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Wildlife Research Permit Application – Behchoko Small Mammal Survey

Dear Ms. Ogryzlo:

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) application for a small mammal survey in the area surrounding the community of Behchokò. This research is being implemented to assess ecosystem regeneration within a post-forest fire area, within naturally regenerating and in artificially regenerating areas. Small mammals play a keystone role in northern ecosystems as a major prey species for many wildlife species and can therefore serve as an indicator of ecological recovery following wildfire and subsequent tree planting.

The WRRB understands the management proposal to include the following monitoring actions for June 1, 2026 to December 31, 2031:

- Establish 400m transects in the different habitat types (undisturbed, burned and naturally regenerating, and burned and planted);
- Deploy wildlife cameras along transects from June to September to inventory species;
- Conduct snowshoe hare pellet surveys along transects in June;
- Conduct live trapping of small mammals in August, following the GNWT-ECC's Small Mammal Live Trapping protocol; and,
- Conduct wildlife snow track surveys in March.

The WRRB is in support of the permit as written. The WRRB requests 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" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jody Pellissey
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Cc Stephanie Behrens
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