



Whitehorse Mining District 102 - 300 Main Street (K-102) Whitehorse, YT, Y1A 2B5

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P2023\_0251 By Email

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Dear Andrew Hamilton,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2023\_0251 - IW00834 - Florence Creek Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2023\_0251 is valid as of September 26, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (September 26, 2023 - September 26, 2024) 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 not conduct land-altering activities within these areas unless prior approval has been granted by the Heritage Resources Unit. The operator may contact heritage.review@yukon.ca for more information on the areas of heritage potential or to discuss potential mitigation options.
- 2. The operator shall allow unimpeded access through the project site to First Nation citizens undergoing traditional pursuits.
- 3. The operator shall share wildlife observation information (i.e. a wildlife log) with the

- affected First Nations, by the expiry of this Notification.
- 4. Any moose encountered on the claim block shall be given the right-of-way until they move off on their own accord.
- 5. The operator shall ensure that equipment, including hand held tools, are washed before it is moved to site to prevent the introduction of exotic and invasive species.
- 6. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if caribou are observed within 1 km of active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
- 7. Earthworks shall be sloped at one end to allow for wildlife escapement. 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.
- 8. Drill holes shall be decommissioned and backfilled or plugged to avoid wildlife entrapment.
- 9. You are reminded that a leave strip is required for all placer streams for the protection of riparian areas. This creek 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 #33 that states "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. The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation Lands and Resources Department 867-393-5083 and other land and resource users (i.e. outfitters, trappers) as soon as practicable and prior to the commencement of project activities to identify potential land use conflicts and any other potential negative effects on other users. The operator shall make best efforts to resolve these issues.
- 11. Upon discovery of a heritage resource, the operator shall notify Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation Heritage Manager at (867) 863-5831 or toni.blanchard@lscfn.ca.
- 12. The operator shall endeavor to work with LSCFN to identify berry bushes in the project area, and avoid clearing areas of concentrated (more than three) berry bushes when possible. The operator shall ensure that equipment, including hand held tools, are washed before it is moved to site to prevent the introduction of exotic and invasive species.
- 13. The operator 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.
- 14. The operator shall cease activities between September 15th and October 15th, to avoid interfering with the caribou rut.

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 September 26, 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 867-667-3190, fax at 867-667-5150, or email at whitehorse.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely, Paul Inglis

A/Manager, Mining Land Use

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