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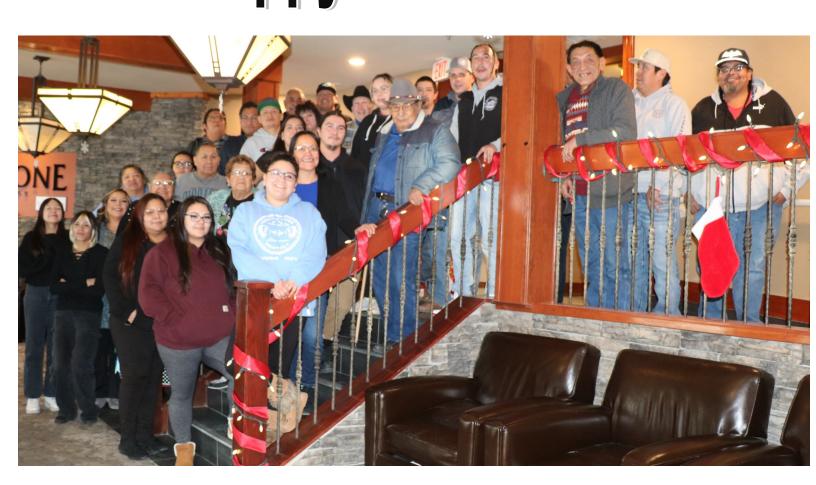
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The Lands Administration Portfolio wishes you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!





Nov 1, 2022

LANDS ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

It is with sadness that the Nation has to announce that one of our Buffalo has been shot and killed over this past weekend. The seven year old female was found in the North pasture of the buffalo paddocks by Six Mile Coulee Road. We will be holding prayers for the herd as they watch and protect over us. We would strongly suggest that the person who is responsible step forward, seek forgiveness and join us in the prayer.

This is a hard reminder that there is NO Hunting or Shooting allowed into or around the Buffalo Paddocks as we have staff and Buffalo in the area.

If anyone has any information on this; please call Tosguna complaint line at (403)271-3777. You can even call or leave a message anonymously.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Tanis Onespot Executive Director Gwághá Nìhīná?ò-ná





TEAM:

Clayton Whitney—Buffalo Paddock & Agriculture Manager
Trenton Heavenfire—Buffalo Paddock & Agriculture Labourer
Brennen Starlight—Buffalo Paddock Labourer
Tiffani Whitney—Buffalo Paddock & Agriculture EA

Tsúūt'ínà Buffalo Paddock (Xāní-tīī Mōnìstsīyk'í)

The following are updates from the Buffalo Paddocks team, as of November 2022:

- July 2022—Buffalo Crew expanded and repaired the corrals over the summer, had moved the herd over the summer pastures.
- August 2022—The Crew moved the herd to different pastures to help maintain the grass health.
- September 2022—Manager, Clayton Whitney met with the Montana National Buffalo Range. This helped Clayton get a better understanding on expanding, tourism, and some history. Also some good in-depth information on practices the crew can do.
- October 2022—The hear had their first Veterinary visit, the was to take a closer look at possible pink eye infections due to the flies. As well as this would ensure the right

- medication can be given for the round up.
- November 2022— Round Up 2022 had taken place November 14-18, 2022 and it was a great success, our head is no approximately 370 head. The Round Up consists of the team tagging calves, vaccinating the whole herd and doing observational health checks for each buffalo. We thank all our crew, our volunteers and our Elders for their hard work and prayer.
- December 2022: December our team will be getting a break, we are look forward to the New Year. Nation members can expect buffalo at the end of January.

Check Out:

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/bison -herd-tsuutina-nation-annual-roundup-1.6660432

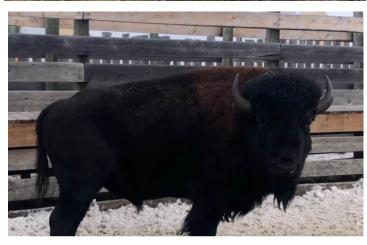
Agricultural Lands (Nìsk'ā Nágūst'īn-ná)

Updates as of November 2022:

- All Nations band field have been harvested and produced great crops this year.
- The Paddock team will be upkeeping the fences and repairing damages done from livestock and wild horses.
- The Paddock team has also placed surveillance on the Nation Band field
- There are new dormant lands that have been turned into farming fields.
- The Agriculture Program has put in great work this harvest session and used all equipment purchased to the fullest.











CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



CONSERVATION TEAM

Shad Manwyounds, Conservation Manager

Kathleen Dodginghorse, Conservation EA

Virgil Jacobs, Range Patrol

Tim Crowchild, Range Patrol

Lenny Eagletail, Range Patrol

Toas Onespot, New Lands Coordinator

Trevor Manywounds, New Lands Coordinator

Note: Congrats to Tyson Heavenfire, Range Patrol who is a newly Elected Minor Chief

- Fencing: Boundary repair and horse containment
- Wild Horses: Round up on the overpopulated and problem herds.
- Clean Up: Illegal dump clean-up
- Hunting: Safety Checklist. Chronic Wasting Disease

https://albertaregulations.ca/huntingregs/

TRESPASSING CONCERNS?

Any trespassers spotted, please call Tosguna complaint line at:

403-271-3777

NEW LANDS UPDATE

- Open for Nation Citizens 7 days a week from 8 am to sundown (weather permitting).
- Day Use Recreation zone is red (no shooting/hunting)
- Hunting Zone in yellow
- Trails opened, marked and groomed for safety
- Security posted at the gate to keep track of visitors, track animals harvested, look out for lost visitors and provide guidance when requested.

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NEW LANDS OPENING CEREMONY

The New Lands Opening Ceremony took place on September 21, 2022]. In the morning there was a pipe ceremony and feast that took place in a tipi at a beautiful location the new access road guided too. By lunch hour there was approximately 150 Community Members who came up to visit the New Lands, enjoyed an Indian Taco and had a chance to win many of the great door prizes. There was also quad tours that took place and many community members visited with each other.

Since the grand opening of the New Lands there has been 21 registered visitors: 7





Tsuut'ina New Lands Access Entry Regulations

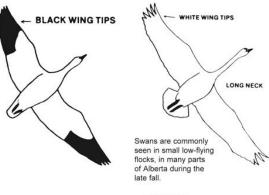
All persons are prohibited from engaging in the following activities within the New Lands:

- A. Camping Overnight
- B. Cutting trees or timber for any purpose;
- C. Building or constructing any sort of roads, trails, paths, buildings or structures
- D. Dumping any garbage or other materials
- All opened gates must be CLOSED after use of entry.
- The access hours for the New Lands shall be from 8:00 am until ONE HALF HOUR (30 mins) after sunset, dialed Monday to Friday.
- Anyone accessing the New Lands shall check in at the entrance to the New Lands upon arrival, and shall check out (sign-in sheet provided) when they are leaving the New Lands.
- ALL vehicles (Trucks, ATV's, Side-by-Side) are to remain on paths.

 Access to the New Lands is limited to Citizens ONLY of the Tsuut'ina Nation. Any other person found accessing the New Lands may be liable for punishment under the <u>Tsuut'ina Nation</u>

<u>Trespass Law.</u>





SNOW GOOSE

SWAN (Do Not Shoot)



The minimum penalty which may be imposed for:

