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P2024_0341
By Email

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Dear Sophia Bond,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2024_0341 - IW00852 Hayes Creek Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2024_0341 is valid as of February 28, 2025.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (February 28, 2025 - December 04, 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/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.

3. The operator shall cease activities in caribou fall breeding wildlife key areas, as identified on GeoYukon, between September 15th and October 15th.
4. 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.
5. Project activities should avoid the caribou late winter timing window between January 1 and April 30.
6. 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>).
7. Any moose encountered on the claim block shall be given the right-of-way until they move off on their own accord.
8. There is a known mineral lick(s) in the vicinity of the project area. The operator shall contact the Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca) for information on the location of mineral lick(s) in the vicinity of the project area. If a mineral lick is identified within the project area, the operator shall maintain a 100m no-disturbance buffer around the location of the mineral lick unless specified in writing from the Manager, Mining Land Use.
9. Until the operator contacts the Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca) for the location of the mineral licks, the mapped area as identified on the attached map (or as WKA ID 5073 on GeoYukon) shall be used as no-disturbance area.
10. 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.
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. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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)
15. 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>

16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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).
19. Where possible, land clearing and stripping of the surface layer should take place outside of the nesting season, May 1 to August 31.
20. If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in active nesting area until nesting is completed.
21. Linear disturbance shall be kept to a minimum whenever possible. The operator shall reclaim all corridors/lines, by blocking access to corridors/lines, replacing cut brush on top, and considering line-of-site barriers at intervals, as soon as they are no longer required for mining purposes, or by the expiry of this Notification whichever occurs first.
22. Rusty Blackbird are a species of Special Concern and are expected to be present in the project area, especially in forest areas near wetlands and water. The operator shall take care to prevent harming Rusty Blackbird and shall undertake non-intrusive surveys for Rusty Blackbird prior to clearing activities occurring. If the operator observes confirmed or suspected Rusty Blackbird, these sightings should be reported to the Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre (yukoncdc@yukon.ca).
23. Little Brown Myotis (bat) are an Endangered species and are expected to be present in the project area, especially in forests near ponds and in dead trees, rock crevices, or any tree with cavities or loose bark. The operator shall take care to prevent harming Little Brown Myotis and shall undertake non-intrusive surveys for Little Brown Myotis prior to clearing activities occurring. Any trees where signs of bats are present shall not be disturbed. If the operator observes confirmed or suspected Little Brown Myotis, these sightings should be reported to the Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre (yukoncdc@yukon.ca).
24. In your application you stated that geophysical surveys and may be used for assessment credit. You are reminded of section D of the Placer Schedule of Representation Work that requires you have prior approval of the Mining Recorder to use this work for assessment credit. Please contact Whitehorse.Mining@yukon.ca for more information.

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 December 04, 2025 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 handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Inglis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Inglis" clearly legible.

A/Manager, Mining Land Use

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Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment
Tourism and Culture
Selkirk First Nation
White River First Nation