

**Attachment B**  
**Regulatory and Technical Advice from Government Departments/Divisions**

**EA #:** 2372 - Bloomfield Resource Road Multi-Use Trail (the Project)  
Discovery Trail Snowmobile Association Inc. (the Proponent)

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**1 Climate Change Branch (CCB), Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC)**

- 1.1 Proponent is advised to operate heavy equipment in a manner that maximizes fuel efficiency, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions that could contribute to climate change. For further information, please contact CCB at (709) 729-1485.

**2 Pollution Prevention Division (PPD), ECC**

- 2.1 Proponent is advised that all waste material generated during construction and operation is to be placed in suitable refuse containers and removed to an approved waste disposal site, with the approval of the site owner/operator. For further information, please contact PPD at (709) 729-5782.

**3 Water Resources Management Division (WRMD), ECC**

- 3.1 Proponent is advised to apply for and obtain a Section 48 Permit under the **Water Resources Act** for any work in or within 15 metres of a body of water (including wetlands) prior to the start of construction.
- 3.2 Proponent is advised to apply for and obtain a Water Use License under the **Water Resources Act** prior to the start of construction.
- 3.3 Proponent is advised that any effluent or runoff leaving the site will be required to conform to the requirements of the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations. For further information, please contact the WRMD at (709) 729-2563.

**4 Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (FFA)**

- 4.1 Proponent is advised to obtain a Crown title for the undertaking prior to the commencement of any development activities. All development must strictly adhere to the terms and conditions outlined in the issued Crown title.
- 4.2 Proponent is advised that there may be private land within the Project area that is not recorded with the Crown Lands Office. If work is planned on private property, the Proponent is advised to obtain permission from the landowners.
- 4.3 Proponent is advised that any activities that occur within the 15-metre Shoreline Reserve of any water body must strictly adhere to the regulations in Section 7 of the **Lands Act**.
- 4.4 Proponent is advised to maintain a five-metre buffer around all geodetic survey monuments within the project area. The GIS and Mapping Division of FFA must

be contacted via email at [GMD@gov.nl.ca](mailto:GMD@gov.nl.ca) if project activities have the potential to disturb an existing Control Survey Marker per Section 65 of the **Lands Act**.

- 4.5 Proponent is advised to operate under the **Wild Life Act**, the **Migratory Birds Convention Act**, the **Fisheries Act** and associated regulations to avoid or minimize adverse impacts.
- 4.6 Proponent is advised to comply with the Cutting of Timber Regulations under the **Forestry Act**, which requires a Cutting Permit before any timber harvesting or removal. Additionally, during the forest fire season, an Operating Permit under Section 13 and a Permit to Burn on or within 300 metres of forest land under Section 3 of the Forest Fire Regulations are required.
- 4.7 Proponent is advised that several species are currently being assessed for designation and listing under the **Newfoundland and Labrador Endangered Species Act (NLESA)** and the federal **Species at Risk Act (SARA)**. The Proponent should be aware that if species that are designated and listed under endangered species legislation are found within the Project area, the **NLESA** and/or the federal **SARA** will apply, and the Proponent may be required to develop mitigations, in consultation with FFA-Wildlife Division, for the protection and recovery of the species.
- 4.8 Proponent is advised to ensure that no clearing of white spruce occurs within the Project area. As the site is located within a designated commercial forest zone scheduled for future harvest, forestry activities must not be restricted or impeded in any way. For further information, please contact FFA at (709) 637-2950.

## **5 Government Service Centre (GSC), Department of Government Modernization and Service Delivery (GMSD)**

- 5.1 Proponent is advised to consider developing a contingency plan specific to the proposed undertaking to enable a quick and effective response to a spill event. Any spill or leak of gasoline or associated product is to be reported immediately to GMSD by calling the Environmental Emergencies Telephone Line at 772-2083 or 1-800-563-9089.
- 5.2 Should the development require the construction or renovation of on-site service buildings, an application must be made to GMSD for Fire/Life Safety and Building Accessibility. For further information, please contact the GSC at (709) 256-1420.

## **6 Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), GMSD**

- 6.1 Proponent is advised to ensure that activities are conducted in compliance with the **Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHS)** and related regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with the legislation. For further information, please contact OHS at (709) 729-7454.

## **7 Department of Industry, Energy and Technology (IET)**

- 7.1 Proponent is advised that quarry materials used must be sourced from an approved site with a valid quarry Permit or Lease, a byproduct of an approved development, or from within the legal boundary of the project site in compliance with applicable regulations.
- 7.2 Proponent is advised that the Project overlaps current and historical mineral licences, meaning mineral exploration is a permitted and expected land use in the area. The trail may be used by mineral exploration parties, and the Proponent must not restrict access for these purposes, including during snow-covered conditions.
- 7.3 Proponent is advised to consult with Newfoundland Power prior to initiating any development activities to ensure that the proposed undertaking does not conflict with existing or planned electrical infrastructure. For further information, please contact IET at (709) 729-5748.

## **8 Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (TCAR)**

- 8.1 Proponent is advised to retain a qualified professional trail consultant to ensure the trail is designed and constructed in accordance with industry standards, using natural and sustainable methods. For further information, please contact Tourism at (709)-729-6588.

## **9 Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)**

- 9.1 ECCC advises that to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory birds, operations should consider nesting locations between mid-April to mid-August in this region. ECCC requests that species at risk sightings be reported to the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) at <http://www.accdc.com/en/contribute.html>.
- 9.2 Proponent is advised that the Project is located in proximity to critical habitat for the American Marten (Newfoundland population), a species listed under **SARA**. According to the species' Recovery Strategy, certain activities may result in the destruction of critical habitat. While the strategy provides examples of such activities, it is important to note that the list is not exhaustive, and other project-related actions may also pose risks.
- 9.3 Proponent is advised to maintain a minimum of 30-metre vegetation buffer if any development occurs in the vicinity of any wetlands.
- 9.4 Proponent is advised to develop the following plans:
  - A contingency plan that considers potential accidents and malfunctions, and site-specific conditions and sensitivities.
  - An Oil Spill Prevention and Response Plan.
  - A Wildlife Emergency Response Plan.

- 9.5 Proponent is advised to maintain a 30-metre buffer from the high-water mark of any water body (1:100 Flood Zone) in order to maintain movement corridors for migratory birds. For further information, please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/avoiding-harm-migratory-birds/reduce-risk-migratory-birds.html>. For further information, please contact ECCC at (709) 772-4313 or (709) 853-1304.

## **10 Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)**

- 10.1 Proponent is advised to refer to the Projects Near Water website for information about how to comply with the **Fisheries Act**, as well as information on the project review process when conducting work in or near water. The 'Projects Near Water' website is located at <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.