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Wildlife Research Permit Application for Black Bear Research and Monitoring 2022-24

Please find attached a Wildlife Research Permit application for Allicia Kelly, ENR, GNWT to conduct the project titled “**Black Bear Research and Monitoring 2022-24**”.

Note: this permit application is an extension of the work planned and permitted under WRP 500001 (Black Bear Research and Monitoring 2021-22) because not all collars were deployed as planned by spring 2022. This permit is to deploy the remaining 11 collars and to monitor all the collars for this project.

A main objective of this program is to learn more about black bear predation on ungulate (boreal caribou, moose, and bison) calves. The black bear collars are equipped with a video camera to capture short video clips at regular intervals to document black bear predation events as well as to learn more about their behaviour and food habits. This program also contributes to a larger research partnership on the food web dynamics and interactions between boreal caribou, wood bison, moose, wolves, and black bears. This project will also help to address Measure 6-1, Part 2 of the Tłı̨ch̨o All-Season Road report of EA, which requires the GNWT to “monitor predator populations, including densities, movements and predation rates”.

A recommendation form is attached for your response. **Please fax this form to 867-873-6230 or email to allicia_kelly@gov.nt.ca by August 31, 2021.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 767-9238 ext. 53257 or (867) 621-0660. We appreciate your ongoing support of cooperative wildlife management.

Sincerely,

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