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Dear Fred Thorne and Shirley Thorne:

**RE: Environment Protection Plan for the ATV/Argo Trails for Red Indian Lake Outfitting Project (the Project)**

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On October 9, 2015, the ATV/Argo Trails for Red Indian Lake Outfitting Project was released from environmental assessment, subject to conditions. One such condition required Red Indian Lake Outfitting to submit an Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) for all described trails, for my approval, prior to the start of trail development.

On August 9, 2022, Red Indian Lake Outfitting submitted an EPP for ATV/Argo trails, which has subsequently been reviewed by the environmental assessment committee appointed to the Project. As a result of the review I am advising you that the EPP is acceptable, subject to the following conditions:

- You must uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submissions to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment; and
- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires that the EPP be implemented in a phased approach that will enable you to access Saddler Lake Lodge and Alex Pond Lodge as a first phase of trail development. You must submit the following information for the approval of the Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, prior to trail construction:
  - ground-truthed digital GPS routes outlining access trails to the Saddler Lake Lodge and to the Alex Pond Lodge;
  - details on stream crossings (e.g. width of stream, stream bank information with photo documentation preferred);
  - proposed measures to mitigate potential adverse environmental effects associated with each stream crossing;

- the location and length of wetland crossings;
- proposed measures to mitigate potential adverse environmental effects associated with wetland crossings, with consideration given to the sensitive wildlife periods (e.g. caribou calving and marten denning) for vegetation clearing and ground work; and
- Crown land application numbers for each trail. For more information, please contact the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture at (709) 637-2025.

I would like to remind you that any significant changes to the Project must be submitted to me prior to construction to be reviewed for regulatory requirements, including environmental assessment. The EPP for trail development is considered a living document that will be updated by Red Indian Lake Outfitters as required.

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

Sincerely,



**HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA**  
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