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P2026_0278
By Email

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Dear Benjamin James Clark,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2026_0278 - Reed Creek Tributary IW00956 Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2026_0278 is valid as of September 18, 2026.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (September 18, 2026 - September 18, 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 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 to the TIPP line (1-800-661-0525) any wildlife incident, mortality and/or ongoing bear presence/habituation.
5. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
6. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if ungulates are observed from active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow wildlife to exit the trench.
11. 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.
12. The operator shall share fish and wildlife observation information (e.g. wildlife logs, seasonal reports etc.), shared with other agencies (e.g. YG biologists, Yukon Conservation Data Center etc.), with Kluane First Nation Resources and Heritage Department at (867) 668-3108, White River First Nations Lands and Resource Department 867-668-4121, prior to the expiry of this Notification.
13. The map provided identifies areas with elevated potential for heritage resources. The

operator shall not conduct ground disturbing 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.

14. No alteration, disturbance, or destruction shall occur to Kluane First Nation Heritage Route # 9, as identified by the map provided.
15. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of Kluane First Nation 867-668-3108 in addition to the Government of Yukon, Manager, Mining Land Use and Heritage Department. A 30m buffer shall be maintained around any discovered or known heritage resource.
16. The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to Kluane First Nations Lands and Resources Department at lrhdirector@kfn.ca and other land and resource users (i.e. outfitters and trappers) as soon as practicable and prior to the commencement of project activities to identify potential land use conflicts and any other potential negative effects on other users. The operator shall make best efforts to resolve these issues.
17. 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>) and "Flying in Sheep Country" (<https://yukon.ca/en/flying-sheep-country>). The "Flying in Sheep Country" guidelines shall also be applied to mountain goats. When possible flights should be consolidated to reduce the overall disturbance to wildlife from flights.
18. 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 (February 1 – April 30).
19. While a trench/shaft needs to remain accessible during this Notification, the operator shall install fencing around the trench/shaft, cover the opening with logs, or use a similar method to discourage ungulate wildlife from entering the trench/shaft.
20. Use of existing structures is not authorized under this Class 1 Notification.

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.

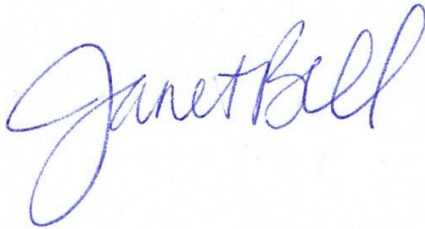
Class 1 work cannot occur on claims/leases that have lapsed or pending claims/leases until they are granted by a Mining Recorder. Please ensure the claims/leases within your Class 1 Notification are in good standing prior to beginning your work program. Any work occurring on pending or lapsed claims/leases 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 18, 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,
Janet Bell-MacDonald

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet Bell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janet" and last name "Bell" clearly distinguishable.

Manager, Mining Land Use

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Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment
Tourism and Culture
Kluane First Nation
White River First Nation