- 1. A first offence in respect of a violation and any provision of this Law shall be a fine of One-hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars.
- 2. A second offence in respect of a violation of any provision of this Law shall be fine of this Law shall be a fine of three hundred (\$300) dollars.
- 3. A third offence in respect of a violation of any provision of this Law shall be a fine of five hundred (\$500) dollars. This section shall not prevent a Peace Officer or Law Enforcement Officer from issuing a violation ticket requiring a court appearance against an Offender, or from laying information in lieu of a violation ticket.
- 4. Nothing this Law shall limit the authority of a Peace Officer or a Law Enforcement Officer from taking steps to ensure compliance with this Law.
- 5. No action lies against the Tsuut'ina Nation, or a Peace Officer, or Law Enforcement Officer, or any other person acting under the direction of Tsuut'ina Nation Chief and Council for anything done or omitted to be done in good faith in the administration or discharge of any powers or duties, which under this Law are intended or authorized to be executed.
- 6. The Tsuut'ina Nation shall have the authority to deduct from a Per Capital Distribution, or any other distribution to a Citizen, an amount of pay for any fine imposed pursuant to this Law.
- 7. Only Citizens of the Tsuut'ina Nation are permitted to hunt in the New Lands. Hunting by any other person within the New Lands is strictly prohibited.
- 8. Hunting by Citizens of the Tsuut'ina Nation shall only occur in those areas of the New Lands that have been designated for hunting by a Directive from the Head Chief and Minor Chiefs of the Tsuut'ina Nation.
- 9. Citizens of the Tsuut'ina Nation shall be permitted to hunt ungulates, such as deer, elk or moose.
- 10. Citizens of the Tsuut'ina Nation shall be permitted to hunt for migratory birds and game birds.
- 11. Hunting or trapping of any animals not listed in the Law within the New Lands is strictly prohibited.
- 12. Any Citizen of the Tsuut'ina Nation that harvests an ungulate shall provide the following information to the Tsuut'ina upon exiting the New Lands:
 - A) The number of ungulate(s) harvested
 - B) The type of ungulate(s) harvested
 - C) The sex of each ungulate harvested
- 13. Any Citizen of the Tsuut'ina Nation that harvest either migratory birds or game birds shall provide the following information on the Tsuut'ina Nation upon exiting the New Lands:
 - A) The number of bird(s) harvest
 - B) The type of bird(s) harvested.





LANDS AND ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH DEPARTMENT (L.E.R.D.)

The Lands and Environment Research Department (LERD) is committed to Environmental Research through Education and Training, Planning for Land Sustainability, Ecological, Document Development and Community Engagement.

The Connection to Mother Earth and the responsibility to the protection of lands, ecological habitats and biodiversity is key and will shared through the 3 P's (Protocol. Planning and Policy) within the Tsuut'ina Nation Lands.

The L.E.R.D Department has had a very busy year this year and have expanded our team. We would like to welcome Tatiyana Eagletail in the position of the Environmental Technician and Kristen Meguinis in the position of Land Use Planning Assistant. We would also like to thank our Summer Student Asayda Big Crow for all the hard work she did this past summer.

L.E.R.D. is continuing to move forward in many of our projects and work plans. One project we have prioritized is our Lands Information and Records Data Management. We are currently updating our land processes, records and files and have implemented the software system for Laserfiche working in consultation with the IT dept.

Team:

Alison Heavenfire, Director
Jim TwoGuns, Lands Manager
Peter Crane, GIS/Mapping Manager
Carrie-Joy BigPlume—Permit Clerk
Yolanda Jacobs - Executive Assistant
Tatiyana Eagletaill, Environmental
Technician
Hannah Big Plume - Generalist
Krissy Meguinis—LUP Assistant

We are also working in collaboration with the Legislative Procedures Technical Services department on our policy development, the following have been prioritized by Chief and Council and are currently in Part 1 of the Legislative Process:

- Custom Land Holding Policy
- Small Business Permits on Non-Designated Lands
- Agricultural Policies
- Hunting Law

We have many more citizen engagement activities planned for the upcoming new year, and encourage all Citizens to participate. Please stay tuned in our Communications for further updates.

Employee Training Update

The L.E.R.D. team and the other Lands Department have taken numerous training over the past year and various have completed the following:

- Environmental Monitoring and Management
- Land Use Planning
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Treaty First Nations Law Group

- Riparian Health Assessments
- Advance Drone Pilot License Course
- TULSA—Impact Assessment: Laws & Approaches
- NALMA First Nations Law Policy Development
- Approaching Different Behaviors
- Laserfiche Software

Do you need to request a Nation Map?

If you require a map of the Nation for business reasons, please contact Peter Crane, GIS/Mapping Manager at Peter.Crane@tsuutina.com and state your request and purpose for map.

