in existential threats to the Forty Mile caribou, salmon and other species, it is clear where the threat is most profound and far reaching.

Having to find an alternative would certainly not be popular with the powerful mining lobby, but facing such challenges has often been the spur for greatest innovation.

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Name Cassandra Andrew
Location Whitehorse
Reference 222
Date Sent 11/2/2021 12:30:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

"I am a local veterinarian, and I support Tr'ondëk Hwëch'ins conservation priorities for the Dawson Region, and urge the Commission to put the health of the lands, waters, wildlife and people at the heart of the Dawson Region Plan. The draft plan provides a strong vision for the region, but there are areas that need to be strengthened. For example:

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Name Lulu Keating
Location Dawson City
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Date Sent 11/2/2021 1:14:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

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Name Maurice Perreault
Location Whitehorse
Reference 224
Date Sent 11/2/2021 1:26:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

"Dear planning commission,

The draft regional plan would only legally protect 3.8% of the entire Dawson Regional Planning Area? Really? We are spending how much time, effort and money on this plan? It is hard for me to understand that in the year 2021 with all the conservation information at our fingertips, that such a low percentile could even be an option. We can do much better. We must do much better. Look at the Peel Regional Plan, 55% permanent protection, based on science and traditional knowledge, decades of negotiations, court battles and research, and a solid stance on protection while still allowing industrial developments in areas that are right for the region. Dawson Regional Plan 3.8% vs Peel Regional Plan 55%.

I think of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation individuals, whose ancestors lived on these lands for hundreds of years. They had access and use of 100% of the region for hunting, fishing, trapping. Then the settlers came and started taking stuff away. Fast forward to 2021, to a draft plan that would only meaningfully protect 3.8% of what was 100% Tr'ondëk Hwëch'ins. When it comes to reconciliation, actions speak louder than words. Just think about that while reading the various submissions that folks are sending in. The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation government asked for 60% to be set aside for conservation priorities, and true reconciliation can only begin by respecting the wishes of those whom were here long before us. What they are asking for is in-line with the Peel Plan and what conservation science tells us.

Significant efforts must be put into place to strongly protect the Forty-Mile caribou herd. The caribou are highly sensitive to disturbances such as mining and forestry. This has been proven in most other provinces in this country. Why do some folks, mostly the ones with a financial interest in mining, keep trying to convince others and the Yukon government that both can co-exist at the same time without catastrophic effects? The caribou were here first, leave them alone. Mining can occur in areas of low interest to the barren ground caribou.

If you're going to make a plan, do it right. It needs to be right for the region. Firstly, it needs to protect the environment and wildlife, the people that live in the area, and the way of life of those people. If all of those aspects can be met and still allow for sustainable resource development, then great. If resource development would put too much pressure, or present too much risk for an area, then it should not be allowed to occur. I am a settler, an imported Yukoner. I stand with the First Nations on whose traditional territory I hunt, fish and recreate. Listen to their requests, you will end up with a sound plan for the region without spending the next 20 years negotiating and going to court.

Furthermore, I strongly support the recommendations put forward by the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society as follows:

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Name Brian Charles, BSc. Environmental and Conservation Science
Location Whitehorse
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Date Sent 11/2/2021 1:16:00 AM
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Brian Charles, BSc. Environmental and Conservation Science

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Name Dunn Dennis
Location Dawson
Reference 226
Date Sent 11/2/2021 1:42:00 AM
Email [REDACTED]

Message:

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Name Joe Bishop
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Date Sent 11/2/2021 1:39:00 AM
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Location Richmond
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Date Sent 11/2/2021 1:43:00 AM
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2. The plan should better protect lands that are critical for wildlife and subsistence, like river corridors and the range of the Fortymile caribou herd. The caribou really need protection so they can at the very least maintain their range. We have already over hunted and shrunk this herd's ownership over the territory. Development within its range is short-sided and destroys indigenous efforts (and those of the herd itself) in their recovery. Sensitive populations deserve and need permanent protections. We saw what happened to the Caribou in the south. We have a chance to act instead of react, and prevent declines instead of causing them. Full legal protection is the way to go.
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landscape management unit, the limits are in actuality much higher in sensitive areas and lower in others where disturbance was unlikely anyways. Disturbance limits should account for how and where disturbances will be actually taking place, and therefore in some cases be lower so that no one area is disproportionately impacted. Setting more specific limits to smaller areas within LMUs would achieve this.

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Location Dawson City
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Date Sent 11/2/2021 2:32:00 AM
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