

**DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS
Spring Leadership Meeting
Fort Liard, Denendeh — 97 MAY 26-30**

DCFN LEADERSHIP RESOLUTION 97MAY29-#07

Re. Compensation for use of Deh Cho lands

WHEREAS the aboriginal peoples of the Deh Cho territory have occupied and used our lands since time immemorial in ways that ensure our lands are available to the generations yet to come,

AND WHEREAS the aboriginal peoples of the Deh Cho territory have respected use of our lands by newcomers and, at Treaty making, agreed to share our lands with the Crown,

AND WHEREAS aboriginal use of our own lands in the Deh Cho territory is not being respected by the Crown, with the result that much of our land is being alienated or removed from our use through federal and NWT administrative procedures without the participation, agreement, approval, and consent of the DCFN Leadership or of community Leaders of affected lands,

AND WHEREAS aboriginal peoples of the Deh Cho territory are not benefitting from land alienations or the resulting changes to the use of our lands —

THEREFORE, by our inherent right to govern ourselves, the DCFN Leadership directs the new federal Cabinet to arrange for meetings with the DCFN Leadership at Canada's expense to discuss the development of a procedure through which Deh Cho communities can be compensated for use of land alienated through federal procedures and NWT administrative procedures delegated from federal ministries, retroactive to the making of Treaties 8 and 11 and to continue in perpetuity;

AND THEREFORE, the DCFN Leadership directs the new DIAND Minister to declare an immediate moratorium until this compensation procedure is completed with mutual approval on all formal and informal alienations of Deh Cho lands through federal procedures and NWT administrative procedures delegated from federal ministries, including land-use permits, water licences, research permits and licences, tourism and outfitters licences, exploration and development licences, and archaeological projects.

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Chief Pat Martel, Katl'Odeeche First Nation

Chief Dennis Deneron, Sambaa Ke First Nation

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