AQUATIC HABITAT RESTORATION (AHR) PROGRAM

Tsuut'ina AHR team has been busy this year with training and awareness sessions for staff, meeting with Elders, Community Engagement activities such as Open House booth, and getting to know the Wolf Creek (AKA Fish Creek) Watershed. Training for the team came from experts at Cows and Fish who provided in the riparian area (along the creeks edge) provide stability to the soil on the banks, provide food for fish and wildlife and offer an important buffer in times of flood or drought. The team learned about invasive plant species that put our native vegetation at risk and impact local plant biodiversity. Cows and Fish spent time along the creek documenting the various plant species found on Tsuut'ina land and we are currently waiting for a detailed report that we can use to compare how the creek on our land compares to the creek upstream and downstream from Tsuut'ina.

Over time culverts and beaver activity can cause blockages that impact road safety and fish movement. Our team in working with the infrastructure department to monitor the effectiveness of water crossings around the land base and notify when problems arise. Some community members live in areas that are surrounded by wetlands where beaver make their home.

Did you know that Tsuut'ina are "people of the Beaver?" While most of our community knows



this it is important to remind our youth. Remind kids to look at the beaver damn shape of the administration building and how our Chief and Council Veterans Hall (Chambers) reflect a beaver dam. Our community is learning how to live with the beaver, but we need to balance the challenges they pose to our roads, driveways and homes when flooding occurs.

When meeting with the Elder's to share information about our AHR program, they reminded us that Elders love to tell stories in the winter. Be sure to ask your Elders to share stories about Beaver and Fish.

Tsuut'ina Nation aims to spend another year working on aquatic habitat restoration projects with additional funding from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

DID YOU KNOW?

The Tsuut'ina word for Beaver is "Michadikodi"



WATER NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Water well sampling has been completed at many rural homes (residences) over the past 2 years by the Lands & Environment Team and consultants.

Did you know that water quality that fails to meet the Canadian Drinking Quality Guidelines or exceed the maximum allowable concentration (MAC) are listed as Do Not Consume (DNC)? The DNC designation applies to the well, but you can still drink the water and bath safely if you get a proper filtration system in place. This makes the water safe to drink. Rural homes with DNC on the well are being prioritized for new filtration systems so Citizens can drink the water. I

If you have any questions or concerns related to you water quality or want to know if you are eligible for a filtration system, you can contact Hannah Big Plume at 403-281-0754 or email: Hannah.BigPlume@tsuut'ina.com

If you have a filtration system in place you can take control of your system and make sure

you get your filters changed. Most filters should be changed every three, six, or twelve months. Our amazing Hannah Big Plume has been working with Clearwater, Steve Tester to organize filters for citizens. With the water needs assessment complete we are now looking at ways to protect our groundwater over the long term. A sustainable water supple is vital for our citizens, pets, and livestock. The water needs team is now evaluation a sustainability of our groundwater supply and aim to better understand the long term needs of the community.

The team (lead by Carrie Joy Big Plume) recently organized removal of five old water wells posing a danger to the ground water and Citizens. A professional waterwell company completed the well decommissioning while Tsuut'ina Conservation team, electricians and lands department removed waste from the wells and cleaned up the land around them.

If you know of an unsafe or unused well let the Lands Department know.

Water Well Management

DID YOU KNOW?

That rural water wells should be treated and shocked to maintain good function? The water needs team will be looking at possible supports to help citizens treat their wells in the spring. To learn more about rural water well management check out

https://www.alberta.ca/working-well.aspx



LANDS/GOVERNACE OPEN HOUSE - AUG. 23 2022 REDWOOD MEADOWS POW WOW GROUNDS

Congratulations to our main prize winners of \$1,000 West Jet travel vouchers: Hank Simon and Cheyalla Whitney

























GIS and Mapping Update



Successes of the Year

26 New home have been setup by GIS and Public Works. This year we had the opportunity to hire 2 summer students, which enabled the younger generation to gain some knowledge

and training to do GPS. The students captured the layers for residence, 911, Tosguna and Fire Department. Other Layers included was the future use of the Power Poles in different Areas on the Nation. We created new files for the updated map from this year's new home construction.



Tsuut'ina GIS assisted the Aquatic Habitat Restoration project with the map area of the Nation for future projections to help enhance the river beds from erosion, we will continue to help and aid the AHRP as we move forward in the future and expand.

