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Application for 2026-2031 Wildlife Research Permit: **Behchoko Small Mammal Survey**

One-line summary: Permit application for new research project surveying small mammals around the Tlicho community of Behchoko using wildlife cameras, live trapping, hare pellet counts, and snow track monitoring in areas that are undisturbed, burned with natural regeneration, and burned with artificial (planted) regeneration.

Species Studied: Small mammals (snowshoe hares, mice, voles, shrews and lemmings), and incidental observation of larger mammals and birds (with snow tracks surveys and wildlife cameras).

Activities:

- Wildlife Camera Survey using guidance from GNWT-ECC.
- Hare Pellet Count survey following GWNT-ECC protocol instructions ([located here](#)).
- Small Mammal Live Trapping Survey following GWNT-ECC protocol instructions ([located here](#)).
- Snow Wildlife Track Survey.

Timeline: Surveys repeated every year for at least 5 years, but ideally longer.

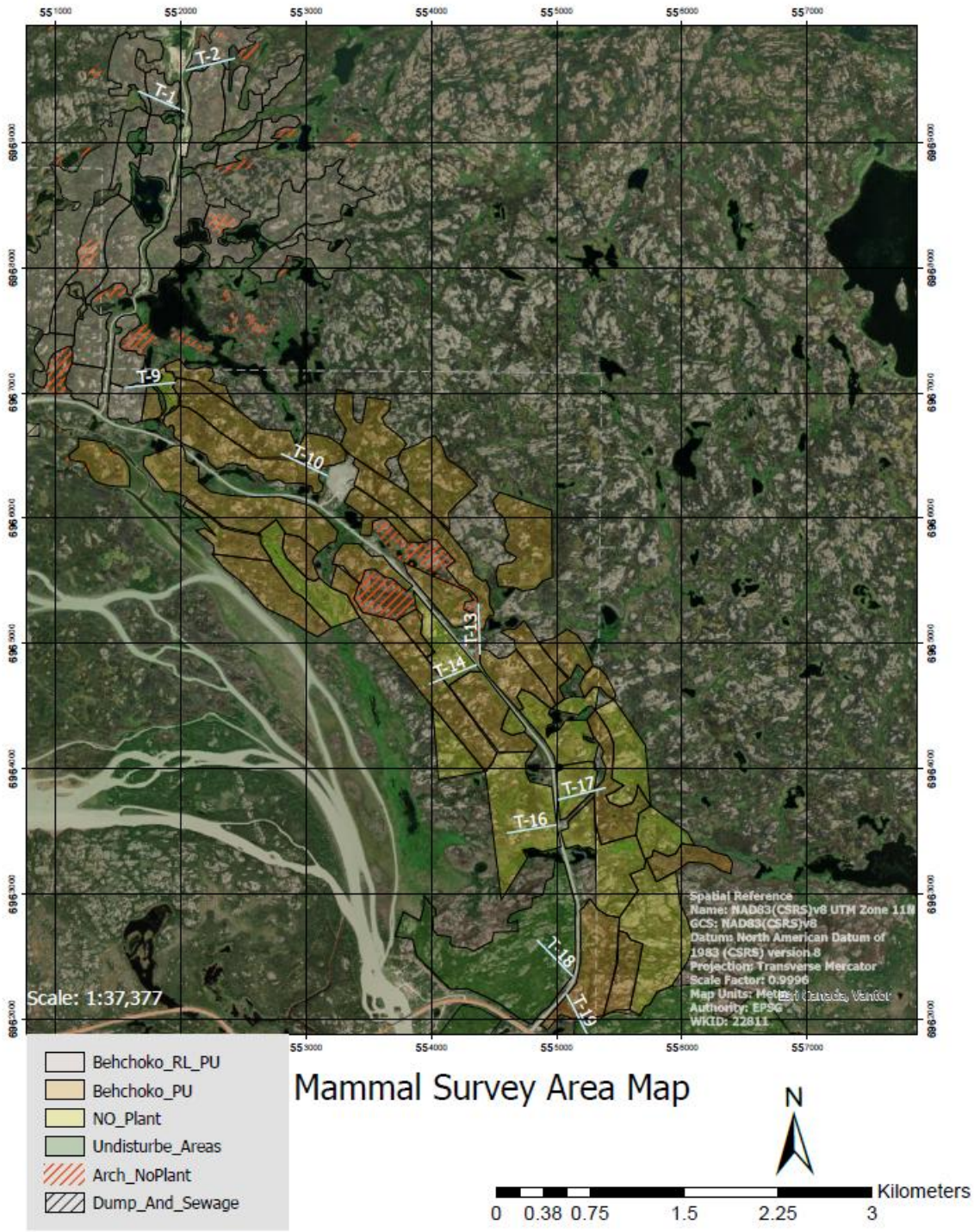
Wildlife Camera Survey – deployed at the beginning of June and retrieved at the end of September

Hare Pellet Count Survey – beginning of June

Small Mammal Live Trapping Survey – beginning of August

Wildlife Snow Track Survey – mid March

Location of Study Area: Behchoko community land, with 10+ transects being surveyed each year. More transects will be added each year based on future tree planting activities.



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Consultation:

This letter, the Wildlife Research Permit Application Form, and a Recommendation Form have been sent to Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board and Government of Northwest Territories – Environment and Climate Change Regional Superintendent North Slave Region for their review and support.


A Wildlife Handling Application Form has been sent to the NWT Wildlife Care Committee for their approval of the live trapping portion of the survey.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us using the information above. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

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