

Members of the Dawson Commission,

I would first like to thank the commission for allowing the opportunity to participate in the information gathering part of the Dawson plan but would also like to note that this is a very busy time for the mining industry and therefore it should be recognized that not many miners/prospectors will be able to get responses in for your deadline as they are extremely busy . The mining and exploration industry is a major part of our Yukon and this needs to be recognized in all plans that are developed in the Yukon. When access to a region is denied or hindered it cripples the ability for these industries to grow in the future. Some people say that opening up access increases hunting pressures on the wildlife in any such areas. This may be true that hunting pressures may increase but what isn't mentioned often enough is that it may also help to decrease pressures on wildlife in other areas that are already over hunted. The Yukon River is a vital transportation route for the exploration, mining, and tourism industries and I believe we need to ensure that the Yukon River corridor is allowed to be used for industrial purposes such as freighting, access landings and roads to new and existing mining areas and other industrial uses. I hope that in the development of this plan that you can develop a plan that will understand the importance of having the ability for industry to access all regions of the area to insure the sustainability and responsible practice of a viable active mining industry within the Yukon.

Sincerely,

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