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Re: NIRB File No. 26YN020: KitIA comments regarding “Geological Study of the Coppermine River Group Volcanic Rocks, Nunavut” Project Proposal

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Dear Mr. Ehaloak,

Cambridge Bay  
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The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments on Natural Resources Canada – Geological Survey of Canada’s proposed project “Geological Study of the Coppermine River Group volcanic rocks Nunavut” Project Proposal. Please see the following comments from KitIA on the proposal at this time.

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The Project research activities include field-based research focused on geological mapping and rock sampling using geological tools (digital mapping tablet, rock hammer, compass, camera, hand lens, notebook, and binoculars) in two locations based in the Kitikmeot Region.

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Based on the overall project KitIA proposes the following:

**Timing and Wildlife Sensitivities**

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- KitIA acknowledges the project’s proposed activities regarding focused work on geological mapping and rock sampling. As the locations of the site activities are far from communities, the proponent is encouraged to remain mindful of local wildlife sensitivity periods, including caribou migrating and calving during the months of May through August. Caribou are an important and staple source of food for community members of Kugluktuk, and all caribou mitigation measures should be carefully implemented during this sensitive time.
- Wildlife should be closely monitored to ensure safety for all those within the area for the duration of the proposed project. A bear monitor is highly recommended to have during all phases of the proposed project.



