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P2024_0271
By Email

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Dear Branden Bouquot,

Re: Class 1 Notification P2024_0271 - SQUIRREL PROGRESS Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2024_0271 is valid as of October 01, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (October 01, 2024 - September 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. The operator shall cease activities in caribou fall breeding wildlife key areas, as identified on GeoYukon (WKA ID 505), between September 15th and October 15th.
4. The operator shall ensure trenches are sloped on at least one end at a grade shallow enough to allow ungulates to exit the trench.
5. 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.
6. Management of attractants and use of deterrents are effective ways to reduce conflict with bears. The Haines Junction Conservation Officer Services (867-634-2247) should be contacted in the event of ongoing bear presence/habituation.
7. 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 moose wildlife key area (WKA ID 782) in late-winter (Jan 1st – April 30th).
8. The location of active raptor nests identified by the operator shall be reported to Environment Yukon, Wildlife Key Area program (wka@yukon.ca).
9. The operator shall report any observations of sharp-tailed grouse to the Kluane Regional Biologist (867-634-2740). Information of grouse gathering at a lek is especially valuable in identifying important mating habitat.
10. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if moose, caribou, sheep or goats are observed within 1 km of active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
11. There are areas with elevated potential for heritage resources that overlap Settlement Land. Heritage resources located on Settlement Land are owned and managed by the First Nation. The operator should avoid these areas and contact the Kluane First Nation Heritage Department for information on areas of heritage potential or to discuss potential mitigation options.
12. The applicant shall report Caribou and Dall sheep sightings to the regional biologist and Kluane First Nation Lands, Resources and Heritage Department at (867)-668-3108 or email environment@kfn.ca
13. You are reminded of the Schedule 1 Operating Condition that "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."
14. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Kluane First Nation Land, Resources and Heritage Department, at (867)-669-3108, in addition to the Government of Yukon, Manager, Mining Lands and Heritage Department.
15. The operator shall not conduct any land-altering activities within 30 m of a discovered heritage resource unless prior approval has been granted, in writing, by the Manager, Mining Land Use. The operator is encouraged to contact heritage.review@yukon.ca for information.
16. The operator shall review and follow applicable best management practices outlined in the publication "Yukon Mineral Exploration Best Management Practises for Heritage Resources." <https://yukon.ca/en/yukon-mineral-exploration-best-management-practices-heritage-resources>.
17. You are reminded 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 Placer Mining. Please see the document attached for more information and appropriate setbacks.

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 30, 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.

Sincerely,
Paul Stintzi



A/Manager, Mining Land Use

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