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P2024\_0368  
By Email

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Dear Benjamin Jacob,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2024\_0368 - IW00893 Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2024\_0368 is valid as of June 19, 2025.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 19, 2025 - June 03, 2026) 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 operator shall avoid exploration and exploration related activities in wetlands, if avoidance is not possible, the operator shall minimize disturbance to wetlands.
3. 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, removal of vehicles and equipment, 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.

4. The map(s) 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 White River First Nation. The operator shall make best efforts to work with 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, WRFN
7. 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.
8. All refueling and equipment repairs involving fluids such as fuel or lubricants will occur at least 30 m from all watercourses
9. 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.
10. The operator shall not clear land within 500 metres of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 31st.
11. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if ungulates are observed from 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 Sheep Country" (<https://yukon.ca/en/flying-sheep-country>).
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 backfill each earthworks 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.
15. 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.
16. The operator shall identify potential collared pika habitat (i.e., talus slopes) that may be occupied by pikas. If pika are found at the site, they shall be reported to the Yukon Conservation Data Centre (yukoncdc@yukon.ca), and disturbance to pika habitat shall be avoided (e.g. talus, vegetation along the talus edge).
  17. 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 Lands Manager, WRFN, and the Yukon Conservation Data Center at yukoncdc@yukon.ca. An information sheet on Porsild's Smelowskia is attached and available at <https://yukon.ca/en/porsilds-smelowskia>.
  18. 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 Lands Manager, WRFN, and 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>.
  19. 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 Lands Manager, WRFN, and 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>.
  20. 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 Lands Manager, WRFN, and 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](mailto:whitehorse.mining@yukon.ca).

Sincerely,  
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