

## **Yukon Environmental & Socioeconomic Assessment Act Decision Document**

This document meets the Yukon government's requirements as a Decision Body as set out in the *Yukon Environmental & Socioeconomic Assessment Act*

### **Decision Document Issued By**

<b>YG Decision Body:</b>	Territorial Minister, as authorized under section 7, to Land Use Manager, Energy Mines and Resources, Land Management Branch
<b>Federal Decision Body(ies):</b>	
<b>First Nation Decision Body(ies):</b>	

### **Project**

<b>Project Name : Access Road near Canyon Creek</b>	<b>YESAA File Number</b> 2011-0004
<b>Proponent Name:</b>	Tulsa Sorenson
<p><b>Project Description:</b> The principal activity of the proposed project is the clearing of land and associated activities for the construction of a permanent access road (approximately 250 m), from km 1602 Alaska Highway, to an existing titled parcel (lot #1050) near Canyon Creek. The project is located within the development node of Canyon Creek and approximately 30 km east of the Village of Haines Junction. The construction is planned to begin and end in the spring of 2011.</p> <p><b>Principal activities include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use of heavy machinery (D-6 Caterpillar) to clear vegetation and grub road surface; and</li> <li>• addition of granular material from private source.</li> </ul> <p><b>Accessory activities include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• burning of waste materials (forest debris).</li> </ul>	

### **Other Decision Bodies**

<b>Other Decision Body Consultation:</b>	
<b>Consolidated Decision Document:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>[list the decision bodies whose decision documents were consolidated, where applicable]</i>

### **Non-Self Governing First Nations**

<b>Non-self governing First Nation Consultation:</b>	
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**Decision**

Pursuant to YESAA s. 75, 76 and 80, Yukon government has considered the assessment of this project and:	
X	<p>a) Yukon government accepts the evaluation report as presented pursuant to Section 56(1)(b) which includes the following terms and conditions:</p> <p><i>Mitigation related to wildlife and wildlife habitat</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) All attractants, including waste, fuel, etc. shall be stored in such a way that prevents access by wildlife;</li> <li>2) Waste shall be properly disposed of by hauling to a licensed landfill facility or by burning daily to ash by a forced air incinerator;</li> <li>3) The proponent should follow the Guidelines for Industrial Activity in Bear Country (2008) booklet for the best practices to reduce impacts on bears. Booklets are available through: Environment Yukon, 867-661-5652, 1-800-661-0408, ext. 5652 or call Haines Junction office at 867-634-2247.</li> <li>4) The proponent shall contact the District Conservation Officer in the event of all wildlife conflict arising from project activities;</li> <li>5) The proponent shall not destroy or damage animal dens, lodges or burrows encountered during project activities;</li> <li>6) The proponent shall maintain low snow berms along new access road to allow for easy escape for wildlife;</li> <li>7) In areas where high snow depth is encountered, the proponent shall provide periodic gaps in snow berms along road to allow for wildlife escape, particularly where tracks are observed.</li> </ol> <p><i>Mitigations related to environmental quality</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8) The proponent shall check all equipment for leaking hydraulics and no refueling is to take place within 30 metres of any water course;</li> <li>9) All activities shall be managed in such a way as to not allow for contaminants and/or erosion from runoff to enter any waterbodies;</li> <li>10) It is recommended that the proponent develop a spill response plan that identifies specific appropriate actions to be taken in the event of a spill of any petroleum product or other substance into water or onto land, as well as a list of available equipment and supplies to contain and mitigate the effects of a spill; and</li> <li>11) The proponent shall avoid areas of permafrost where practicable;</li> <li>12) The proponent shall ensure all equipment is clean and free of seed and plant material before taking them into the backcountry;</li> <li>13) To prevent transportation of invasive species, the proponent shall clean all machinery and equipment including clothing and footwear before leaving an area that may have invasive species.</li> </ol> <p><i>Mitigations related to health and safety</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14) The proponent shall only burn during periods indicated in the Burning Permit and/or by the local Wildland Fire Management office;</li> <li>15) The local Wildland Fire Management office and the local Volunteer Fire Department shall be contacted prior to burning;</li> <li>16) Burning piles shall contain only woody debris and shall not be mixed with soil, garbage, or other debris;</li> <li>17) Burn piles shall be at a sufficient distance from standing timber or infrastructure;</li> <li>18) A fire associated with brush and debris burning shall not be ignited or allowed to continue to burn when the wind is strong enough to cause sparks to be carried to other combustible material;</li> <li>19) The proponent shall employ sufficient on-site resources and/or equipment to ensure fires</li> </ol>

	associated with brush and debris burning will not escape control; 20) All occurrences of fire spreading beyond the debris piles shall be reported to the local Zone Protection Manager. 21) The proponent shall follow the Yukon government recommended guidelines for fire service access driveways.
<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Yukon government rejects the following recommendation for the following reason(s):
<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Yukon government varies the recommendation (inserted below) by changing the following term(s) and condition(s) for the reason(s) specified:

**Dates**

<b>Project Recommendation Issued:</b> March 18, 2011	<b>Decision Document Issued:</b> April 8, 2011
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**Recommendation Received From**

Designated Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Location: Haines Junction
Executive Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Panel	<input type="checkbox"/>	a) Panel of the YESAB
	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) CEEA Panel
	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Joint Panel (YESAB and other assessment body)

**Authority**

By signing below, the Yukon government has exercised its authority as per YESAA s. 75 or s. 76 to issue a decision document on this project.

Name: Marg White

Position: Land Use Manager

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Original signed by [Delegated YG Decision Body]

**Copies Forwarded to (as required by YESAA s. 81)):**

- Other Decision Bodies \_\_\_\_\_
- Project Proponent Tulsa Sorenson
- DAP Branch, Executive Council Office \_\_\_\_\_
- YESAB Designated Office Haines Junction
- YESAB Executive Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- Minister Environment (Canada) \_\_\_\_\_



- Yukon Surface Rights Board
- Yukon Water Board
- Land Use Planning Commission:
- Independent Regulatory Agency
- Other Body/Person as Required

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