



Whitehorse Mining District
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P2026_0339
By Email

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Dear Tanja Goeppel,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2026_0339 - Refused

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2026_0339 was refused based on:

- **Impacts to Rights of Affected First Nations**

- Yukon First Nations have a long history in this area and have submitted comments to Yukon Government regarding the increasing impacts on their environmental and cultural rights and values.
- The Judas Creek area is historically and continues to be important for subsistence use by Yukon First Nations, as demonstrated by the numerous surrounding Settlement Land parcels, known archaeological sites, and recorded traditional trails in the area.

- **Southern Lakes Caribou Herd**

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The proposed Class 1 Notification on Judas Creek is within Yukon's identified Caribou Winter and Caribou Fall Rut areas and will impact the critical habitat for the threatened Southern Lakes Caribou Herd.

- The Judas Creek valley represents a geographically constrained, and regionally important, movement corridor, supporting multi-herd connectivity for the Carcross, Laberge, and Atlin Caribou herds.
- Movement through the corridor is already limited by the Alaska Highway, Marsh Lake, and other development areas; additional disturbance in this area poses a disproportionate risk to maintaining habitat connectivity and caribou movement across the broader range.
- The health of the Southern Lakes Caribou herd is a particularly significant issue for the First Nations who have been active in the herd's recovery, including voluntarily suspending caribou harvest in the area.

If you wish to resubmit, please ensure the notification contains all required information including plans to address the refusal criteria noted above. Be advised, all new notifications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Your notification will not be accelerated based on a previous submission.

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,
Trevor Ellis

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Ellis', is positioned below the typed name.

A/Manager, Mining Land Use

cc
Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment
Tourism and Culture
Carcross/Tagish First Nation
Kwanlin Dün First Nation
Taku River Tlingit First Nation