



Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

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Re: GRRB comment_ Application for Type "A" Land Use Permit - Geotechnical Drilling at km 36.7 Dempster Highway #8 (G18S004)

The staff of the GRRB have reviewed the applications for geotechnical drilling at km 36.7 and offer the following comments at this time on matters within its jurisdiction.

Relevant Legislation

- Relevant legislation includes:
 - Migratory Birds Convention Act <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/M-7.01/>
 - NWT Wildlife Act <https://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/en/files/legislation/wildlife/wildlife.a.pdf>
 - NWT Wildlife Act Plain language Summary
http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/sites/enr/files/resources/wildlife_act_plain_language_summary_january_2018.pdf
 - NWT Species at Risk Act <http://www.nwt-species-at-risk.ca/sites/default/files/SpeciesatRisk.pdf>
 - Federal Species at Risk Act <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-15.3/index.html>
 - Fisheries Act <https://www.canlii.org/en/ca/laws/stat/rsc-1985-c-f-14/latest/rsc-1985-c-f-14.html>
 - Gwich'in Land Use Plan <http://www.gwichinplanning.nt.ca/landUsePlan.html>

Species at Risk

- Species at Risk that may be present in the area, or that may be present seasonally, as well as species being considered for SAR assessment are included below. This list is not necessarily complete, as species may be assessed, added or removed at any time. Please consult the following websites for an up to date list
 - Federal http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/sar/index/default_e.cfm
 - Territorial <http://www.nwt-species-at-risk.ca/CMA/SarList>
- Federally listed species in the GSA include Bank swallow (*Riparia riparia*), Barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), Barren-ground caribou (*Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus*), Boreal caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*), Collared pika (*Ochotona pika*), Grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*), Gypsy cuckoo bumble bee (*Bombus bohemicus*), Little brown myotis (a bat which may be in the GSA) (*Myotis lucifugus*), Olive-sided flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*), Peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus tundris*), Rusty blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*), Short-eared owl (*Asio flammeus*), Wolverine (*Gulo gulo*),
- Federally assessed species (not yet listed) include; Harris's sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*), Transverse lady beetle (*Coccinella transversoguttata*),
- Territorially listed species include Barren-ground caribou excluding Porcupine caribou (*Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus*), Boreal caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*), Little brown myotis (a bat which may be in the GSA) (*Myotis lucifugus*),

Wildlife

- Staff recommend the proponent suspend activities temporarily, or move to another location if caribou, moose, sheep, grizzly bear and/or muskoxen are spotted within 500m of any work site. Do not attempt to harass or 'encourage' wildlife to move away from the site. Resume activities once the animal(s) have left the area. Give wildlife right of way whenever possible and avoid large congregations.

If you have further questions concerning this application, do not hesitate to contact me.

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