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September 16, 2025

P2025_0282
By Email

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Dear Michael Shandalla,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2025_0282 - Gemini Creek Placer Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2025_0282 is valid as of September 16, 2025.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (September 16, 2025 - September 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/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 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.
4. 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).
5. 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>).
6. 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.
7. 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 (Feb 1 – April 30th).
8. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow ungulates to exit the trench.
9. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if ungulates are observed within active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
10. 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. 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).
11. 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).
12. The maps 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.
13. 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.

14. 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.
15. The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to affected First Nations and other land and resource users as soon as practicable and prior to the commencement of project activities to identify potential land use conflicts and any potential negative effects on other users. The operator shall make best efforts to resolve these issues.
16. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 31st.
17. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify affected First Nations in addition to the Government of Yukon, Manager, Mining Land Use and Heritage Department.
18. 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.

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.

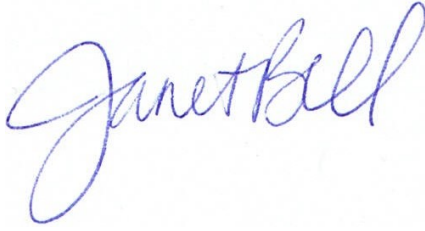
Class 1 work cannot occur on claims/leases that have lapsed or pending claims/leases until they are granted by a Mining Recorder. Please ensure the claims/leases within your Class 1 Notification are in good standing prior to beginning your work program. Any work occurring on pending or lapsed claims/leases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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Manager, Mining Land Use

cc
Tourism and Culture
White River First Nation
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