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Mr. Bob Abbey
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Dear Mr. Abbey:

During the May 3-5 meeting of the North American Intergovernmental Committee on Cooperation for Wilderness Conservation in Banff, we agreed that the interpretation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Cooperation for Wilderness Conservation should be broadened to include all aspects of protected areas (including, but not limited to, wilderness) and that a broad protected areas interpretation of the co-operation under the MOU is in keeping with the mutual interests of all signatories.

I agreed to confirm this modification of our interpretation of the MOU in writing, as per Article 4b), subsequent to the meeting. As such, I would like to request your written confirmation that we have modified our interpretation of the MOU and that the references to "wilderness" are expanded to "wilderness and protected areas," where appropriate.

As you know, members of our staff met in Oaxaca, Mexico, on May 16-17, to advance implementation of the MOU. At that meeting, the members proposed that the Committee established under the MOU now be known as the North American Intergovernmental Committee on Cooperation for Wilderness and Protected Areas Cooperation (NAWPA Committee) and I agree that this proposal reflects the intent of our discussions in Banff, Alberta.

I would appreciate submission of your written agreement to modify the MOU as described above, to me, via Mr. John Pinkerton, International Programs Manager, Parks Canada. He can be reached by e-mail at john.pinkerton@pc.gc.ca, or by telephone at 819-994-5097. I would appreciate your attention to this matter by August 15.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,


Alan Latourelle
Chief Executive Officer
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