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Re: Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) Application – Winter Road Landbird Monitoring Program

Dear Mr. Haché,

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your Wildlife Research Permit application and understands that the objectives of the avian monitoring surveys are to 1) document habitat-specific species density and abundance in the region, 2) update the northern limit of the breeding range of most landbirds, 3) increase geographic coverage to support national habitat modelling initiatives, and 4) monitor population statuses over the long term. The Board understands that this survey will help determine the status of any Species at Risk (SAR) in the study area, which will help support conservation, recovery and management of these species.

The proposed research, scheduled for January 2020 to December 2020 around Behchokò, Whatì and along the Tibbitt winter road involves the following:

- Retrieving the automated recording units (ARUs) from the previous year along the Tł̄chq̄ winter road and the Kátł'odeeche First Nation (KFN) snowmobile trails;
- Deploying 175 audio recorders in March along the Tibbitt winter road and more units along the KFN snowmobile trails as well as other trails in their territories;
- ARUs are programmed to record from April-September; and,
- Community partners will be trained to conduct the 2020 fieldwork.

The WRRB has no concerns with the project as presented in your application. The WRRB requests that results be provided to the Board upon completion of work. The Board asks that our office be contacted if there is any opportunity for Board or staff involvement in your 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" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jody Pellissey
Executive Director

Cc Joseph Judas, Chair, Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board
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