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P2025_0109
By Email

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Dear Thomas Worr,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2025_0109 - SPEEK EXPLORE Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2025_0109 is valid as of June 16, 2025.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 16, 2025 - June 15, 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. 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 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).
4. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow ungulates to exit the trench.
5. 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.
6. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
7. 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 Dawson Conservation Office (867-993-5492).
8. 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).
9. 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).
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. The claim(s) included in the notification overlaps with wildlife key area for moose. To

reduce impacts to moose, best management practices are encouraged and all wildlife should be given the right of way.

14. 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.
15. The operator shall cease work when any caribou are observed on active claim blocks or on the active lease area until the caribou move off on their own accord.
16. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if sheep are observed within 1 km of active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
17. The claim(s) included in the notification also overlaps with wildlife key area for beaver. To reduce impacts to beaver, best management practices are encouraged and all wildlife should be given the right of way.
18. The notification area overlaps with trapping concessions [#31] and may also affect other users, such as recreational tour guide companies. The operator is encouraged to inform affected land and resource users (e.g., trappers, outfitters, Wilderness Tourism Association of Yukon) about the plans and timing as soon as possible and before starting activities. This helps identify and mitigate potential land use conflicts. The operator must make every effort to resolve any issues.
19. The operator shall cease work when any grizzly bears are observed on active claim blocks until grizzly bears move off on their own accord.
20. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation in addition to the Government of Yukon, Manager, Mining Land Use and Heritage Branch.
21. The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Lands and Resources Department (867-993-7100).
22. Please note, 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.
23. If an active lek is found, exploration activities shall not occur within 1 km of the active lek from 5am to 10am.
24. The operator shall allow unimpeded access through the project site to First Nation citizens undergoing traditional pursuits.
25. 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.
26. The operator shall not remove any timber from claims for any purpose without an appropriate permit.
27. 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).

28. The operator should become familiar with the identification of Leathery Grapefern. If Leathery Grapefern 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 Leathery Grapefern is available at yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-leathery-grapefern.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 15, 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 867-993-5343, fax at 867-993-6747, or email at dawson.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Walters

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Walters', is positioned at the top left of the page.

Manager, Mining Land Use

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Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment

Tourism and Culture

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in