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Q2023_0187
By Email

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Dear Heather Burrell,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2023_0187 - Groundhog Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2023_0187 is valid as of July 19, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (July 19, 2023 - July 18, 2024) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

1. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
2. 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.
3. 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).
4. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 15th.
 5. The notification area overlaps with a wildlife key area for thinhorn sheep as identified on Geo Yukon (WKA ID 1723; see attached map). The operator shall suspend exploration activities if sheep are observed within 1 km of active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
 6. The operator should be familiarized with the published information sheet on Barn Swallows: [env-yukon-animals-conservation-concern-birds.pdf](#).
 7. Barn Swallows are a Yukon Conservation Data Centre species of conservation concern. If encountered the operator shall avoid disturbing the area by 30 m and report the locations of Barn Swallows to the Yukon Conservation Data Center at yukoncdc@yukon.ca.
 8. 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.
 9. Please note that, due to the size of the notification area, the preliminary heritage desktop review was limited to proposed work areas. If work locations change, the operator shall contact heritage.review@yukon.ca prior to conducting any land-altering activities, as additional heritage review may be required.
 10. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the operator shall notify the affected First Nation(s) in addition to the Government of Yukon, Manager, Mining Land Use and Heritage Department.
 11. The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to affected First Nations 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 potential land use conflicts and any potential negative effects on other users. The operator shall make best efforts to resolve these issues.
 12. The operator shall allow unimpeded access through the project site to First Nation citizens undergoing traditional pursuits.

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 *Quartz 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 18, 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 *Quartz 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 867-536-7366, fax at 867-536-7842, or email at watson.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely,
Paul Ingils

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Ingils". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "P" and "I".

A/Manager, Mining Land Use

cc
Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment
Tourism and Culture
Teslin Tlingit Council
BC Kaska
Ross River Dena Council
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