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**RE: Wildlife Research Permit Application – Daring Lake and Gahcho Kué Raptor Survey**

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your Wildlife Research Permit application under Section 12.5.1 of the Tłı̄chǫ Agreement, and understands that the objectives of the Raptor Survey are to 1) contribute to the GNWT's raptor database, 2) monitor reproductive success of raptor species and compare to previous surveys, 3) compare raptor nest occupancy and productivity between a mine and control site, 4) contribute to Gahcho Kué's monitoring objectives, 5) estimate hatch date by aging fledglings, and 6) test the feasibility of using passive acoustic records to monitor nest success.

The proposed research, scheduled from May 1, 2026 to December 31, 2031, around Daring Lake Research Station and Gahcho Kué Mine, involves the following:

- Occupancy survey completed in mid-June with a helicopter;
- Productivity survey with a helicopter at the end of July once the young have fledged; and,
- Nesting birds are observed and photographed from as far away as possible to allow accurate data collection. Acoustic Recording Units and wildlife cameras may be placed at a subset of nesting sites

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. 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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Jody Pellissey  
Executive Director

Cc Seth Bohnet, Superintendent  
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