



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Montana State University's
“Helicopter-Based Radar Survey of Devon Ice Cap”
Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Montana State University's
"Helicopter-Based Radar Survey of Devon Ice Cap" Project Proposal**

Dear Leah Klaassen,

On March 6, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Montana State University's "Helicopter-based radar survey of Devon Ice Cap" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the response below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CIRNAC #1: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the Hamlets of Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay, as well as the Iviq Hunters and Trappers Organization, and the Resolute Bay Hunters and Trappers Association. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities should include:

- Incorporation of traditional knowledge into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses; and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further phases related to this project. Should you have



any questions, please contact Richard Bingley by e-mail at richard.bingley2@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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