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P2025_0422
By Email

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Dear Darryl Cann,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2025_0422 - Klaza River, Schist Creek & Mahoney Creek
Exploration Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2025_0422 is valid as of
February 11, 2026.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (February 11, 2026 - February 10,
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/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 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.
4. 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.
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 to the TIPP line (1-800-661-0525) any wildlife incident, mortality and/or ongoing bear presence/habitation.
8. Project activities should avoid the caribou late winter timing window between February 1 and April 30.
9. 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.
10. 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>).
11. The operator shall cease activities in caribou fall breeding wildlife key areas, as identified on GeoYukon, between September 15th and October 20th.
12. 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 1st – April 30th).
13. Any moose encountered on the claim block shall be given the right-of-way until they move off on their own accord.
14. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow ungulates to exit the trench.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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).

18. The operator should become familiar with the identification of Yukon Podistera (*Podistera yukonensis*). If Yukon Podistera (*Podistera yukonensis*) 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 Podistera (*Podistera yukonensis*) is attached and available at <https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-yukon-podistera.pdf>.
19. The operator should become familiar with the identification of Yukon Wild Buckwheat (*Eriogonum flavum* var. *aquilinum*). If Yukon Wild Buckwheat (*Eriogonum flavum* var. *aquilinum*) 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 Wild Buckwheat <https://yukon.ca/sites/default/files/env/env-yukon-wild-buckwheat.pdf>
20. 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).
21. The operator should become familiar with the identification of Hooker's Oatgrass (*Helictochloa hookeri*). If Hooker's Oatgrass 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 Hooker's Oatgrass is attached and available at <https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-hookers-oatgrass.pdf>.
22. The operator should become familiar with the identification of Porsild's Smelowskia (*Smelowskia porsildii*). If Porsild's Smelowskia 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 Porsild's Smelowskia is attached and available at <https://yukon.ca/sites/default/files/env/env-porsilds-smelowskia.pdf>.
23. The operator should become familiar with the identification of Ogilvie Mountains Spring Beauty (*Claytonia ogilviensis*). If Ogilvie Mountains Spring Beauty 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 Ogilvie Mountains Spring Beauty is attached and available at

<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-ogilvie-mountain-spring-beauty.pdf>.

24. 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.
25. The operator shall allow unimpeded access through the project site to First Nation citizens undergoing traditional pursuits.
26. 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
27. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if ungulates are observed within active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
28. Drill holes shall be decommissioned and backfilled or plugged to avoid wildlife entrapment.
29. If the Proponent identifies a sharp-tail grouse lek, they shall report its location to the Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca). Activities shall not occur: a. April 1 to 20 between 5:00 am and 10:00 am within 500 m of an identified lek. b. April 20 to May 4 between 5:00 am and 10:00 am within 1 km of an identified lek.
30. The Operator shall contact the Cumulative Effects Biologist (CE.CameraTrapping@Yukon.ca) prior to the commencement of project activities to inquire about the location of scientific equipment on the claim block and to provide adequate notice of the start of work.
31. The Operator shall avoid creating new linear disturbance (i.e., lines, corridors) that may facilitate unintended public access within CAA 3 (as defined in the Klaza Caribou Range Assessment).

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 February 10, 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,
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Manager, Mining Land Use

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