

MEMO

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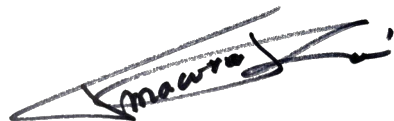
Dear Mr. Dwyer,

B2Gold Back River Corp (B2Gold Nunavut) received on July 08, 2026, from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) review comments on the 2025 Water License Annual Report for its Back River Gold Mine Project from three (3) Regulatory Bodies and/or Commenting Parties including Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), and the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA).

On August 02, 2026, B2Gold Nunavut provided responses to the Commenting Parties listed above in a report entitled “Back River Gold Mine Project 2025 Water License Annual Report: Responses to Review Comments”. A few actions were pending, including CIRNAC – R-03 associated with Echo Haul Road Culverts. This action has now been completed and B2Gold’ is providing supporting photographs (Photos # 1-3).

Should you have any questions, comments, or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,



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CIRNAC Comment – R-03: Infrastructure & Engineering - Echo Road Culverts

- CIRNAC notes that from Table 2, Page 24, the 2025 Annual Geotechnical Inspection, the Echo Haul Road was observed to have several blocked or damaged culverts: *“Culvert inlets on the east side of Echo haul road are blocked with the rock material used for the road construction. Culvert inlets on the eastern side of Echo Pit haul road are partly blocked. Two culverts on the eastern side are elevated by approx. 0.5 m from the toe of the road embankment. No fine material around the culvert was observed.”* These culvert issues were identified previously in the 2024 Annual Geotechnical Inspection and the recommendations include: *“Unblock the existing inlets. Culverts that appear to be damaged or elevated from the toe of the road embankment are required to be replaced (site to determine after visual inspections before and around freshet).”*
- Recommendation: (R-03) CIRNAC recommends that B2Gold Nunavut unblock or replace all of the impacted culverts along the Echo Haul Road to prevent impacts to surface drainage. Corrective measures to surface drainage are a requirement per the Project’s Water Licence (Part D, Condition 17). **These activities should be reported on within 180 days following receipt of CIRNAC’s comments.**

B2Gold Response (August 02, 2026)

- The Culverts are historical and scheduled to be removed and/replaced with the Echo/Goose WRSA Containment Berm. B2Gold Nunavut is currently conducting an inspection of these culverts and will provide updates when the work is complete.

B2Gold Response (August 10, 2026): Completed

- Inspection of the culvert inlets on the east side of Echo haul road is now complete. B2Gold Nunavut inspected the culverts and all obstructions have been cleared from the in inflow and outflow of the culverts. There is daylight all the way through each pipe. The top of the pipe was also cleaned off and sloped potential falling rocks away from the area. Documentation is provided in photographs 1-3.



Photo 1 (August 07, 2026) – Echo Haul Road Inspection – N



Photo 2 (August 07, 2026) – Echo Haul Road Inspection SE



Photo 3 (August 07, 2026) – Echo Haul Road Inspection SW

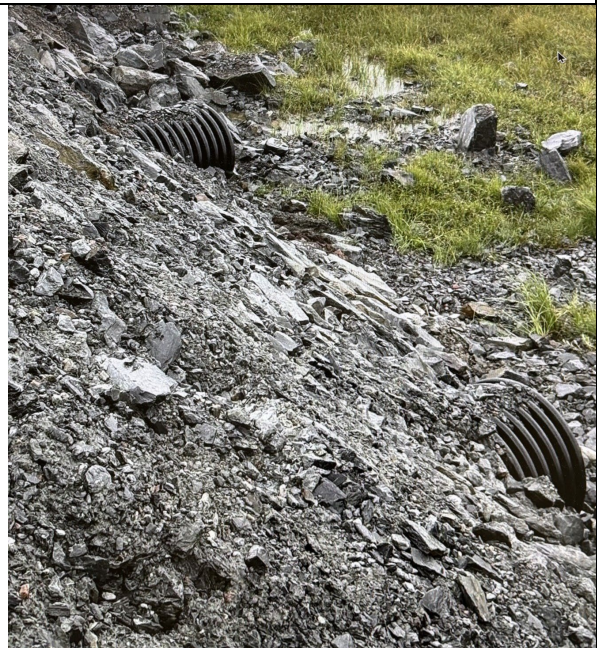


Photo 1b (August 07, 2026) – Echo Haul Road Inspection N