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Dear Ms. Deacon,

Thank you for your letter of 29 August expressing the Manitoba Wildlife Federation's concerns regarding Bloodvein First Nation's announced intention to prevent non-Indigenous hunters from entering their ancestral and Treaty territory.

I and my leadership team are aware of the concerns that you and others have raised, as well as those raised by Bloodvein First Nation. Thus far no actual blockade or instance of non-Indigenous individuals being prevented from travelling through the area in question have been reported to the RCMP. Further, there is no indication that an act contrary to statute, whether the *Criminal Code* or the provincial *Highway Traffic Act*, has occurred which would require the RCMP to investigate and/or intervene.

I can assure you that both I and my senior officers are engaged with Manitoba Justice regarding this issue, and that RCMP personnel in our Manitoba East District are also cognizant of the matter and remain committed to keeping the peace.

Your letter does not indicate whether MWF has reached out to Bloodvein First Nation regarding potential collaboration in finding mutually amenable solutions to this issue. I suggest that establishing a dialogue with Bloodvein leadership may be beneficial for both the First Nation and MWF.

Thank you again for your letter. I and my team will remain briefed on this matter and continue our engagement with Manitoba Justice to assist in resolving any potential conflicts before they arise.

Sincerely,

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