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P2025_0068
By Email

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Dear Cathy Wood ,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2025_0068 - IW00912 Nickel Creek Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2025_0068 is valid as of September 16, 2026.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (September 16, 2026 - September 16, 2027) 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, 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.

3. 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.
4. KFN Heritage Route #15 is mapped near the project area. The operator is encouraged to contact the affected First Nations Heritage Department for more information on the Heritage Route prior to conducting any potentially land-altering activities in the vicinity.
5. 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.
6. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if caribou, sheep, or goats are observed within active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
7. The operator shall cease activities in the caribou migration corridor (WKA ID 506 as identified on GeoYukon and the attached map) between September 15th and October 15th.
8. 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>) and "Flying in Sheep Country" (<https://yukon.ca/en/flying-sheep-country>). The "Flying in Sheep Country" Guidelines shall also be applied to mountain goats. When possible flights should be consolidated to reduce the overall disturbance to wildlife from flights.
9. 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).
10. The operator should become familiar with the identification of Kluane Tiger Moth. If Kluane Tiger Moth is encountered during project activities, further work should be planned to avoid the area where observations occurred and to preserve the vegetation present in a natural state, wherever possible. All suspected observations of Kluane Tiger Moth should be reported to the Yukon Conservation Data Centre (YCDC) at: yukoncdc@yukon.ca, with details on location and any images captured. Information on Kluane Tiger Moth is attached.
11. 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).
12. 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).

13. 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.
14. The operator shall backfill each shaft once a geological evaluation of the shaft has been completed or prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1, whichever occurs first.
15. Drill holes shall be decommissioned and backfilled or plugged to avoid wildlife entrapment.
16. The operator shall submit a summary of project activities to Yukon Environment (Shawn.taylor@yukon.ca, Kluane Regional Biologist) at the end of the season. The summary shall include (1) maps or shape files of Class 1 land disturbance and reclamation activities and (2) wildlife log detailing wildlife interactions and mitigations to minimize interaction with wildlife.
17. No Class 1 activities shall occur within sheep lambing wildlife key area, as identified on the attached map, between May 1 - June 15.
18. Management of attractants and use of deterrents are effective ways to reduce conflict with bears. The operator shall report to the TIPP line (1-800-661-0525) any wildlife incident, mortality and/or ongoing bear presence/habituation.
19. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
20. The Operator shall store all attractants, including garbage, food, food waste and strained solids from grey water in a container that prevents access by bears and other wildlife until attractants have been removed from the project site.
21. The operator shall maintain a 50m no disturbance buffer around known and observed raptor nests from April 1 - September 30. If two or more nests are within 100m of each other they shall be considered as one nest site and a 50m buffer applied around the whole area. The operator shall make best efforts to not island raptor nests, allowing for connectivity to the forest from nest sites. The operator shall contact the Wildlife Key Area (WKA) program (wka@yukon.ca), for information on known raptor nests within the project area. The operator shall report any observed nests to the WKA program.
22. The operator should plan flight routes to avoid flying over any observed active raptor nests during the nesting season (April 1 - September 30), or if it cannot be avoided, fly at a minimum of 600 m above ground level when safe to do so.
23. The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to Kluane First Nation (867-841-4274) and White River First Nation (867-862-7802) and other land and resource users (i.e. outfitters and trappers) as soon as practicable and prior to the commencement of project activities to identify potential land use conflicts and any other potential negative effects on other users. The operator shall make best efforts to resolve these issues.
24. All refueling and equipment repairs involving fluids such as fuel or lubricants will occur at least 30 m from all watercourses.
25. 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."

26. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of Kluane First Nation (867-841-4274) and White River First Nation (867-862-7802) in addition to the Government of Yukon, Manager, Mining Land Use and Heritage Department. A 30m buffer shall be maintained around any discovered or known heritage resource.
27. 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 #33: "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.
28. The operator should become familiar with the identification of the Alaska Starwort (*Stellaria alaskana*). If Alaska Starwort 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 Alaska Starwort is available at: <https://yukon.ca/sites/default/files/env/env-alaska-starwort.pdf>.
29. The operator shall contact the Wildlife Key Area Program (wka@yukon.ca), for information on identifying mineral licks. 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.
30. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow wildlife to exit the trench.
31. No helicopter use shall occur between May 1 - June 15.

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.

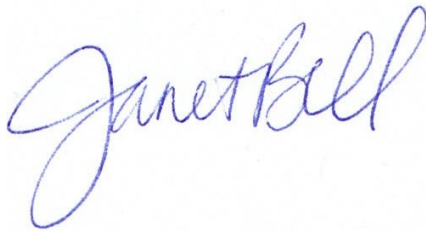
Class 1 work cannot occur on claims/leases that have lapsed or pending claims/leases until they are granted by a Mining Recorder. Please ensure the claims/leases within your Class 1 Notification are in good standing prior to beginning your work program. Any work occurring on pending or lapsed claims/leases 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 September 16, 2027 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,
Janet Bell-MacDonald

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet Bell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janet" and last name "Bell" clearly distinguishable.

Manager, Mining Land Use

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Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment
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