



Moose Cree

First Nation

Statement from Chief Norm Hardisty Jr. March 8th, 2016

Moose Cree First Nation's Chief and Council are aware of the lawsuit filed by the Grand Council of the Crees in Quebec, alleging that they hold Aboriginal title and Aboriginal rights to a significant portion of the Moose Cree Homeland. Moose Cree First Nation Chief and Council, along with our legal counsel, are studying this lawsuit closely and determining the most appropriate response.

While we have great respect for our Cree neighbours in Quebec, Moose Cree First Nation objects strongly to the misguided decision to file this lawsuit. We object strongly to the claims contained in the lawsuit. Much of the land over which the Quebec Crees assert rights and title are the Homeland of the Moose Cree First Nation. This has been our Homeland since time immemorial. Our lands do not belong to anyone else. We will do what is necessary to protect our Homeland from this attempt to take it from us. While we have no desire for conflict with our Cree neighbours, we have an obligation to our people to defend our Homeland. And we will do that.

Moose Cree First Nation's Chief and Council are committed to fully protecting the rights and interests of our people throughout our Homeland. Since time immemorial, the people of the Moose Cree First Nation have been the users and occupiers of our entire Homeland. We will take all steps necessary to protect our rights and our jurisdiction throughout our Homeland.