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P2026_0174
By Email

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Dear Benjamin Gruenke,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2026_0174 - IW00950 Sanpete Creek Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2026_0174 is valid as of August 07, 2026.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (August 07, 2026 - November 30, 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 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. 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.
5. The operator shall store all attractants, including garbage, food, food waste and strained solids from grey water in a container that prevents access by bears and other wildlife until attractants have been removed from the project site.
6. 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.
7. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow ungulates to exit the trench.
8. The operator shall backfill each trench once a geological evaluation of the trench has been completed or prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1, whichever occurs first.
9. Drill holes shall be decommissioned and backfilled or plugged to avoid wildlife entrapment.
10. The operator should become familiar with the identification of Spiked Saxifrage (*Micranthes spicata*). If Spiked Saxifrage 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 Spiked Saxifrage is available at https://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2023/eccc/En3-5-1382023-eng.pdf
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 cease activities in caribou fall breeding wildlife key areas, as identified on GeoYukon (WKA 4087), between September 15th and October 15th.
14. The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to Kluane First Nation (867-841-4274) and White River First Nation (867-862-7802) 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.
15. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the operator shall notify the Heritage Departments of the Kluane First Nation and White River First Nation in addition to the Government of Yukon, Manager, Mining Lands and Heritage Department.
 16. Linear disturbance shall be kept to a minimum whenever possible. The operator shall reclaim all corridors/lines, by blocking access to corridors/lines, replacing cut brush on top, and considering line-of-site barriers at intervals as soon as they are no longer required for mining purposes, or by the expiry of this Notification whichever occurs first.
 17. New corridors should not connect to subalpine habitat (i.e., treeline minus 100 m or 1200 m ASL, whichever is the lower elevation) or existing access that is directly connected to Miles Ridge.
 18. The Operator should minimize development of new disturbance on the landscape by using existing lines/corridors/clearings in lieu of constructing new features whenever possible.

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 August 06, 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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A/Manager, Mining Land Use

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