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OBS! Denne e-posten kommer fra en ekstern avsender. Vis varsomhet med lenker og vedlegg. **-IKT, Sysselmesteren**

Hey Jannicke,

Sunday 8th October 2023

We are submitting our input for the proposed verneplan for lower Adventdalen. The main things we are concerned about are:

- 1. Nature Reserve status this is very strict and not flexible in what activities that can be done. Considering the proximity and value of lower Adventdalen to the community we would have thought that National Park status as Svea has been allocated would be more than sufficient to protect the nature and environment in lower Adventdalen.
- 2. Boundary placement the position of the boundary includes the main road out into Adventdalen and a large part of the road up to the Todalen cabin area. The road can still be maintained, but who knows what happens in the future and if it could need to be completely replaced or constructed in a different way. To prevent any issues with the road in the future, the boundary could be placed on the northern side of the road.
- 3. Prohibition of driving with wheels (dogcart/bicycle) on barmark to not be able to drive with dogs (dogcart) or with bicycle on the frozen river in Adventdalen would take so much freedom from people. It is a special time of the year when the river freezes up and you can travel on it without snowcover. We can't see how this would damage the environment. 'Old' roads the road at the old airstrip is an important place for turning dog teams and the road in the sea area near the city dogyard is important road for

accessing the river without driving on the tundra. These roads should be included on the map to allow for driving dogs with cart and bicycle.

4. Leash length limit - a 5 m length of the line limit would prevent driving dog teams during the bird breeding season. The wording must be made in a way so that walking with an individual dog on a leash and driving a dog team on a road is distinguished.

Many thanks, Christine Lockwood-Ireland and Grahame Ireland