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Q2024_0101
By Email

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Dear Ryan Versloot,

Re: Class 1 Notification Q2024_0101 - Golden Culvert Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification Q2024_0101 is valid as of June 07, 2024.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (June 07, 2024 - June 06, 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. 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. Management of attractants and use of deterrents are effective ways to reduce conflict with bears. The Watson Lake Conservation Office (867-536-3210) should be contacted in the event of ongoing bear presence/habituation at the camp.
4. 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.
5. The operator shall submit a summary of project activities to Yukon Environment (Traci.Morgan@yukon.ca, Liard Biologist) at the end of the season. The summary shall include (1) shape file map of Class 1 land disturbance activities and (2) wildlife log detailing wildlife interactions and mitigations to minimize interaction with wildlife.
6. The operator shall not carry out project activities during the rutting period (September 15-October 15).
7. The operator shall suspend exploration activities if caribou are observed within active work areas, until they move off on their own accord.
8. 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>).
9. Since claims will be accessed by air, the operator shall review and follow applicable best management practices outlined in the publication "Flying in Sheep Country" (<https://yukon.ca/en/flying-sheep-country>).
10. The claims included in the notification overlap with wildlife key area for thinhorn sheep winter range (Oct-Apr). While it is not anticipated that activities will overlap temporally, the site is being accessed by helicopter therefore, the operator and/or aircraft pilots should plan flight paths and protocols based on the published guideline(s): Flying in Sheep Country: How to Minimize Disturbance from Aircraft (<https://yukon.ca/en/flying-sheep-country>).
11. The operator shall suspend activities within the wildlife key area (WKA ID 82) for mountain goats as identified on GeoYukon, between May 1st and June 15th. The operator shall cease work when any goats are observed from the active claim blocks until the goats move off on their own accord.
12. Where possible, land clearing of the surface layer should take place outside of the nesting season, May 1 to August 31.
13. If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in active nesting area until nesting is completed.
14. The operator shall avoid land clearing within 1 km of any observed active raptor nests between May 1st and August 31th.
15. The operator shall plan flight routes to avoid flying over any observed active raptor nests, or if it cannot be avoided, fly at a minimum of 600 m above ground level when safe to do so.
16. The operator shall be familiar with the identification of collared pika and collared pika habitat (<https://yukon.ca/en/protocol-detecting-collared-pika>).
17. The operator shall report observed collared pika to Environment Yukon, Conservation Data Centre (yukoncdc@yukon.ca). When pika or pika habitat is encountered, efforts should be made to reduce local disturbances that may modify talus, reduce shelter, or alter vegetation along the talus edge.
18. The operator shall communicate plans and timing of activities, prior to the

commencement of activities, to Liard First Nation Lands and Resources Department (867-536-7901), and Ross River Dena Council Land and Resources Department (867-969-2277 ext. 204). The operator shall make best efforts to mitigate any identified potential impacts or concerns.

19. The operator shall not restrict access, availability and use of the area for traditional harvest or ceremonial purposes.
20. The operator shall not alter, disturb or destroy any existing roads or trails.
21. Please note, Schedule 1 Operating Condition #39 "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.
22. 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 for more information on the areas of heritage potential or to discuss potential mitigation options.
23. Please note that, due to the size of the notification area, the preliminary heritage desktop review was limited to proposed work areas. If work locations change, the operator shall contact heritage.review@yukon.ca prior to conducting any land-altering activities, as additional heritage review may be required.

For greater certainty, the conditions contained in this Notification pertain only to my authorities under the *Quartz 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 *Quartz 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 June 06, 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 *Quartz 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 867-536-7366, fax at 867-536-7842, or email at watson.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely,
Paul Inglis

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Inglis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "P" and "I".

Manager, Mining Land Use

cc
Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment
Tourism and Culture
BC Kaska
Ross River Dena Council
Liard First Nation