

NORTH YUKON REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN CONSISTENCY OPINION	
YESAB Project #	2022-0160
Project Title:	Hydrometric Cableway Station Decommissions
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More information on NY consistency opinions:	http://planyukon.ca/index.php/resources/planning-regions-2/north-yukon/59-north-yukon-conformity-checks
Project is consistent with the Regional Land Use Plan: (select one)	
Yes	

Background Information and Conformity Check Analysis

Affected Landscape Management Unit (LMU)(s): (insert rows as needed for additional LMUs) Map 1 and Section 6							
Site 09FC001 (Old Crow River Near Mouth)							
LM Unit #	2a	LMU Name:	Old Crow – Rampart House				
Zoning:	IMA – Zone II	Land Owner:	YG & VGFN (R-1A, R-10A)				
Site 09FA001 (Whitestone River Near Mouth)							
LM Unit #	11	LMU Name:	Whitestone River				
Zoning:	IMA – Zone III	Land Owner:	YG & VGFN (R-4A)				
Landscape Disturbance Indicators: Table 3.2, sections 3.3.1.1, 5.1.1							
Surface Disturbance (ha):							
LMU	Cautionary Level	Critical Level	*Current est. Level	Project Estimate	Total Estimate	Notification Rqr'd**	Parties Notified
2a	229	305	unknown	nil	unknown	No	No
11	652	870	unknown	nil	unknown	No	No
Linear Disturbance (km):							
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*current <u>estimated</u> cumulative effects levels are to be provided by the Plan Parties							
** the YLUPC shall notify the Parties prior to submitting the conformity check to YESAB if they are concerned cautionary or critical levels may be reached							

Special Management Considerations: (Section 6, LMUs)	
LMU	Special Management Consideration
2a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important caribou concentrated use area during multiple seasons; Porcupine caribou cross Porcupine River at this unit during fall and spring migration. • Maintain opportunities for community use and subsistence harvesting.
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The confluence of Whitestone, Miner and Fishing Branch rivers, in vicinity of Whitestone Village, is an ecologically important area. • Western boundary is adjacent to Fishing Branch HPA (LMU #12B). • Whitestone and Miner rivers contain documented salmon spawning and over-wintering habitats. • Most of this unit was affected by wildfire in summer of 2004. • Adjacent to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory (south of 66°N latitude)
Affected Values and General Management Directions (GMD): (Section 5) Only include values identified in LMU. If no GMDs exist or are relevant, do not include in this table.	
	Corresponding Recommendation:
Wildlife	<p>2.1.1 Reduce size, intensity and duration of human-caused physical surface disturbances (e.g., utilize low impact seismic, winter roads and enhanced reclamation).</p> <p>2.1.2 Reduce other human land use impacts such as noise, smell and light.</p> <p>2.3.1 Avoid or reduce activities in significant wildlife habitats during important biological periods (e.g., utilize timing windows).</p>
Fish	<p>3.1.1 Minimize surface and vegetation disturbance in riparian areas.</p>
Wetlands, Lakes and Rivers	<p>4.1.1 Avoid or minimize industrial land use activities in wetlands and riparian areas.</p> <p>4.1.3 Reduce surface and vegetation impacts in riparian and sensitive permafrost areas.</p> <p>4.3.4 Avoid large-scale industrial and/or infrastructure projects within Major River corridors.</p>
Heritage and Culture	<p>5.1.1 Minimize land use impacts in the vicinity of identified heritage and historic resources.</p> <p>5.1.2 Minimize land use conflicts by avoiding or reducing the level of land use activities in important subsistence harvesting and current community use areas.</p> <p>5.1.3 Avoid or reduce activities in significant heritage and current community use areas during important seasonal use periods (e.g.,</p>

	utilize timing windows).
Economic Development:	6.3.3 Manage location, scale and intensity of land use.

Plan Recommended Best Management Practices: (Section 5 following each value)	
Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid or minimize the size, extent, duration and level of activities in concentrated seasonal use areas. • Use appropriate operational timing-windows in significant wildlife habitats to minimize activities, whenever possible, during periods of wildlife use.
Major Rivers and River Valleys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To maintain visual quality and aesthetics, all-season infrastructure should be discouraged within Major River corridors (see Map 2, Appendix 1 for locations). • Surface disturbance and land use activities within and adjacent to Major River and other riparian corridors should not result in diminished water quality, quantity or flow.
Porcupine Caribou	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define and implement safe operating distances from the herd. • Consider the following seasons when determining appropriate operational timing-windows (seasons when Porcupine caribou occupy the region) <p> Winter: December 1 to March 31 Spring migration: April 1 to May 31 Early summer: July 1 to July 15 Mid to late summer: July 16 to August 7 Fall migration: August 8 to October 7 Rut: October 8 to November 30 </p>

Plan Recommendations: (Section 5 following each value)	
N/A	

Additional Analysis or Comments:

This project proposes virtually no new surface disturbance in the North Yukon Region, removes infrastructure from major river corridors, and all access is to be done via helicopter – all concepts supported by the Plan.

The only concerns could be sensory disturbances to fish and wildlife and transitory vegetation disturbances.