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**RE: Wildlife Research Permit Application – Pilot Biodiversity Monitoring Testing in Dinàgà Wek'èhodì Candidate Area and Surrounding Area**

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your Wildlife Research Permit application and understands that the objectives of the pilot biodiversity monitoring are to 1) test monitoring material and the data retrieved, 2) collect baseline data, 3) measure changes occurring in Dinàgà Wek'èhodì, 4) compare with other protected areas in the NWT and across Canada, 5) test a standardized biodiversity monitoring program for territorial protected areas, and 6) measure and mitigate the impacts of future development.

The proposed research, scheduled for June 2020 to fall 2020 in Dinàgà Wek'èhodì, involves the following:

- Deploying audio recording units (ARUs) and trail cameras;
- Revisiting of sites in the fall to replace batteries and collect data; and,
- Some test deployments may be made along highway 3 between Yellowknife and Behchokò and along the Ingraham trail.

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,



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