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P2023\_0428  
By Email

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Dear Noah Usherwood,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2023\_0428 - IW00853 Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2023\_0428 is valid as of December 06, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (December 06, 2023 - December 06, 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 Government of Yukon and the affected First Nation on whose traditional territory the resources are uncovered.
2. 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](mailto:heritage.review@yukon.ca) for more information on the areas of heritage

potential or to discuss potential mitigation options.

3. Please note, 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. Please see the document attached for more information and appropriate setbacks. Please also note, Schedule 1 Operating Condition "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.
4. The operator shall allow unimpeded access through the project site to First Nation citizens undergoing traditional pursuits.
5. Off road use in the summer should be kept to a minimum, as much as possible.
6. If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in the nesting area until nesting is complete. Refer to avoidance measures link: <https://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/documents/p80054/121249E.pdf>
7. Linear disturbance shall be kept to a minimum. The operator shall reclaim all and corridors/lines, by blocking access to corridors/lines, and replacing cut brush on top, as soon as they are no longer required for mining purposes, or by the expiry of this Notification whichever occurs first.
8. 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.
9. Drill holes shall be decommissioned and backfilled or plugged to avoid wildlife entrapment.
10. 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.
11. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if moose are observed within 1 km of active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
12. Since claims will be accessed by air, the operator shall review and follow applicable best management practices outlined in the publication "Flying in Caribou Country" (<https://yukon.ca/en/flying-caribou-country>).
13. To reduce impacts to wildlife, the operator shall avoid flying at dawn and dusk.
14. While a shaft needs to remain accessible, the operator shall install fencing around the shaft, cover the opening with logs, or use a similar method to discourage ungulate wildlife from entering the shaft.
15. The operator shall store all attractants, including garbage, kitchen waste and strained solids from grey water in a container that prevents access by bears and other wildlife, until properly disposed of according to the Solid Waste Regulation or burned daily to ash by forced air and fuel fired incineration according to the Air Emissions Regulations.
16. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
17. The Proponent shall avoid exploration and exploration related activities in wetlands, if avoidance is not possible, the Proponent shall minimize disturbance to wetlands.
18. All reclamation must be completed prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1 notification, including but not limited to: closure of all test

pits, trenches, hand shafts, removal of camps, etc. Reclamation must be completed to the standards listed in the Operating Conditions, Schedule 1 of the Placer Mining Land Use Regulation/Quartz Mining Land Use Regulation. In areas where wetlands have been disturbed, reclamation shall be done in a manner that supports the return of wetland benefits to those areas.

19. The proponent shall communicate plans and timing of activities to the Selkirk First Nation Lands and Resources Department (867-537-3331).
20. 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.
21. The operator shall not fly unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) within 500 m of a known or observed active raptor nest during the nesting period (May 1 - August 15).
22. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 31th.
23. The operator shall plan flight routes to avoid flying over any observed active raptor nests, or if it cannot be avoided, fly at a minimum of 600 m above ground level when safe to do so.
24. The location of active raptor nests identified by the operator shall be reported to Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre (yukoncdc@yukon.ca).
25. 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).

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 December 06, 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](mailto:whitehorse.mining@yukon.ca).

Sincerely,  
Tamera Johnson

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to be 'Tamera Johnson', written in a cursive style.

A/Chief of Placer Land Use

cc  
Tourism and Culture  
Selkirk First Nation  
White River First Nation