



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

December 22, 2022

P2022_0339 By Email

Hank Karhut

Dear Hank Karhut:

Re: Class 1 Notification P2022_0339 - Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2022_0339 is valid as of December 22, 2022.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (October 11, 2022 - October 10, 2023) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- 1. 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 Michael Grooms at the Heritage Resources Unit (867-334-6619 or michael.grooms@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.
- 3. You are reminded that you must comply with the Schedule 1 Operating Conditions,

especially #33, which states: "All reasonable care must be taken in carrying out an operation near or adjacent to a water body to prevent sediment from entering a water body, unless otherwise permitted by law." You are also 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's Placer Mining.

- 4. 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."
- 5. If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in the nesting area until nesting is complete.
- 6. Off road use in the summer should be kept to a minimum, as much as possible.
- 7. 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.
- 8. The operator shall cease work when any caribou are observed on active claim blocks until caribou move off on their own accord.
- 9. The operator should share wildlife observation information with the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Lands and Resorces Department (867-996-2265 ext. 141).
- Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of First Nation Na-Cho Nyäk Dun (867-996-2265 ext.116) in addition to the Government of Yukon, Chief of Mining Lands and Heritage Department.
- 11. All flights should follow best practices with respect to wildlife disturbance: https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-flying-caribou-country.pdf https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-flying-sheep-country.pdf
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.

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 October 10, 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, Jennifer Walters

A/Chief of Placer Land Use

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