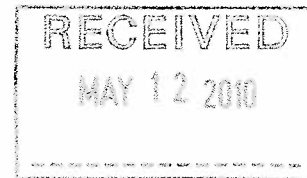




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APPLICANT: Joel White  
WATER LICENCE: PM10-023  
MINING LAND USE APPROVAL: AP10023

Energy, Mines and Resources, Client Services & Inspections branch does not wish to call for a public hearing with regard to this application for a Type B Water Licence and a Class IV Placer Mining Land Use Approval.

We have the following information to contribute to the review of this application:

The proposed activity is in the Dawson Mining District and can be found on N.T.S. Map number 115 O/07 at 63°22' North latitude 138°46' West longitude. Black Hills Creek is a tributary of the Stewart River. The Fish Habitat Management System for Yukon Placer Mining classifies Black Hills Creek as a Moderate-Low suitability stream with a current development designation.

#### **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS**

Pursuant to the Fish Habitat Management System for Yukon Placer Mining the effluent standard for this portion of Black Hills Creek is Design Target 0.2 ml/L / Action Level 1.0 ml/L / Compliance Level 1.5 ml/L. All authorized sediment discharge levels are measured in excess of natural background taken at a point above the uppermost mine operation. The point of compliance will be measured at a point in the effluent flow immediately before it enters the natural stream flow.

While this technically is not a renewal it is a continuation of mining by the same operator that was mining at this location for many years under a different name. The previous licence (PM99-043) was in Coulee Resources Ltd. name. This licence may have Joel White, Simon Hambrook and Jim Stuart all mining the property in different areas. During the term of the Coulee Resources Ltd. licence there were issues with a large fuel spill that was not reported by Joel White, a sewage discharge into Black Hills Creek, and significant amounts of restoration/site clean-up that was not completed by Joel White. During 2009 Simon Hambrook and Jim/Roger Stuart did much of the clean-up which has been discussed with Joel White over the last few years. All outstanding reclamation requirements from PM99-043 should be transferred to this new licence. A clause requiring on going reclamation each year would ensure the work is done during the current mining phase.

For further information, please contact the office at (867) 993-7302.

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