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Reg Whiten, Senior Planner  
Peel Watershed Planning Commission  
307 Jarvis Street, Suite 201  
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2H3

Dear Mr. Whiten,

I am writing you in response to the Peel Watershed Draft Land Use Plan. Rimfire Minerals Corporation believes that the Plan, as written, does not take into account the value and significance of mineral exploration and mining activity to the residents of Yukon and Yukon's tax base.

Rimfire is a Vancouver based mining exploration company that actively explores world wide. In the last ten years Rimfire and its partner companies have spent over \$11.7 million dollars conducting mineral exploration in Yukon. Over \$7 million of this total has been spent within the Peel Watershed, specifically within the Bonnet Plume watershed exploring for Iron - Oxide - Copper - Gold deposits within the Wernecke Breccias. These expenditures bring economic activity and direct employment to Yukon regardless of whether a mine is discovered or not. In the rare instance where the mining exploration industry is successful in discovering an economic deposit, then the economic benefit in terms of direct employment, taxation and suppliers is very significant.

The Draft Land Use Plan in its current form would see the withdrawal of 59% of land in the Peel Watershed from mineral exploration and see access restricted to predefined corridors. From the point of view of mineral exploration investment this would translate into a significant downgrading of the entire region's attractiveness for investment.

The regulatory and permitting regimes, and environmental screening performed through YESAA, are robust and rigorous in Yukon and result in responsible development where environmental impacts are managed and the appropriate mitigative measures are implemented.



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Rimfire would suggest a model based on the 2 Zone model employed in British Columbia that brings certainty to the land base thereby ensuring a positive investment climate for all resource activities, while protecting areas of environmental and cultural significance.

Sincerely

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Rimfire Minerals Corporation