



Dawson Mining District Box 249 (K-DA) Dawson City, YT, Y0B 1G0

July 05, 2023

P2022_0251 By Email

Reid Haines

Dear Reid Haines:

Re: Class 1 Notification P2022_0251 - Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2022_0251 is valid as of July 05, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (July 05, 2023 - July 05, 2024) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. 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.
- 2. The map provided identifies areas with elevated potential for heritage resources. The operator shall avoid ground disturbing activities within this/these area(s) 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.
- 3. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage

Department of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation (867-993-7100 ext.114) in addition to the Government of Yukon, Chief of Mining Lands and Heritage Department.

- 4. The operator shall cease work when any caribou are observed on active claim blocks until the caribou move off on their own accord.
- 5. The claims included in this notification overlap with outfitting concession #17 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.
- 6. The operator shall not restrict access, availability and use of the area for traditional harvest purposes.
- 7. The operator shall maintain a 100m buffer along the bank of the Fortymile River along the west edge of the lease, as well as 100m buffer from the road to maintain the visual integrity, the viewshed and the access road.
- 8. The operator shall maintain a 30 meter buffer around all placer streams for the protection of riparian areas. Please see the document attached for more information and appropriate setbacks.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Any brushing for trails, cutlines or corridors should be done in such a way as to not hinder wildlife movement through the stockpiling of brush material.
- 11. Off road use in the summer should be kept to a minimum, as much as possible.
- 12. Earthworks shall be sloped at one end to allow for wildlife escapement and shall be reclaimed as soon as the earthworks is no longer required for mining purposes, or prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1, whichever occurs first.
- 13. 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 material capable of preventing people or wildlife from inadvertently falling into the trenches/shafts.
- 14. 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.
- 15. The operator shall cease work when any moose are observed on active claim blocks until moose move off on their own accord.
- 16. The proponent shall communicate plans and timing of activities to other land and resource users that may be affected by the proposed project.
- 17. The notification area overlaps with a moose late-winter range wildlife key area. The operator should plan activities to avoid use of the area in late-winter (Jan 1st April 30th).
- 18. The Proponent shall take all necessary precautions to minimize disturbance to caribou specific habitat (lichen) within the project area. Where disturbance is

unavoidable, the lichen mat shall be separately stored and replaced as soon as exploration activities are complete.

19. The claim(s) included in the notification also overlaps with wildlife key area for beaver. To reduce impacts to beaver, best management practices are encouraged, and all wildlife should be given the right of way.

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 05, 2024 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, Paul Inglis

Chief of Placer Land Use

cc Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment Tourism and Culture Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in