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P2024_0340
By Email

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Dear Blake Cowan,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2024_0340 - IW00877 Schist Creek Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2024_0340 is valid as of June 16, 2025.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 16, 2025 - October 01, 2025) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

1. The operator shall avoid exploration and exploration related activities in wetlands, if avoidance is not possible, the operator shall minimize disturbance to wetlands.
2. 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. In areas where wetlands have been disturbed, reclamation shall be done in a manner that supports the return of wetland benefits to those areas.
3. 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.

4. Management of attractants and use of deterrents are effective ways to reduce conflict with bears. The operator shall report any incidents involving nuisance bears or wildlife exhibiting food condition or habituation to the Carmacks Conservation Officer (867-863- 5271).
5. 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>).
6. 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.
7. The operator shall cease activities in caribou fall breeding wildlife key areas, as identified on GeoYukon, between September 15th and October 15th.
8. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if ungulates are observed within active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
9. 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.
10. The operator should become familiar with the identification of Hooker's Oatgrass (*Helictochloa hookeri*). If Hooker's Oatgrass is observed during project activities, further work should be planned to avoid individual plants where possible and its location recorded; information should be shared with Yukon Conservation Data Center at yukoncdc@yukon.ca. An information sheet on Hooker's Oatgrass is attached and available at <https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-hookers-oatgrass.pdf>.
11. The operator shall submit a summary of project activities to Yukon Environment (joel.potie@yukon.ca, Regional Biologist) at the end of the season. The summary shall include (1) shape files of Class 1 land disturbance and reclamation activities and (2) wildlife log detailing wildlife interactions and mitigations to minimize interaction with wildlife.
12. 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.
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.
14. While a shaft needs to remain accessible during this Notification, 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. At least thirty (30) days prior to commencement of any planned activities, the operator shall communicate plans and timing of all activities, including details of progressive reclamation planned, to Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation and White

River First Nation. The operator shall make best efforts to work with LSCFN and WRFN to identify and resolve potential land use conflicts arising from these activities. The operator shall provide all records of communications (e.g. emails, letters, meetings, discussions) on plans and timing of activities to the Manager, Mining Land Use, and Lands Manager, LSCFN and WRFN.

16. 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."
17. All refueling and equipment repairs involving fluids such as fuel or lubricants will occur at least 30 m from all watercourses.
18. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the operator shall notify the Heritage Department of the White River First Nation in addition to the Government of Yukon, Manager, Mining Lands and Heritage Department.
19. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 500 metres of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 31st.
20. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if ungulates are observed from active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
21. Since claims will be accessed by air, the operator shall review and follow applicable best management practices outlined in the publication "Flying in Sheep Country" (<https://yukon.ca/en/flying-sheep-country>).
22. The operator shall conduct pre-activity surveys for Collared Pika and Collared Pika habitat (eg. talus slopes) prior to ground disturbing activities, within the work site area, in accordance with YG's Protocol for detecting Collared Pika, <https://yukon.ca/sites/default/files/env/env-protocol-detecting-collared-pika.pdf>. If Collared Pika are identified during the survey the operator shall maintain a 30m buffer around the area. The operator should report sightings of Collared Pika to the Yukon Conservation Data Centre (yukoncdc@yukon.ca).
23. The operator should become familiar with the identification of Porsild's Smelowskia (*Smelowskia porsildii*). If Porsild's Smelowskia is observed during project activities, further work should be planned to avoid individual plants where possible and its location recorded; information should be shared with Yukon Conservation Data Center at yukoncdc@yukon.ca. An information sheet on Porsild's Smelowskia is attached and available at <https://yukon.ca/sites/default/files/env/env-porsilds-smelowskia.pdf>.
24. The operator should become familiar with the identification of the Spiked Saxifrage (*Micranthes spicata*). If Spiked Saxifrage is observed during project activities, further work should be planned to avoid individual plants where possible and its location recorded; information should be shared with Yukon Conservation Data Center at yukoncdc@yukon.ca. An information sheet on Spiked Saxifrage is attached and available at <https://yukon.ca/en/spiked-saxifrage>.
25. The operator should become familiar with the identification of the Water Awlwort (*Subularia aquatica* ssp. *americana*). If Water Awlwort is observed during project activities, further work should be planned to avoid individual plants where possible and its location recorded; information should be shared with Yukon Conservation Data Center at yukoncdc@yukon.ca. An information sheet on Water Awlwort is attached and available at <https://yukon.ca/en/water-awlwort>.

26. The operator should become familiar with the identification of the Williams' Catchfly (*Silene williamsii*). If Williams' Catchfly is observed during project activities, further work should be planned to avoid individual plants where possible and its location recorded; information should be shared with Yukon Conservation Data Center at yukoncdc@yukon.ca. An information sheet on Williams' Catchfly is attached and available at <https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-williams-catchfly.pdf>.

For greater certainty, the conditions contained in this Notification pertain only to my authorities under the *Placer Mining Act* and do not limit the authorizations, prohibitions, or restrictions in other federal, territorial or municipal laws.

Security may be required at any time by the Manager, Mining Land Use. The operator must furnish security within thirty (30) days of receiving the written notice from the Manager, Mining Land Use 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 June 03, 2026 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,
Jennifer Walters



A/Manager, Mining Land Use

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Tourism and Culture

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation

White River First Nation