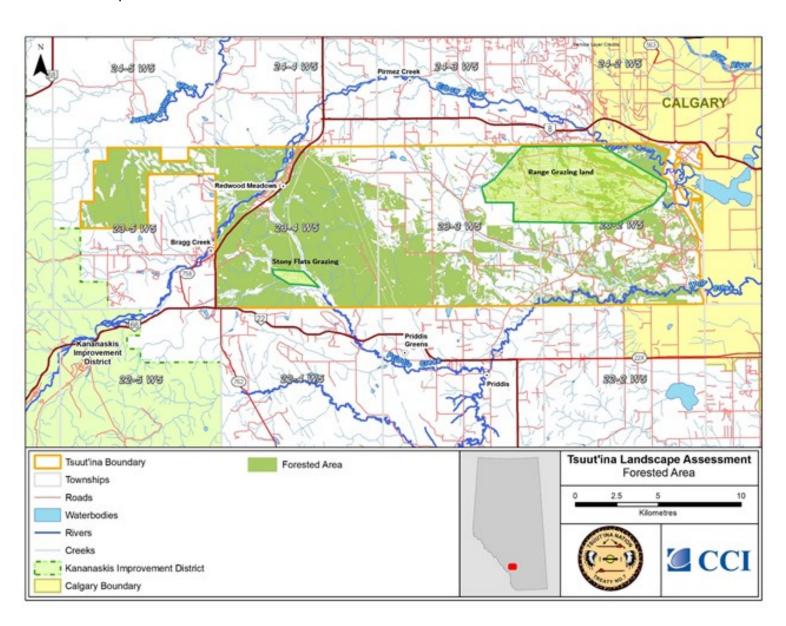
GIS has helped with Mapping Agricultures areas for Farmers Field with the Permit Clerk, Lands Manager and Agricultural Manager and have uploaded files to our new file system for our Land Data and Record Management.

Data was collected through GPS and a new trail map was created for the New lands. We encourage you to stay on the trails for your safety, as the area is still very prestige and undeveloped.

A updated UXO Land Use Map was created with the DND Department.

The LERD/GIS/Conservation Departments has been working in consultation with CCI from forestry industry and who is developing our Environment Sustainability Plan. We have created new layers, new aerial photos and new lidar data for future use and will bringing these forward in future community engagement activities regarding land use.

We have found that our land base is (73,820 acres). The New Lands Range 5 is (5,335 acres)



Lands Team Hard at Work









On December 1-2, 2022 the Lands Portfolio attended staff professional development that was facilitated by our Environmental Consultant with MCA.

We did team activities, one included understanding behaviors where we all participated in the exercise and gained more knowledge of how we can better respect and work with each other.





December 1, 2020

CHIEF AND COUNCIL MOTION

Whereas Chief and Council of the Tsuut'ina Nation have been duly elected pursuant to the provisions of the Chief and Council Electoral Code and are empowered to act on behalf of the citizens of the Tsuut'ina Nation;

And whereas Chief and Council of the Tsuut'ina Nation have met in a quorum at a duly convened meeting held on December 1, 2020:

And whereas by motion on September 15, 2020, Chief and Council of the Tsuut'ina Nation prohibited all hunting, fishing and harvesting by non-Nation Citizens unless permitted by Chief and Council in writing;

And whereas by motion, and seconded and carried, it be resolved:

As of the date hereof, all hunting, fishing and harvesting by non-Nation Citizens shall be prohibited, until further notice. Violators shall be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This decision shall be communicated to Nation Citizens with an explanation as to why this decision has been made.

10 in Favor 1 Absent 1 Against Question Called Motion Carried

Council Member Kelsey Big Plume, Chief and Council December 2020 Chairperson

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xx: Chief and Council Finance Terry Braun, General Legal Counsel Jerry Simon, Chief Executive Officer Leslie Wells-Starlight, Asst. Chief Executive Officer File Copy



Tsuut'ina Nation

Office of Land and Environment Research Department 48 Bullhead Road Tsuut'ina, AB. T2W 6H6 Ph. 403.281.0754 Fax: 403.251.1224

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Hunting, Fishing and Harvesting

On September 15th, 2020, by Chief and Council Motion, "all hunting, fishing and harvesting by non-Nation Citizens shall be prohibited, unless permitted by Chief and Council in writing. Violators shall be prosecuted to the full extend of the law. This decision shall be communicated to Nation Citizens with an explanation as to why decision has been made.

