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P2025_0074
By Email

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Dear Ronald James Gaudet,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2025_0074 - IW00908 Trib of Swanson Creek Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2025_0074 is valid as of February 17, 2026.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (February 17, 2026 - June 27, 2026) 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/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. No Class 1 activities shall occur in the sheep High Use Area (grey area in Figure 1.) between May 1 and July 1 to prevent the displacement of ewes and lambs.
4. No aerial project activities shall occur between May 1 and July 1, to prevent displacement of nursery sheep.
5. 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>).
6. After July 1, no aerial activity shall occur in the sheep High Use Area between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM as sheep are usually bedded and ruminating during this period and may be more susceptible to disturbance during this time.
7. 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 "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.
8. 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."
9. Drill holes shall be decommissioned and backfilled or plugged to avoid wildlife entrapment.
10. 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.
11. 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 Manager, Mining Land Use. The operator may contact heritage.review@yukon.ca for more information on the areas of heritage potential or to discuss potential mitigation options.
12. No alteration, disturbance, or destruction shall occur to Kluane First Nation Heritage Route #11 as identified by the map provided,
13. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if ungulates are observed within active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
14. Project activities should avoid the caribou late winter timing window between January 1 and April 30.
15. The operator shall cease activities in caribou fall breeding wildlife key areas, as identified on GeoYukon, between September 15th and October 15th.
16. 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.

17. 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.
18. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow ungulates to exit the trench.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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 5074 on GeoYukon) shall be used as no-disturbance 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. Note: this WKA overlays the entire notification area.
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. 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).
24. The operator should become familiar with the identification of the Yukon Wormwood (*Artemisia woodii*). If Yukon Wormwood 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 Yukon Wormwood is attached and available at <https://yukon.ca/sites/default/files/env/env-woods-wormwood.pdf>.
25. The operator should become familiar with the identification of the Dawson Wallflower (*Erysimum angustatum*). If Dawson Wallflower 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 Dawson Wallflower is attached and available on the Yukon government website at:
<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-dawson-wallflower.pdf>.

26. 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).
27. The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to Kluane First Nation Lands, Resources and Heritage Department at 8676683108, and the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Heritage, Lands & Resources Department at 8673354179
28. 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.
29. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
30. 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>).

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 27, 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,
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Manager, Mining Land Use

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