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**Re: Canol Trail Hazard Assessment Survey**

Dear Ms. Simmons:

Thank you for your letter dated July 12, 2014, in which you expressed the concerns of the ʔehdzo Got'ıne ʔots'ę Nákedı (Sahtu Renewable Resources Board) about the remaining telephone wire along the Canol Trail and the hazard it presents for wildlife in the region.

The Contaminants and Remediation Directorate has completed a series of environmental site assessments and risk assessments on the Canol Trail. We are currently evaluating these documents to develop remedial and risk management options. The concerns you have raised in your letter will be considered in evaluating these options. Due to the complexity of the site, the assessment and remediation of the trail is a long-term initiative. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada will continue to engage Sahtu organizations like the ʔehdzo Got'ıne (Renewable Resource Councils) in developing a final remedial and risk management plan to address environmental liabilities associated with the Canol Trail.

I encourage your organization to continue to communicate any additional documented events where antlered wildlife have been found caught in the telephone wire. The photos that have been provided by Keith Hickling of your organization to date have been valuable in understanding the hazard presented by the wire.

Should you have any additional concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone at 867-669-2461, or by email at [Candace.DeCoste@aandc.gc.ca](mailto:Candace.DeCoste@aandc.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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