



April 14, 2016

Stephanie Routley
Yukon Environmental & Socio-Economic Assessment Board
Teslin Designated Office
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Dear Ms. Routley – Lead Assessor,

Re: Project Number 2016-0041, Lynn Blaikie & Scott Lowrey

The Carcross/Tagish Renewable Resources Council was established under the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Final Agreement as a “primary instrument for local renewable resources management” in the traditional territory.

The Council reviewed the documentation provided on this application and has major concerns with the project as proposed.

We would like to emphasize the value of this area as critical wildlife habitat and Caribou migration corridor and along the lakeshore. It is well known and documented that caribou, sheep, moose and a host of other wildlife is struggling to survive in the region. Given the cumulative effects studies being undertaken by the Yukon Environmental Socio-economic Assessment Board, this is confirmation that there is cause to consider the potentially detrimental effects that increasing land use and access could have on valuable habitat and wildlife populations.

Council further notes that the topographical map provided as part of the application package indicates there is presently under-use of the applicants’ titled land. We further submit that the integrity of existing First Nation Heritage Trails could be jeopardized by any further development in the area. (This project overlap with registered trapping concession #416)

At this time, as the voice of the residents of the Southern Lakes in managing local renewable resources, the CTRRC would like to formally state our position that:

“No further development should be considered on the public and privately owned lands within the traditional territory of the Carcross Tagish First Nations until the YESAB Cumulative Effects Study has been completed”; and

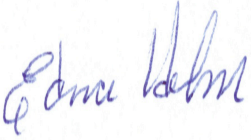
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“No further development should be considered on public and privately owned lands in the unincorporated communities of Tagish until Community Land Use Plans are in place.”

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this and other proposed Land Use projects.

Should you have any questions regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact the Council.

Sincerely



Edna Helm, Co-Chair



Ken Reeder, Co-Chair

cc. Lawrence Ignace, Director CTFN, Heritage, Lands & Natural Resources