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Wildlife Research Permit Application – Lockhart All-Season Road (LASR) – Wolverine and Grizzly Bear Density and Distribution Surveys

Dear Mr. Shapka:

The Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) has reviewed your Wildlife Research Permit (WRP) application for a nògha (wolverine) and sahcho (grizzly bear) hair snagging survey around the Lockhart All-Season Road (LASR) Project road alignment, which occurs entirely within Mqwhì Gogha Dè Njìtèè and partially within Wek'èezhì.

The WRRB understands the management proposal to include the following monitoring actions for February 1, 2025 to September 30, 2029:

- Sahcho and nògha surveys will use hair snagging stations, set up in pre-determined grid cells;
- Hair snagging stations will be checked four times a year for hair, which will be analyzed and recorded;
- Stations will be deployed in 2025 and 2026, but may be repeated before 2029; and,
- Motion detector trail cameras will be paired with hair-snap stations to capture images of predators who do and do not engage with the bait station.

The WRRB is in support of the permit as written (Motion #951-17-12-2024). 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,



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