



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 23YN002

Project Name: The “Sampling treeline trees to develop a temperature reconstruction using quantitative wood anatomy” project

Proponent Name: University of Nevada

Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125890

Comment Deadline: **April 3, 2024**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Sampling treeline trees to develop a temperature reconstruction using quantitative wood anatomy” project is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 80 kilometres (km) from Kugluktuk. The Proponent intends to conduct tree core sampling along the Coppermine River to better understand historical climate patterns in the North American Arctic. The program is proposed to take place from June 21, 2024, to August 21, 2024, project personnel will only be onsite for a ten (10) day period within this time frame. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Camping at several locations along the Coppermine River;
- Use and transportation of 10.5 liters of propane;
- Use and transportation of 10 liters gasoline; and
- Use of fixed-wing aircraft for drop off and pick up;

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **23YN002** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Cory Barker, Technical Advisor III at (867) 983-4607 or cbarker@nirb.ca.