



Dawson Mining District
Box 249 (K-DA)
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May 20, 2022

P2022_0112
By Email

Elden Curtis

Dear Elden Curtis:

Re: Class 1 Notification P2022_0112 - Austral1Summer_2022 - Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2022_0112 - Austral1Summer_2022 is valid as of July 07, 2022.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (July 07, 2022 - July 06, 2023) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- The map provided identifies areas with elevated potential for heritage resources. The operator shall avoid ground disturbing activities within these areas unless prior approval has been granted by the Heritage Resources Unit. The operator may contact Holly Smith at the Heritage Resources Unit (867-332-4057 or holly.smith@yukon.ca) for more information on the areas of heritage potential to discuss potential mitigation options prior to conducting any ground disturbing activities.
- The notification area is in a fossil bearing drainage. As per the Schedule 1 Operating Conditions, all palaeontological resources uncovered during operations must be reported to the Yukon Government.

- Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage Departments of First Nation Na-Cho Nyäk Dun (867.996.2265 ext.116) and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation (867.993.7100 ext. 173), in addition to the Government of Yukon, Chief of Mining Lands and Heritage Department.
- You are reminded that a leave strip is required for all placer streams for the protection of riparian areas. This area of the Indian watershed has a low habitat suitability classification, as defined in the Fish Habitat Management System for Yukon's Placer Mining, requiring a 5 meter leave strip. Please see the document attached for more information and appropriate setbacks. You are also reminded of the Schedule 1 Operating Condition that "all reasonable care must be taken in carrying out exploration activities near or adjacent to a water body to prevent sediment from entering a water body, unless otherwise permitted by law." Any deposit of waste (i.e. dirty water) requires the activity to be licensed regardless of the quantity of water being disposed.
- The notification area overlaps with a moose late-winter range wildlife key area. Typically, placer exploration activities are carried out outside of winter months, however, activities have been proposed to occur year round. As such, the operator should plan activities to avoid use of the area in late-winter (Jan 1st – April 30th).
- The proponent shall communicate plans and timing of activities to the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun.
- The operator shall install and maintain safety fencing around all trenches/shafts deeper than two meters and install covers over the openings of all trenches/shafts with logs, or similar material capable of preventing people or wildlife from inadvertently falling into the trenches/shafts.
- The operator shall backfill each trench/shaft once a geological evaluation of the trench/shaft has been completed or prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1, whichever occurs first.
- Drill holes shall be decommissioned and backfilled or plugged to avoid wildlife entrapment.
- You are reminded of Schedule 1 Operating Condition #17 which states: "A spill contingency plan for petroleum products and other hazardous substances must be prepared and posted in the camp and at all fuel handling locations used in carrying out the operation."
- The operator should share wildlife observation information with First Nation of Na-Cho Ny?k Dun.

Security may be required at any time by the Chief. The operator must furnish security within thirty (30) days of receiving the written notice from the Chief of the requirement to post security.

To help improve the environmental performance of your program, you are encouraged to refer to the attached operational guidelines. In addition, you are encouraged to contact affected First Nations to further discuss your program.

Class 1 work cannot occur on claims/leases that have lapsed or pending claims/leases until they are granted by a Mining Recorder. Please ensure the claims/leases within your Class 1 Notification are in good standing prior to beginning your work program. Any work

occurring on pending or lapsed claims/leases will be in contravention of the *Placer Mining Act* and *Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act* and representation work conducted will not be accepted by the Mining Recorder.

Please note: the notification will expire on July 06, 2023 and all reclamation must be completed at the end of the program or prior to the expiry of this notification, whichever comes first. All proposed activities must abide by Schedule 1 (Operating Conditions) of the *Placer Mining Land Use Regulation*. In the event that claims/leases lapse, a Class 3 or 4 authorization is issued, or that agreements to operate on claims/leases are dissolved, the Class 1 notification becomes null and void for that portion of the program, where there is no right to the minerals.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the district office by phone at 867-993-5343, fax at 867-993-6747, or email at dawson.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely,
Bobbie Milnes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'B Milnes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chief of Placer Land Use

cc
Tourism and Culture
First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in