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July 28, 2016

Mr. William (Bill) Snow
Stoney Tribal Administration
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Dear Mr. Snow:

Re: Town of Canmore Cougar Creek Debris Flood Retention Structure – Regulatory Submission

Heavy rains in the Bow Valley in 2013 caused a debris flood on Cougar Creek that resulted in widespread damage to municipal infrastructure, flood protection works, homes, property, businesses, the Trans-Canada Highway, Highway 1A and the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Town of Canmore is proposing to construct a 29.85 m high debris flood retention structure on Cougar Creek to increase public safety and protect downstream infrastructure. During normal weather conditions, water and sediment will flow unimpeded through the structure, as it is not designed to permanently hold water. During a flood event, the structure will retain debris and allow water to pass through in a controlled manner. The project was designed with careful consideration of potential effects to the environment, local residents, and other land users.

The Project is a reviewable water management project pursuant to the *Natural Resources Conservation Board Act* and also requires an environmental impact assessment (EIA) pursuant to the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA). The Town of Canmore provided the Stoney Nakoda First Nation with a Project Information Package by email on October 14, 2015 and couriered a hard copy of this document on January 27th, 2016 at the request of the Aboriginal Consultation Office. The Town also completed the Stoney Information Letter Form and submitted it on November 10, 2015.

Please find attached three electronic copies of the EIA Report and a summary that was prepared for the Natural Resources Conservation Board for your review. These documents were submitted to Alberta Environment and Parks and the Natural Resources Conservation Board today (July 28, 2016).

We would be pleased to meet with the Stoney Nation to discuss this project at your convenience. If you wish to discuss this project further, please contact me at 403.678.1512 to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,



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