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Dear Chairman:

I read with interest your November 26, 2010 letter, which recommends approval of the modifications presented to the 2009-2013 General Forest Management Plan of Forest Management Unit 86-63.

You draw attention to the fact that the Cree have expressed certain reservations with regard to the temporarily inaccessible cutting blocks that have remained in the five-year planning. I would like to reassure you that as long as the ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs (MDDEP) has not issued the certificate of authorization for the roads subjected to the environmental and social assessment, the ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune (MRNF) will issue no permit pertaining to these roads.

Your letter also mentions that the Nemaska Band Council would have proposed a protected area project in the Lake Evans area. I wish to remind you that the designation of protected areas and their protection status come under the MDDEP, and that to date, the MRNF has not been informed that protection had to apply to this territory. I thus invite you to communicate with the Nemiscau community to get more information on the status of the proposed project.

Yours truly,

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