

**PETITION**

**MORATORIUM ON ALL MINING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE ALGONQUINS OF BARRIERE LAKE**

**CONSIDERING THAT** the majestic La Vérendrye Wildlife Reserve of Québec and neighbouring lands are under threat from mining;

**CONSIDERING THAT** in 1991, a Trilateral Agreement was signed by Canada, Québec and the Algonquins of Barriere Lake to develop a land management plan for the sustainable development of renewable resources and the continuation of the traditional activities by the Algonquins of Barriere Lake;

**CONSIDERING THAT** mining could pose a threat to the Algonquins of Barriere Lake's culture and way of life and to this draft land management plan;

**CONSIDERING THAT** the Québec Minister of Energy and Natural Resources has given the green light for mining staking and exploration, particularly an 80-kilometre claim from a junior mining company Copper One Inc. without the consent or consultation with the Algonquins of Barriere Lake who have lived there for millennia;

**CONSIDERING THAT** any mine in the region would contaminate water, affect wildlife, and negatively impact the health and way of life of the Algonquin peoples living there;

**CONSIDERING THAT** we are in solidarity with the Algonquins of Barriere Lake, environmental groups and wildlife users;

We, the undersigned, call on the Québec Minister of Energy and Natural Resources to completely ban all mining activity (staking, exploration, development) within the 1991 Trilateral Agreement Territory of the Algonquins of Barriere Lake (La Vérendrye Wildlife Reserve Region).

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*Barriere Lake Indian Government, Kitiganik / Rapid Lake, Quebec, J0X 2C0*