Over the past few years, there has been an increase in complaints of hunting, fishing and harvesting of N on-Nation Citizens on the reserve lands.

- Non-Citizens have been overhunting and, in some cases, poaching has been reported on Nation Lands;
 The increase in the number of new homes throughout the Reserve has created
- The increase in the number of new homes throughout the Reserve has create safety concerns;
- There have been situations where non-Citizens have been caught hunting on Reserve without a Nation Citizen present and stated they were given permission under the *Trespass Law*, as only Chief and Council can invite non-Citizens onto Nation lands for this purpose;
- Nation Lands have been set aside for the benefit of Nation Citizens, which is why Chief and Council is taking the position that non-Citizens should not be able to access Nation lands for hunting, fishing and harvesting;
 Chief and Council acknowledges that there are non-Citizens who do hunt, fish and
- Chief and Council acknowledges that there are non-Citizens who do hunt, fish and harvest to support a Nation household. In those situations, Chief and Council may be willing to grant an exemption to September 15, 2020 Motion, on a case-by-case basis. However, any interested parties must meet with the Nation and be given written authorization by the Nation, before using Nation lands to hunt, fish or harvest

Poaching

Safety

Trespassing

Protection

Food Security

Enforcement

Tosguna have been directed to issue charges under the *Trespass Act* and the *Criminal Code* to all non-Citizens who are suspected of hunting, fishing and harvesting on Nation Lands, without authorization from Chief and Council.

Exemption Request

Appointments for exemptions must be made in writing through the office of the Nation's (CEO) Chief Executive Officer;
Contact #: 403-281-4455

Fax #: 403-290-1322

Information Session

An information session will be taking place on October 23, 2020 in the Chief and Council Chambers from 1 pm to 4 pm.

This session will be livestreamed for those

This session will be livestreamed for those Nation Citizens who cannot attend in person due to COVID-19.

Feedback/Inquires

Any Nation Citizens who have feedback or concern can direct their concerns to: Tanis Onespot – Executive Director Lands at 403-281-4455 or tonespot@tsuutina.com

Public Notice October 15, 2020





LAND USE PLANNING UPDATE

On September 30, 2022, the Nation completed Phase One of the Land Use Planning and will now be moving into Phase Two of the Land Use Planning Initiative Project, which is funded by NALMA.

Why is Land Use Planning Important?

Land Use Planning is important to enable First Nations to reach their unique goals for their lands. Each First Nation must articulate a vision for their future, develop an appropriate plan, and then work towards making that plan a reality.

This will allow a First Nation to:

- Ensure sustainable development
- Affirm rights
- Establish community values on the development of their lands
- Determine the future use of natural resources

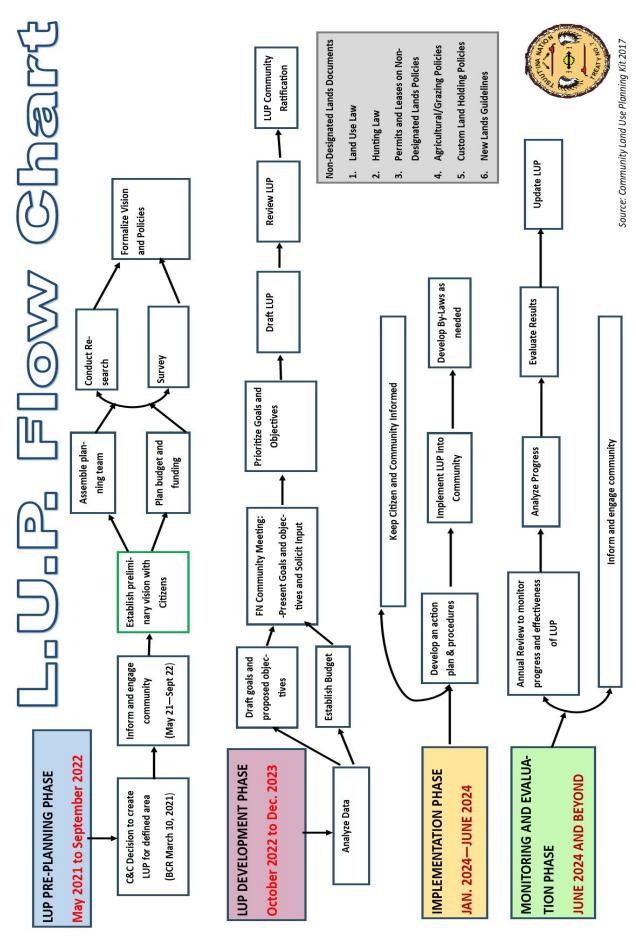
How do you develop a Land Use Plan?

