

### Review Comment Table

<b>Board:</b>	WLWB
<b>Review Item:</b>	Benton Resources Inc. - Providence Lake Project - Land Use Permit - One-Year Extension Request (W2015C0008)
<b>File(s):</b>	<a href="#">W2015C0008</a>
<b>Proponent:</b>	Benton Resources Inc.
<b>Document(s):</b>	<a href="#">Extension Request</a> (658.04 KB) <a href="#">Extension Request - Engagement Record</a> (90.57 KB)
<b>Item For Review Distributed On:</b>	Sep 14 at 16:48 <a href="#">Distribution List</a>
<b>Reviewer Comments Due By:</b>	Sep 21, 2020
<b>Proponent Responses Due By:</b>	Sep 22, 2020
<b>Item Description:</b>	<p>Benton Resources Inc. (the Applicant) has submitted a request to extend Land Use Permit (Permit) W2015C0008 for a term of one year. The Applicant is requesting time to finalize the removal of camp and all materials from the site. No new activities have been requested.</p> <p><b>Using the Online Review System (ORS), reviewers are invited to submit comments and recommendations on the documents linked below by the review comment deadline specified. Reviewers may also wish to consider providing an overarching recommendation regarding whether the Board should approve the submission, to provide context for the comments and recommendations and assist the Board with its decision. If reviewers seek clarification on the submission, they are encouraged to correspond directly with the Applicant prior to submitting comments and recommendations.</b></p> <p>All documents that have been uploaded to this review are also available on our public Registry. If you have any questions or comments about the ORS or this review, please contact Board staff identified below.</p>
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## Comment Summary

GNWT - ENR - EAM (Environmental Assessment and Monitoring): Central Email GNWT			
ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response
1	General File	<b>Comment</b> <a href="#">(doc)</a> ENR Letter - No Comment or Recommendations at this time. <b>Recommendation</b>	
GNWT - Lands - North Slave Region: Clint Ambrose			
ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response
1	Extension Request	<b>Comment</b> The extension request has been reviewed. <b>Recommendation</b> The Inspector would recommend that the Permittee seek a two year extension to the land use permit rather than a one year term to ensure a thorough clean-up & restoration of the land use area can be conducted.  This recommendation is based on unforeseen circumstances that may arise with the global pandemic.	<b>Sep 22:</b> Benton has since requested a two-year extension to complete the cleanup of the Credit Lake camp.  We have initiated a fuel cleanup that will commence this week to ensure the high-priority issues are dealt with immediately with the remaining cleanup to occur next summer. Thank you for assistance on all this Clint.  It is much appreciated. nathan
Tlicho Government: LONGINUS EKWE			
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1	Camp Site Clean up	<b>Comment</b> Benton Resources Inc., is requesting for a 1 year extension on Land use permit W2015C0008 to allow for camp take out and clean up of camp site.  Benton Resources Inc., indicated that COVID -19 restriction has made it impossible for them to finish the camp take out and site clean up before the permit expiration date of September 23, 2020.   Benton Resources Inc., did not provide the scope of cleaning they are planning to engage in within the 1 year of extension neither did they state their plans within this 1 year to work around the COVID-19 restrictions <b>Recommendation</b> TG has no concerns for the 1 year extension, however it's recommended that Benton Resources Inc., should have a well developed plan for the clean up to make sure that the clean up exercise is	<b>Sep 22:</b> Benton Resources has since changed their application to request a two-year extension to allow for additional time should we experience another global pandemic. We have engaged a contractor to start removing fuel drums and remediate any contaminated soils and expect this work to start Sept 24, 2020.  The remaining camp structures and materials will be removed next summer near the beginning of July either using a local contractor or if travel restrictions allow, by Benton personnel.  We will continue our ongoing communication with the inspector and ensure we follow protocol.

		completely done within this limited time (1 year) without compromising the environmental clean up requirements/conditions.	
<b>Wek' eezhii Renewable Resources Board: Laura Meinert</b>			
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1	Benton Resources Inc. - Providence Lake Project - Land Use Permit - One-Year Extension Request	<p><b>Comment</b> The WRRB has no comments at this time.&amp;nbsp;</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b> The WRRB has no recommendations at this time.&amp;nbsp;</p>	<p><b>Sep 22:</b> Benton Resources has since changed their application to request a two-year extension to allow for additional time should we experience another global pandemic. We have engaged a contractor to start removing fuel drums and remediate any contaminated soils and expect this work to start Sept 24, 2020.&amp;nbsp;</p> <p>The remaining camp structures and materials will be removed next summer near the beginning of July either using a local contractor or if travel restrictions allow, by Benton personnel.&amp;nbsp;</p> <p>We will continue our ongoing communication with the inspector and ensure we follow protocol.</p>



September 21, 2020

Joseph Mackenzie  
Chair  
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Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

**Re: Benton Resources Inc.  
Land Use Permit Extension Request- W2015C0008  
Providence Lake Project  
Request for Comments**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories has reviewed the request at reference based on its mandated responsibilities under the *Environmental Protection Act*, the *Forest Management Act*, the *Forest Protection Act*, the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*, the *Waters Act* and the *Wildlife Act* and has no comments or recommendations for the consideration of the Board at this time.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Clancy, Environmental Regulatory Analyst at (867) 767-9233 Ext: 53096 or email [patrick.clancy@gov.nt.ca](mailto:patrick.clancy@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** RE: Benton Resources Inc. - Providence Lake Project - Land Use Permit - One-Year Extension Request (W2015C0008)  
**Date:** September 22, 2020 9:14:58 AM

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Hi Meaghan

Benton Resources would like change their application and request a two-year extension as advised. We are scheduling the camp cleanup for next summer but a two year extension is a good idea should we experience a pandemic or another event out of our control.

Sincerely,  
Nathan Sims  
Benton Resources

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**From:** Meaghan MacIntyre-Newell <[MMacIntyre-Newell@wlb.ca](mailto:MMacIntyre-Newell@wlb.ca)>  
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**Subject:** Benton Resources Inc. - Providence Lake Project - Land Use Permit - One-Year Extension Request (W2015C0008)

Hello,

I am emailing to follow-up on the [Extension Request](#) currently undergoing Public Review. Benton Resources Inc. has requested a one-year extension to Land Use Permit W2015C0008 (the Permit). The Government of the Northwest Territories – Lands (GNWT-Lands) has recommended that the extension be granted for a period of two-years to allow for a thorough clean-up and restoration. The GNWT-Lands notes unforeseen circumstances that may arise due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, Board staff would like to note that if a one-year extension was granted, Benton Resources Inc. cannot then request a second extension for the remainder of the two years. Given the recommendation from the GNWT-Lands, is Benton Resources Inc. agreeable to having the Permit extended for a period of two-years?

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