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Yukon government signs agreement with Kluane First Nation to conduct geophysical survey

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon and the Kluane First Nation have signed a \$583,000 agreement to collect geophysical data via an airborne survey of a portion of the Kluane Ranges.

"This survey work is important because there is very little geophysical data for the area," Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent said. "The new data will give a better understanding of the mineral potential of the region by defining its basic geology. The data collected will be available to the public at no cost through the Yukon Geological Survey website."

The survey is funded with \$83,000 from the Kluane First Nation and \$500,000 from the Yukon Geological Survey through CanNor's Strategic Investments in Northern Economic Development program. The survey area is southeast of the Donjek River and west of the Alaska Highway, a region known for its prospective nickel-copper-platinum group deposits.

"The results of this survey will help the Kluane First Nation identify possible economic opportunities on our settlement land and in the region," Kluane First Nation Chief Mathieya Alatini said. "It will provide the information needed to help with our resource management planning."

The airborne work, to be done by the geophysical survey contractor CGG, will be completed by March 31. The survey data will be processed by the Geological Survey of Canada under the Geo-mapping for Energy and Minerals program's GEM2 Cordillera project.

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