- Base it on long-range goals with multigenerational points of view
- Link it to other community inititative such as:
 - Economic Development
 - Environmental Concerns
 - Infrastructure improvement
 - Community Growth
 - Community Social and Cultural needs
- Make it transparent and easily understood
- Involve the membership at each step



LAND STWARDSHIP: is the practice of carefully managing land usage to ensure natural systems are maintained or enhanced for sustainability for future generation. The four guiding principles are:

- 1. Caring for the system as a whole
- 2. Resource Conservation
- 3. Maintaining building and enhancing stability in nature
- 4. Cultural values and ethics



For Discussion Purposes

Hunting Checklist for Families

Hunting is a rich tradition, often passed down from family members to the next generation. The time may come when it's your turn to introduce your children to this unique, exciting experience. Start by sharing stories about exploring the outdoors, outsmarting the game or even your first hunt; and please remember that safety should be part of every conversation about hunting and firearm use. The most important part of sharing this experience with your loved ones is ensuring they understand that proper precautions and responsible use of firearms can help make every hunting trip safe, fun and memorable.

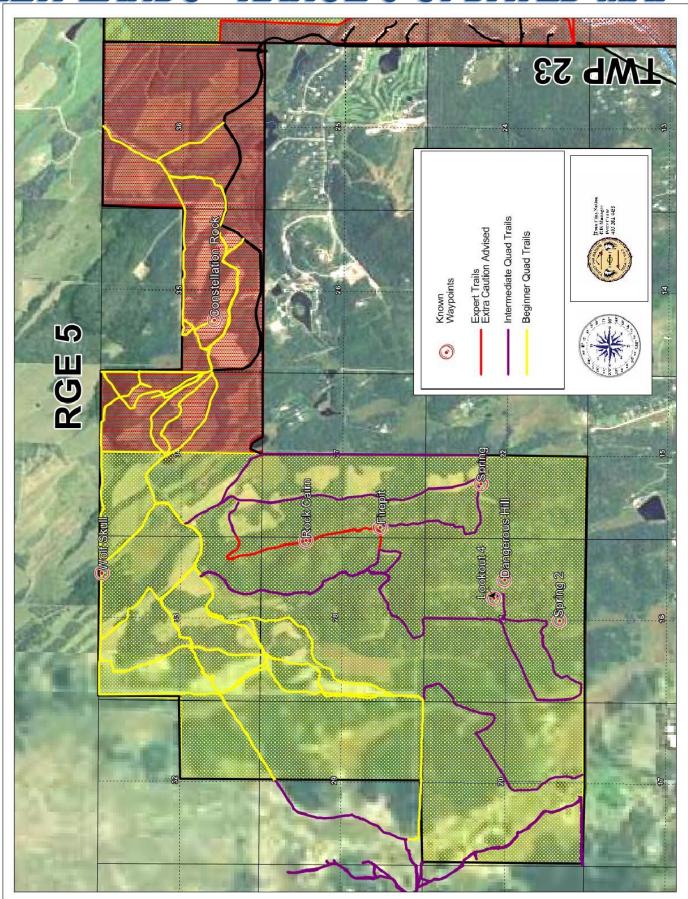
Don't know where to start? Use the following checklist as your guide:

