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**Ref.: Final Resource Report
Hazard Reduction and Timber Salvage FMP in the Vicinity of Haines Junction
Planning Area 2
Forest Management Unit: YO6**

To whom it may concern,

just a few days ago I managed to retrieve a copy of the above mentioned Resource Report.

In this report there is mentioning of logging in the so called area 2. Probably there had been meetings concerning this topic.

Unfortunately I have missed all this at an earlier time and was not informed about this planning until January 21th, 2005.

Therefore my letter is directed now to the responsible people.

I urge you to reconsider the Planning ideas for the following reasons:

Since 1999 I am operating a viable tourguiding business, *Quill Creek Adventure Wilderness Ltd.* which caters nearly exclusively to European clients. We offer up to a week long trekking and hiking trips in and around Kluane National Park. We do a lot of trips at Quill Creek/Mine Road

The basis of our sales is the promoting of pristine, untouched wilderness.

Should there be any logging in the area where my company travels, I won't be able to supply my clients with what we sell. Europeans don't take kindly to any destruction of nature whatsoever – more so if the reason for this destruction is questionable.

With this I have to agree with my customers.

Furthermore there is nothing like a so called „oblique“ viewing angle which would minimize visual impact. From many view points inside Kluane Nationalpark any clearcuts will be more than visible enough.

One reason for the proposed logging activity is stated as reactivating the local timber industry. I do not know if this is possible or if it is not, but I am extremely scepticle about this. All I see in the vicinity is overstocked sawmills or sawmills that have closed down (due to lack of demand?) Piles of rotting timber and piles of sawdust show a greater fire threat to me than green forest.

I really don't know if the economy of the Yukon generally will be boosted with local sawmill activities.

What I do know is that the tourism sector is one of the most viable economies for the Yukon generally speaking, but especially for Haines Junction and Kluane National Park - and any economy employing tour guides or tour operators.

Therefore I urge you very much to reconsider the Resource Report concerning logging in Planning Area 2.

I expect to receive a statement to my concerns which should be sent to the address listed above as well as I would like to be informed of the current state of things as to where and when this plan will be started.

Best regards

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