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Via online review system

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Dear AlecSandra Macdonald:

RE: G17Q007 – Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Infrastructure – Dempster Highway #8, Stockpile km 66 – Type A Land Use Permit

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Gwich'in Land and Water Board (GLWB) regarding the above-mentioned land use permit and is submitting comments via the online review system as requested by the GLWB. ECCC's specialist advice is provided based on our mandate, in the context of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867)669-4732 or Emily.Nichol@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

Emily Nichol
Environmental Assessment Coordinator

Attachments: ECCC's Comment Excel Sheet
Table 1. Terrestrial Species at Risk Potentially Occurring within the
Project Area

cc: Bradley Summerfield, Senior Environmental Assessment Coordinator
Georgina Williston, Head, Environmental Assessment North (NT and NU)

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| Terrestrial Species at Risk ¹ | COSEWIC Designation | SARA Status | Government Organization with Primary Management Responsibility ² | Recovery Strategy, Action Plan or Management Plan posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Bank Swallow | Threatened | No Status | ECCC | |
| Caribou (Barren-ground population) | Threatened | No Status | GNWT | |
| Caribou (Boreal population) | Threatened | Schedule 1, Threatened | GNWT | Recovery Strategy – Final |
| Grizzly Bear (Western population) | Special Concern | No Status | GNWT | |
| Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee | Endangered | No Status | GNWT | |
| Horned Grebe (Western population) | Special Concern | Schedule 1; Special Concern | ECCC | |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher | Threatened | Schedule 1, Threatened | ECCC | Recovery Strategy – Final |
| Peregrine Falcon (<i>anatum/tundrius</i> complex) | Special Concern | Schedule 1, Special Concern | GNWT | Management Plan – Proposed |
| Red-necked Phalarope | Special Concern | No Status | ECCC | |
| Rusty Blackbird | Special Concern | Schedule 1, Special Concern | GNWT | Management Plan - Final |
| Short-eared Owl | Special Concern | Schedule 1, Special Concern | GNWT | Management Plan - Proposed |
| Transverse Lady Beetle | Special Concern | No Status | GNWT | |
| Wolverine | Special Concern | No Status | GNWT | |
| Notes: | | | | |
| ¹ Fisheries and Oceans Canada has responsibility for aquatic species. | | | | |
| ² Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has a national role to play in the conservation and recovery of Species at Risk in Canada, as well as responsibility for management of birds described in the <i>Migratory Birds Convention Act</i> (MBCA). Day-to-day management of terrestrial species not covered in the MBCA is the responsibility of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT). Populations that exist in National Parks are managed under the authority of the Parks Canada Agency. | | | | |