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Wildlife Research Permit Application – Monitoring Wood Bison Movements Along the Tłıchǵ All-Season Road

Dear Ms. Weltman:

The Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) application for a Ejie (Bison) monitoring program along the Tłıchǵ Highway using wildlife cameras. This research is in response to concerns raised by Tłıchǵ community members, guardians, and highway monitors on the movement of ejie along the highway and their proximity to Whatì.

The WRRB understands the management proposal to include the following monitoring actions for April 1, 2026 to October 31, 2027:

- Deploying up to 16 wildlife cameras in three locations along the Tłıchǵ Highway;
- Six cameras will be placed at the James River Bridge, six at La Martre River bridge, and four near the ice road junction; and,
- These locations will be coordinated with the already permitted bat and bird ARU programs along the Tłıchǵ Highway.

The WRRB is in support of the permit as written. The WRRB requests results be provided to the Board upon completion of work, and that our staff be contacted if there is opportunity to participate in the field work.

Please feel free to give us a call with any questions you might have.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jody Pellissey".

Jody Pellissey
Executive Director

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