

## DEH CHO TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Deh Cho Tribal Council  
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RESOLUTION # 7

RE: MACKENZIE VALLEY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT

WHEREAS the Federal Government is proposing a MacKenzie Valley Resource management Act as a result of the terms agreed upon in the Gwich'in Final Agreement; and

WHEREAS this resource management act is intended to apply only to claim settlement lands but in fact will apply to Deh Cho First Nations' traditional lands; and

WHEREAS the act promotes the extinguishment of Aboriginal title by failing to recognize and protect First nations not in the formal land claims process; and

WHEREAS this proposed legislation is another step closer in the creation of a province out of the NWT which creates a tremendous amount of tension between the constitutional development and outstanding Treaty & Aboriginal claims and resources in the Deh Cho territory.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Deh Cho Tribal Council Leadership support the principles of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act on the basis that it only applies to the Gwich'in and Sahtu Comprehensive Final Agreements.

MOVED BY: Gabe hardisty

SECONDED BY: Lloyd Chicot

ABSTENTIONS:

RESULTS: Carried Unanimously.