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*Via Email*  
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**Re: Boreal Caribou (Tòdzı) Final Habitat Offset Plan, Tıchq All-Season Road**

Dear Mr. Rahman:

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has a mandate for wildlife, plants, forests, and protected areas in Wek'èezhì and adheres to the principles and practices of conservation in fulfilling its duties. The Board makes decisions and recommendations on an ecosystemic basis using Tıchq knowledge, science, and expert opinion. At its recent September 2021 meeting, the Board reviewed the *Tıchq All-Season Road Boreal Caribou (Tòdzı) Final Habitat Offset Plan*, which was submitted by the Department of Infrastructure (INF), Government of the Northwest Territories as a wildlife management proposal on July 16, 2021.

The WRRB understands that the main objective of the tòdzı habitat offsets is to compensate for residual effects on tòdzı or those effects that remain following the implementation of the mitigation measures proposed for the Tıchq All-Season Road. Further, the Board understands that INF proposes to implement this plan in a phased approach. The Implementation Plan, which will pilot the restoration approaches outlined in the plan, focusses on restoring linear features that will require further collaboration to include important Tıchq Knowledge to identify which specific linear features can be restored. As such, the WRRB approves the Tıchq All-Season Road Boreal Caribou (Tòdzı) Final Habitat Offset Plan as presented (Motion #781-01-09-2021).

As the tòdzı habitat offsets timelines involve 2026 and beyond, the WRRB reminds INF to ensure that funding allocated to this program continues to be available as the Tıchq All-Season Road moves from construction phase into operation and maintenance phase.

The Board looks forward to working with INF and other stakeholders to adaptively manage the tòdzı habitat offsets program. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (867) 873-5740 or [jpellissey@wrrb.ca](mailto:jpellissey@wrrb.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Judas".

Joseph Judas  
Chair

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