



Dawson Mining District  
Box 249 (K-DA)  
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June 28, 2022

P2022\_0139  
By Email

Art Christiansen

Dear Art Christiansen:

Re: Class 1 Notification P2022\_0139 - Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2022\_0139 is valid as of June 27, 2022.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 27, 2022 - June 27, 2023) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- The claim(s) included in the notification overlaps with a wildlife key area for moose. To reduce impacts to moose, best management practices are encouraged and all wildlife should be given the right of way.
- Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation (867.993.7100 ext. 173), in addition to the Government of Yukon, Chief of Mining Lands and Heritage Branch.
- You are reminded that a leave strip is required for all placer streams for the protection of riparian areas, and its dimensions are dependent on the stream's habitat suitability classification as defined in the Fish Habitat Management System for Yukon Placer Mining. 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 operator shall cease work when any caribou are observed on active claim blocks until caribou move off on their own accord.
- The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in as well as other land and resource users that may be affected by the proposed project as soon as practicable and prior to the commencement of project activities to identify and resolve potential land use conflicts and any potential negative effects on other users.
- The operator shall not remove any timber from claims for any purpose without an appropriate permit.
- The claims included in this notification overlap with trapping concessions # 31 and may overlap with other guided recreational tours. You are encouraged to communicate plans and timing of activities to other land and resource users that may be affected by the proposed project (e.g. outfitter, Wilderness Tourism Association of Yukon, etc.) as soon as practicable and prior to the commencement of project activities to identify and resolve potential land use conflicts and any potential negative effects on other users.
- The operator shall allow unimpeded access through the project site to First Nation citizens undergoing traditional pursuits.
- Drill holes shall be decommissioned and backfilled or plugged to avoid wildlife entrapment.
- 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 operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow ungulates to exit the trench.
- The operator shall install and maintain safety fencing around all trenches/shafts deeper than two meters 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.
- 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.

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 June 27, 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](mailto:dawson.mining@yukon.ca).

Sincerely,  
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Chief of Placer Land Use

cc  
Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment  
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Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in