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Howard's Pass Access Road Upgrade Project
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RE: Notification pursuant to s. 79 of the *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*

Please be advised that the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is undertaking an environmental assessment (EA) the Howard's Pass Access Road Upgrade Project, proposed by Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd. This EA was referred to the Review Board on July 10, 2015 by Parks Canada pursuant to section 126 (2) (a) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. The Review Board has created a [public registry](#) for this file, where all information will be stored and available for public review.

Based on information in the Developer's *Project Description Report*, this development may adversely affect the species listed in Table 1 below. These species have been identified as being at risk under either SARA, by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada or by the NWT Species at Risk Act.

The Review Board is providing this information to discharge its duties under s.79 of SARA, which requires that notification be made to the appropriate responsible minister when any project could have an impact on a species at risk. Environment Canada is asked to assist the Review Board in determining the likelihood of adverse effects of the proposed project on the species listed below and any other species that Environment Canada identifies as being at risk and/or their critical habitats through participation in the EA process.

Further information regarding this environmental assessment may be obtained at the Review Board's online public registry or by contacting Review Board staff.

Best regards,



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Table 1: Special Status Species that may be affected by the HPAR Upgrade Project

English Name	Scientific Name	COSEWIC Status (last COSEWIC assessment)	SARA Schedule 1 Status and SARA plans	NWT General Status Rank
Northern mountain woodland caribou	<i>Rangifer tarandus caribou</i>	Special Concern (2014, reassigned)	Special Concern (management plan in place since 2012)	Secure
Rocky Mountain goat	<i>Oreamnos americanus</i>	Not assessed	–	May Be At Risk
Grizzly bear, western population	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	Special Concern (2012, reassigned)	(under consideration)	Sensitive
Wolverine	<i>Gulo gulo</i>	Special Concern (2014, reassigned)	(under consideration)	Sensitive
Collared pika	<i>Ochotona collaris</i>	Special Concern (2011, new designation)	(under consideration)	Sensitive
Little brown myotis and Northern myotis	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i> <i>M. septentrionalis</i>	Endangered (2013, no change— threatened by a fungal disease)	Endangered	May Be At Risk
Horned Grebe, western population	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	Special Concern (2009, new designation)	(under consideration)	Sensitive
Trumpeter Swan	<i>Cygnus buccinators</i>	Not at Risk (1996, no longer at risk)	–	Sensitive
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	Special Concern (2014, new designation)	(under consideration)	Sensitive
Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	Threatened (2007, new designation)	Threatened (recovery strategy to be completed 2015)	At-Risk
Rusty Blackbird	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	Special Concern (2006, new designation)	Special Concern (proposed management plan released 2014)	Sensitive



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Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	Threatened (2007, new designation)	Threatened (recovery strategy to be completed 2015)	At Risk
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flameus</i>	Special Concern (2008, no change)	Special Concern (management plan to be completed 2016)	Sensitive
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus anatum/tundrius</i>	Special Concern (2007, reassigned)	Special Concern (management plan to be completed 2016)	Sensitive