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Dear Mr. Sheppard:

**Re: Gummy Pond ATV Trail**

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of your project, including a copy of all permits, licenses, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for your project, one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates, if requested. Please email your project updates to [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).

The Water Resources Management Division of this department advises that you are required to obtain permits for any work in a body of water, any work in Shoal Water Zones, and any infilling work within 15 metres of a body of water. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1646.

The Department of Natural Resources advises that there may be future mineral exploration activities in the area that may involve the use of the ATV trail. For further information, please contact the Department of Natural Resources at (709) 729-5748.

The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources advises the project area partially overlaps an Agriculture Area of Interest (AOI #32) and Agriculture Leases. In general, the Agriculture and Lands Branch does not have concern with the proposed activities at this time, however, it should not interfere with the agriculture properties and production in these areas. In addition, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans should be contacted regarding *Guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Fish in Newfoundland and Labrador*. The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources advises you to contact Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited, as a portion of the proposed trail falls within their management area limits. The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources requests that you capture the final trail route via Global Positioning System and provide it to them for inclusion on the Land Use Atlas. For further information, please contact Fisheries and Land Resources at (709) 729-1140.

The Government Service Centre of the Department of Service NL provides advice on the collection and removal of waste, pollution control, electrical services, water and sewer, fire and life safety. For further information, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 639-2229.

Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations April 15 to August 15 in this region. For further information, please contact Environment and Climate Change Canada at (709) 772-2126.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada advises that you are required to self-assess using the DFO "Projects Near Water" website located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

Transport Canada advises that the proposed project appears to be in navigable waters not listed on the schedule. Under the Canadian Navigable Waters Act, owners of works that are located on navigable waterways not listed in the schedule, which may interfere with navigation, have the option to either apply to the Minister of Transport for approval, or seek authorization through the public resolution process. Both the application process and the public resolution process can be accessed at the following link: <https://wwwapps.tc.gc.ca/Prog/3/NWAR-RLEN-E/en/Account/Login>. For further information, please contact the Navigation Protection Program at (506) 851-3113.

Although the undertaking as proposed is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, the Minister's decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced your project within this three year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed. For further information, please email [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at 709-729-0673 or [joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca](mailto:joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment  
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Enclosures

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