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P2025\_0344  
By Email

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Dear R. Glenn Smith,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2025\_0344 - Swede Johnson Creek 2026 Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2025\_0344 is valid as of November 13, 2025.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (May 01, 2026 - October 05, 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 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](mailto:heritage.review@yukon.ca) for more information on the areas of heritage potential or to discuss potential mitigation options.
4. 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.
5. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
6. 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.
7. The notification area overlaps with a moose late-winter range wildlife key area (WKA ID 782, as publicly available on Geo Yukon). As such, the operator should plan activities to avoid use of the area in late-winter (Feb 1st – April 30th).
8. Any moose encountered on the claim block shall be given the right-of-way until they move off on their own accord.
9. 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. If the operator observes confirmed or suspected Rusty Blackbird, these sightings should be reported to the Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre ([yukoncdc@yukon.ca](mailto:yukoncdc@yukon.ca)).
10. No alteration, disturbance, or destruction shall occur to Kluane First Nation Heritage Route #9, as identified by the map provided.
11. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if ungulates are observed from active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Please note that, due to the size of the notification area, the preliminary heritage desktop review was limited to proposed work areas. If work locations change, the operator shall contact [heritage.review@yukon.ca](mailto:heritage.review@yukon.ca) prior to conducting any land-altering activities, as additional heritage review may be required.
15. 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.

16. 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.
17. The Proponent shall maintain a 50m no disturbance buffer around known and observed raptor nests from April 1 to 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 Proponent shall make best efforts to not island raptor nests, allowing for connectivity to the forest from nest sites. The Proponent shall contact the Wildlife Key Area (WKA) program ([wka@yukon.ca](mailto:wka@yukon.ca)), for information on known raptor nests within the project area. The Proponent shall report any observed nests to the WKA program.

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.

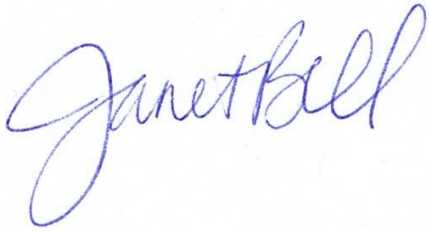
To help improve the environmental performance of your program, you are encouraged to refer to the attached operational guidelines. In addition, you are encouraged to contact affected First Nations to further discuss your program.

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 November 12, 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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