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Chair and Directors Cariboo Regional District Suite D, 180 North 3rd Avenue Williams Lake, BC V2G 2A4

Dear Chair and Directors:

The BC Geographical Names Office has received proposals from the Tŝilhqot'in National Government to change or adopt names for several geographical features located in the Cariboo region. At this time we are inviting comments on nine proposed names as detailed in Appendix A and shown on the attached map.

These features are within or form a portion of the boundary of the traditional territory of several First Nations and are within or near the border of local governments so it is important to ascertain a) if there are other known traditional names for these features, and b) that the proposed names reflect the heritage values in the area.

Before considering adoption of these names, may I have your advice and comments? In particular, is there any reason why these names would not be appropriate for these features?

Adoption of these names would not prejudice legitimate claims to the land.

Thank you in advance for your comments. Your response before 31 July 2019 would be appreciated.

Kind regards,

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Enclosure

Appendix A: Proposed Names

- 1. Change the name of **Niut Mountain** to "**?Eniyud**" (pronounced Enni-yoot).
 - The mountain is located just east of the north end of Telhiqox Biny and north of the Homathko Icefield in the Range 2 Coast Land District.
 - The name 'Niut' is an anglicization of "?Eniyud." Sometimes spelled "?Uniyud' (Advice from Tŝilhqot'in National Government, 2018).
 - According to Tŝilhqot'in legend, ?Eniyud was a woman married to a man named Tŝ'il?oŝ. When conflict drove them to separate, they were both turned into mountains as punishment for their separation (Advice from Tŝilhqot'in National Government, 2018).
 - While both ?Eniyud and Tŝ'il?oŝ may turn the weather against you if you show disrespect upon entering their area (i.e. pointing), ?Eniyud is considered to be the more powerful (Advice from Tŝilhqot'in National Government, 2018).
 - The peak of the mountain is located at: 51.63944, -124.525.
- 2. Adopt the name "K'etsish" (pronounced Ket-seeh) for a locality along the Fraser River between Chimney Creek and Doc English Gulch in the Lillooet Land District.
 - "K'etsish" is a Tŝilhqot'in proper noun referring to this place around today's "Sheep Creek Bridge" which crosses the Fraser River on Highway 20. (Advice from the Tŝilhqot'in National Government 2018).
 - The centre point of this place is located at: 51.98303, -122.276.
- 3. Change the name of **Eagle Lake** to "**Lhuy Nachasgwen Gunlin**" (pronounced Lhoo-ee Nachas-gwen Goo-leen).
 - The lake is located just south of Tatla Lake, north of Cochin Lake in the Range 2 Coast Land District.
 - "Lhuy Nachasgwen Gunlin" is the Tŝilhqot'in name meaning "where there are many small fish" which refers to this lake as well as the wider area. Sometimes pronounced without a nasal 'n' as "Lhuy Nachasgwen Gulin" (Advice from Tŝilhqot'in National Government, 2018).
 - The centre of the lake is located at: 51.91306, -124.387.
- 4. Change the name of Bald Mountain to "Nen Nalmelh" (pronounced Nen Nal-melh).
 - The mountain is located north of the confluence of Big Creek and Chilcotin River, southwest of Williams Lake (city) in the Lillooet Land District.
 - "Nen Nalmelh " is the Tŝilhqot'in name meaning "undulating/rolling/wavy land"
 which refers to the view of this mountain from a distance to the south or north
 where can be seen three or four undulating rounded summits in a row. (Advice
 from Tŝilhqot'in National Government 2018)
 - The peak of the mountain is located at: 51.90139, -122.666.
- 5. Change the name of Riske Creek to "Tl'esqox" (pronounced Kless-koh).
 - The river flows southeast into the Fraser River north of the Chilcotin River, in the Lillooet Land District
 - "Tl'esqox" is the Tŝilhqot'in name meaning "muddy creek" where the subject "gwetl'es" means "muddy place" and the suffix "-qox" (from "yeqox") means "creek/river." This name refers to Riske Creek as well as the wider locality of the drainage area of that creek. (Advice from Tŝilhqot'in National Government, 2018).
 - The mouth of the creek is located at: 51.87861, -122.402.

- 6. Adopt the name "**Tl'esqox-chi**" (pronounced Kless-koh-chee) for a locality located at the confluence of Riske Creek ('Tl'esqox") and the Fraser River in the Lillooet Land District.
 - "Tl'esqox-chi" is the Tŝilhqot'in name meaning "tail of muddy creek", where "Tl'esqox" is Tŝilhqot'in for Riske Creek, meaning "muddy creek," and the suffix "- chi" means tail (Advice from Tŝilhqot'in National Government 2018).
 - The centre of the locality is located at: 51.87861, -122.402.
- 7. Change the name of Chilanko River to "Tsalhangox" (pronounced Tsah-lhan-koh).
 - The river flows east into Little Chilcotin River, just east of Tŝideldel (Community) in the Range 3 Coast and Cariboo Land Districts.
 - The name Chilanko is an anglicization of "Tsalhanqox". (Advice from Tŝilhqot'in National Government, 2018).
 - "Tsalhanqox" is the Tŝilhqot'in name meaning "river with many beavers" from the Tŝilhqot'in words "Tsa" (beaver), "lhan" (many), and "yeqox" (creek/river) (Advice from Tŝilhqot'in National Government, 2018).
 - The mouth of the river is located at: 52.11528, -123.684.
- 8. Adopt the name "**Tŝintŝanŝ Xadalgwenlh**" (pronounced Tsy-tsoss Hadal-gwelh) for a mountain located just northwest of Scum Lake (Tŝintŝanŝ Biny) and just west of Taseko River in the Lillooet Land District.
 - "Tŝintŝanŝ Xadalgwenlh" is the Tŝilhqot'in name meaning "mountain at Tŝintŝanŝ."
 Also spelled "Tsintŝans" or "Tsintsanŝ", this name refers to the wider locality,
 including Tŝintŝanŝ Biny (Scum Lake) and adjacent forests, swamps and
 meadows. "Xadalgwenlh" means 'mountain' (Advice from Tŝilhqot'in National
 Government 2018).
 - The peak of the mountain is located at: 51.80068, -123.622.
- 9. Change the name of **Yohetta Lake** to "**Yuyahtah Biny**" (pronounced Yu-yah-tah Bee).
 - The lake is located west of Taseko Lakes, east of Tŝilhqox Biny and south of Nemiah Valley in the Lillooet Land District.
 - The name Yohetta is an anglicization of "Yuyahtah" (Advice from Tŝilhqot'in National Government, 2018).
 - "Yuyahtah Biny" is the Tŝilhqot'in name meaning "lake at Yuyahtah" where
 "Yuyahtah" is a proper noun referring to this area/valley, and "biny" means "lake"
 (Advice from Tŝilhqot'in National Government, 2018).
 - The centre of the lake is located at: 51.22944, -123.843.

