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**RE: Wildlife Research Permit Application – NWT Biodiversity Monitoring Program: Tibbitt to Contwoyto Winter Road**

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your Wildlife Research Permit application under Section 12.5.1 of the Tłıchǵ Agreement, and understands that the objectives of the Biodiversity Monitoring Program are to 1) work with partners to co-produce knowledge, 2) collect current data on species distribution, composition, and abundance along with environmental data, 3) use these data to assess species status, analyse drivers of species distribution, and generate trend estimates, and 4) use knowledge gained from this work to seek broader support and funding to expand program to other areas.

The proposed research, scheduled for five days in February or March 2026, at approximately 100 sites along the Tibbitt to Contwoyto Winter Road (TCWR), involves the following:

- Deploy bird Acoustic Recording Units (ARUs) and wildlife cameras at approximately 100 sites along the TCWR, as well as 30 bat ARUs and temperature loggers at a subset of sites;
- Program will be done by vehicles along the road by 3-4 field crews;
- Sensors will be deployed up to 300m from the road or lake edge, on land; and,
- Sensors will be retrieved approximately one year after deployment (WRP ending March 2027).

The WRRB has reviewed your application and has no concerns with the project as presented.

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,

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Jody Pellissey

Executive Director

Cc     Seth Bohnet, Superintendent  
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