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P2024\_0233  
By Email

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Dear Wes Larson,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2024\_0233 - Twin Lakes Exploration 2024 Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2024\_0233 is valid as of October 17, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 01, 2025 - August 30, 2025) 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, 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. Please note, a leave strip is required for all placer streams for the protection of riparian areas. This creek has a High habitat suitability classification, as defined in the Fish Habitat Management System for Yukon's Placer Mining, requiring a 30 meter leave strip. Please see the document attached for more information and appropriate setbacks. Please also note, Schedule 1 Operating Condition #33 "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.
4. 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.
5. The operator shall install an electric fence around the food preparation and storage area, grey water sump, and incinerator.
6. 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.
7. Management of attractants and use of deterrents are effective ways to reduce conflict with bears. The Carmacks Conservation Office (867-863-2411) should be contacted in the event of ongoing bear presence/habituation at the camp.
8. 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.
9. If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in active nesting area until nesting is completed.
10. The location of active raptor nests identified by the operator shall be reported to Environment Yukon, Wildlife Key Area program ([wka@yukon.ca](mailto:wka@yukon.ca)).
11. If ungulates or bears are present within the active work area, project activities shall cease until the wildlife have left the area on their own accord.
12. The notification area overlaps completely with a wildlife key area for elk and bison. The operator shall cease work when elk, bison, and other wildlife such as moose or caribou are observed on active claim blocks until the animals move off on their own accord.
13. The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities to Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Manager of Environmental Assessment and Natural Resources, Ray Gunness, at 867-393-5083 or [RGunness@cafn.ca](mailto:RGunness@cafn.ca).
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 not fly unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) within 500 m of a known or observed active raptor nest during the nesting period (May 1 - August 15).
16. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Heritage Manager Roberta Nakoochee (867-634-5292 or

rnakoochee@cafn.ca), in addition to the Government of Yukon, Chief of Mining Lands and Heritage Branch.

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 October 16, 2025 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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cc  
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Tourism and Culture  
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