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General Wildlife Permit Application for Boreal Caribou Habitat Filming

Please find attached a General Wildlife Permit application for a project entitled **“Environmental and human factors that best predict boreal caribou survival and population trends in the Northwest Territories”** submitted by James Hodson, ECC, GNWT.

This project is part of CIMP247 which started in 2024 to test the suitability of the national recovery strategy framework for boreal caribou in the NWT, and investigate which factors (habitat disturbance vs. weather) have the greatest impact on boreal caribou survival. This project is now in its final year, and as part of the reporting process a video is being created in which visuals of boreal caribou habitat in various stages of succession will be shown. This permit is requesting permission to fly a drone at sites along Hwy 3 and the Tłıchq Highway (Hwy 9) and film boreal caribou habitat. No wildlife will be filmed, and any footage captured of live animals will be incidental. The drone footage will support the visual storytelling of how habitat disturbance influences boreal caribou survival in the NWT. Additional details can be found in the application.

A recommendation form is attached for your response. **Please email this form to james_hodson@gov.nt.ca by September 7, 2026.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 867-767-9238 ext. 53254. We appreciate your ongoing support of cooperative wildlife management.

Sincerely,

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