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Krystle Shannon Email: scholarly ks@outlook.com

Dear Krystle Shannon:

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has received your email regarding conservation in Haliburton County, Ontario.

MECP is aware of the interest from third-party organizations in protecting land within the Haliburton Highlands Corridor, including the proposed creation of an 8,500-hectare conservation reserve known as the Milburn Kendrick Conservation Reserve.

The ministry has reviewed the proposal and has decided not to proceed with the establishment of a new conservation reserve in this area. The Crown lands included in this proposal will continue to be managed by the Ministry of Natural Resources. Information about current uses for this area can be found on the <u>Crown Land Use Policy</u> <u>Atlas</u>.

Stakeholder input is important to us, and we are committed to engaging with affected communities to ensure all voices are heard in conservation discussions. Any future proposals for new protected areas under the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006* will include public and Indigenous consultation on the proposed boundaries, land uses and permissible activities.

If you have further questions regarding protected areas, please contact <u>Protected.Areas@Ontario.ca</u>.

Sincerely,

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Kirsten Service Director, Conservation and Source Protection Branch Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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