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VIA email:

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RE: Wildlife Research Permit Application – NWT Biodiversity Monitoring Program: 2014 Birch Lake Burn Complex

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your Wildlife Research Permit application and understands that the objectives of the Biodiversity Monitoring Program are to 1) collect data on species composition and abundance 10 years post-fire, 2) use these data to assess the status of these species and generate trend estimates, 3) collect site-specific environmental data, 4) work with partners to co-produce knowledge, and 5) use knowledge gained from this work to seek broader support and funding to expand the program to other areas.

The proposed research, scheduled from May 1, 2024 to November 15, 2025 along Highway 3 and around the 2014 Birch Lake burn complex between Behchokò and Fort Providence, involves the following:

- Deploying Acoustic Recording Units, wildlife cameras, temperature loggers, and bat meters at 28 sites (approximately 576 sampling stations);
- Retrieving equipment during the spring of 2025; and,
- Work will be done using road access.

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 and 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 Lawrence Lewis, Acting Superintendent
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