My hunting companions and I share a commitment to responsible, lawful and ethical hunting.
My family and friends know where I'm going and when I'll return from a hunting trip.
I am adequately prepared and have previously:
Practiced my shooting skills
 Reviewed the rules of firearm safety, paying special attention to:
 ALWAYS keeping the gun pointed in a safe direction
 ALWAYS keeping my finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
 ALWAYS keeping the gun unloaded until ready to use
 Maintained my firearms to keep them working properly and reliably
• Obtained all necessary licenses and tags required by my state's hunting regulations
• Become aware of the hunting property's borders so that I will not wander beyond them
My group is wearing hunter orange clothing to ensure that neither I nor anyone in my group is mistaken for game.
I am carrying appropriate safety equipment, including:
A first aid kit and emergency survival kit
 Plenty of water and/or a means of water purification
• A gun case or other mechanism to safely transport my firearm
 Cell phone/radio/GPS/maps/compass (and extra batteries)
I unload a gun when climbing, crossing a fence, jumping across a stream or getting into or out of a vehicle.
When hunting from a tree stand, I:
Make sure it is securely fastened and stable before climbing
Always use a rope or tether in case I fall while climbing
Use a seatbelt in the stand
Use a rope for hoisting and lowering an unloaded firearm
I follow safety precautions before shooting by:
Inspecting the target's surroundings
Using proper caliber for the game
Being aware of where other hunters are standing
After the hunt, I store firearms securely and safely out of the reach of children or other
 unauthorized individuals.
I store ammunition separately from the gun when it's not being used.



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NEW LANDS - RANGE 5 UPDATED MAP





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11 Land and Environmental Principles

#	Principle
1.	Tsuut'ina Nation Lands have been set apart for the use and benefit of the Tsuut'ina Nation. Any additional lands that maybe acquired by the Tsuut'ina Nation shall be likewise be for the use and benefit of the Tsuut'ina Nation.
2.	Tsuut'ina Lands are held collectively by the Citizens of the Tsuut'ina Nation. No individual Citizen owns land. The Tsuut'ina Nation does not issue Certificates of Possession to Individual Citizens.
3.	Tsuut'ina Lands are a valuable resource and must be protected. The Tsuut'ina Nation Way of Life is to maintain harmony between Citizens and their environment; to enforce, preserve and protect the lands, air, water, flora, fauna, ecological systems, natural resources, historical and cultural artifacts and archeological sites; and to create and maintain conditions under which Citizens and nature may co-exist fulfilling the land, environment, water, cultural protocols, social, economic, notwithstanding any other requirements for the benefits of all generations of the Tsuut'ina Nation in perpetuity.
4.	Certain Tsuut'ina Nation Citizens have been allocated land for their use. These Citizens are responsible to mitigate and remedy all environmental concerns as approved by Tsuut'ina Chief and Council and through individual efforts as trustee of the environment and land use for succeeding generations. This means care-taking the lands to attain the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment without degradation, risk to health or safety or other undesirable and unintended consequences.
5.	A Tsuut'ina Nation Citizen who has been allocated land must apply for leases and permits for use of allocated lands.
6.	All Tsuuti'ina Citizens are to respect land allocations while using lands for residency, community use, economic development while not causing harm, hardship, or trespassing through allocated lands.
7.	The authority to designate, surrender, separate, or dispose of land for future development for the benefit of the Tsuut'ina Nation belongs exclusively to the Tsuut'ina Electorate to be decided on by a Referendum.
8.	A Tsuut'ina Nation Citizen who has reached the age of 18 is entitled to receive land allocation for house site through generational land allocation. Only in extreme circumstance will a Tsuut'ina Citizen be approved land allocation through general lands inventory.
9.	All development on Tsuut'ina Lands, such as water developments, farms, homes and businesses, shall be subject to law and policy to protect the collective interest.
10.	Tsuut'ina Government may take possession of land for the beneficial use of the Tsuut'ina Nation that any Citizen deprived of a previously authorized legal use will be compensated utilizing the established base line formula applied to the Ring Road Agreement that also included a nuisance fee.
11.	In the event of death, the executor of the deceased person's land use occupation will present the wishes of the deceased to Chief and Council who have final approval.

In June 2020, Chief and Council approved the draft 11 Land & Environmental Principles to go to Citizen Engagement for review and feedback. Please read through each principal and provide any feedback or recommendations for consideration and amendments, as per Part One of the Legislative Process Act.

Nisk'a Mekson MUSA



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