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Wildlife Research Permit Application for Tłıchq All-Season Road Wildlife Effects Monitoring

Please find attached a Wildlife Research Permit application for a project entitled **“Boreal caribou monitoring program for the Tłıchq All-Season Road (TASR) Project 2027-31”** submitted by Amanda Weltman, ECC, GNWT.

This project will involve deploying up to 13 boreal caribou collars in the North Slave administrative region during February and March of each year from 2027-31, including up to 10 collars in the Tłıchq All-Season Road (TASR) study area and up to 3 collars in the North Slave portion of the Mackenzie study area east of Highway 3. Information from the collared caribou will be used in conjunction with aerial composition surveys to generate population metrics (adult female survival, calf recruitment) and to determine caribou movements and distribution. Boreal caribou abundance will be assessed in 2027 using a non-invasive capture-mark-recapture DNA survey. This survey will provide an updated population estimate from 2020, and further allow us to evaluate these methods for viability in long-term population monitoring. This project will help to fulfill the monitoring objectives outlined in the TASR Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan. The information from the collaring program will also contribute to regional boreal caribou management efforts.

This application is for a multi-year research permit for five years, but updates of work completed under the research permit would be provided back to IGOs each year per the requirements of multi-year permits.

A recommendation form is attached for your response. **Please email this form to amanda_weltman@gov.nt.ca by September 25, 2026.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 867-767-9238 ext. 53257. We appreciate your ongoing support of cooperative wildlife management.

Sincerely,

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