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Wildlife Research Permit Application – Caribou and roads: Quantifying traffic along the Tibbitt to Contwoyo Winter Road

Dear Ms. Abernethy:

The Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) application for a traffic monitoring program along the Tibbitt to Contwoyo Winter road. This research is being conducted to address knowledge gaps in traffic along the road, which will support more advanced barren ground caribou movement monitoring in the area in response to traffic.

The WRRB understands the management proposal to include the following monitoring actions February 1 to April 15, 2026:

- Deploying up to 15 traffic monitoring stations – seven along the Tibbitt to Contwoyo Winter road, three on the Gahcho Kue Access Road, and five as duplicates;
- Each monitoring station consists of a Trafx traffic monitor, attached to a pipe and anchored in a 5 gallon bucket;
- Each station will be retrieved at the end of the winter road season; and,
- These data products and the GNWT's barren-ground caribou telemetry data will be used to explore relationships between barren-ground caribou movement patterns and traffic volumes.

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".

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