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Dehcho First Nations 31st Annual Assembly Postponed Due to Wildfire Season and Fire Bans

Dehcho Leaders and Elders Decide to Reschedule the Assembly for a
Later Date

The Dehcho First Nations (DFN) announced today that the 31st Annual Assembly, which was scheduled to take place from June 11 to June 13, 2024, in Nahanni Butte, has been postponed due to the wildfire season and fire bans in place in the region. The decision was made after consultation with Dehcho Leaders and Elders, who expressed their concern for the safety and well-being of the participants and the communities.

The Annual Assembly is a gathering of Dehcho First Nations members, Leaders, Elders, youth, and guests, who come together to celebrate the culture, history, and achievements of the Dehcho people, as well as to discuss the issues and priorities facing the region. The Assembly is also an opportunity to showcase the local talents, arts, and crafts of the Dehcho communities.

DFN Grand Chief Herb Norwegian said that the postponement was a difficult but necessary decision, given the current situation and the uncertainty of the wildfire season. "We know how important the Annual Assembly is for our people, and how much we look forward to it every year. However, we also must consider the health and safety of our participants and our communities, especially during this challenging time. We have been in communication with the Dehcho Leaders and Elders, and they have agreed that it is better to reschedule the Assembly for a later date, when the conditions are more favorable and the fire bans are lifted," he said.

Norwegian added that the DFN will announce the new date and location of the 31st Annual Assembly as soon as possible, and that the DFN will continue to work on the agenda and the preparations for the event. Thank you, the host community of Nahanni Butte, for their understanding and support. "We appreciate the efforts and the hospitality of the Naha Dehe Dene Band, and we hope to be able to celebrate with them soon. We also thank all the Dehcho First Nations members, Leaders, Elders, youth, and guests for their patience and cooperation. We look forward to seeing you all at the tentative August Annual Assembly, where we will continue to strengthen our unity, our identity, and our vision as Dehcho people," Grand Chief Herb Norwegian said.

For more information, please contact Grand Chief Herb Norwegian the DFN office at (867) 695-2610 or visit the DFN website at www.dehcho.org.