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Wek'èezhì Renewable Resource Board
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**Re: Rayrock (Kwetìzàà) Remediation Project
2023 Annual Wildlife Management and Monitoring (WMM) Report**

In accordance with Section 6.1.2 of the Rayrock (Kwetìzàà) Remediation Project Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan, submitted to the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resource Board in October 2021, we are pleased to provide the following Annual Wildlife Management and Monitoring Report (WMMR) for 2023. Full scale remedial activity work was completed only in October and November 2023 at the Rayrock site.

Other than sightings, there were no reported occurrences of human-wildlife interactions in 2023. Wildlife deterrence was not employed. There were no planned or unplanned disturbances to wildlife habitat. Planned disturbances included road upgrades/construction and soil movement in previously disturbed areas; however, these areas offered poor quality habitat.

There were no reported observations of recreational, traditional or non-traditional activities near the project. All reported activities near the site were project related. No unanticipated impacts to wildlife were reported; the establishment of a camp and its occupation is recognized as impacting local wildlife but this was anticipated and planned for accordingly.

All mitigation, in accordance with actions described in Section 4 of the Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan, were followed throughout work activities. Blasting was conducted between November 6th and 13th, 2023, with ten blasting events occurring over that span. Up to two blasts were completed in a day. Pre-blast surveys were completed in accordance with the Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan. Wildlife monitored were used with all work crews. All mitigation efforts appeared successful given that planned work and its associated monitoring did not result in interactions or issues with Wildlife. No new mitigation were necessary this month.

Waste management was completed in accordance with the Waste Management Plan. No waste management concerns were noted. Project staff were respectful of wildlife and concerns were not noted.

If you have any questions regarding the 2023 WMMR submission, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at ron.breadmore@canada.ca.

Yours Truly,

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