

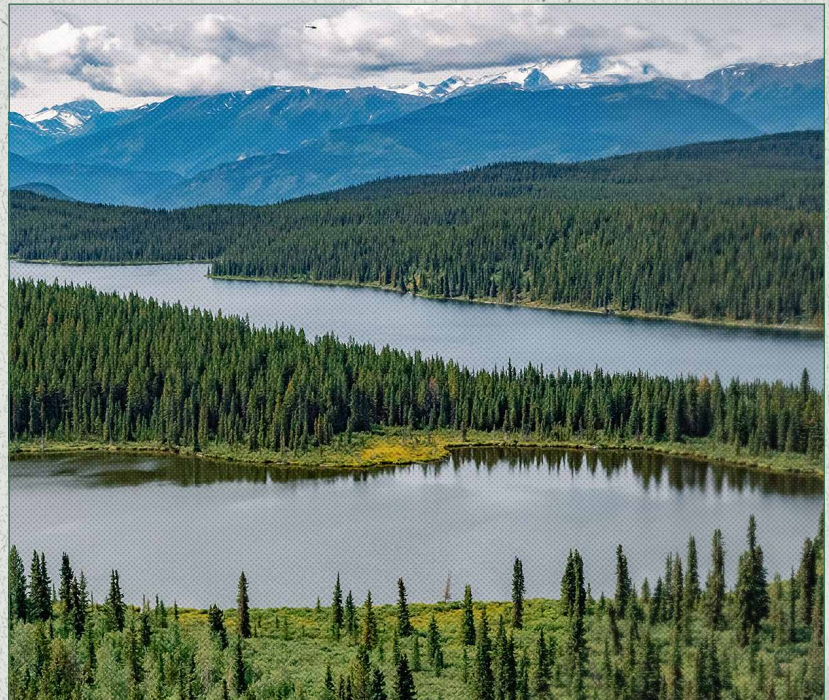
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TAHLTAN - BC LAND STEWARDSHIP PLAN NEWSLETTER

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Hello from the Tahltan-BC Project Team

Welcome to the first newsletter for the Tahltan-BC Land Stewardship Planning Project, a collaborative land use planning initiative between the Tahltan Nation and the Province of B.C.

At approximately 5,801,159 hectares, the Tahltan-BC Land Stewardship Plan area is a subset of Tahltan Territory and within the Stikine region of northwestern B.C.

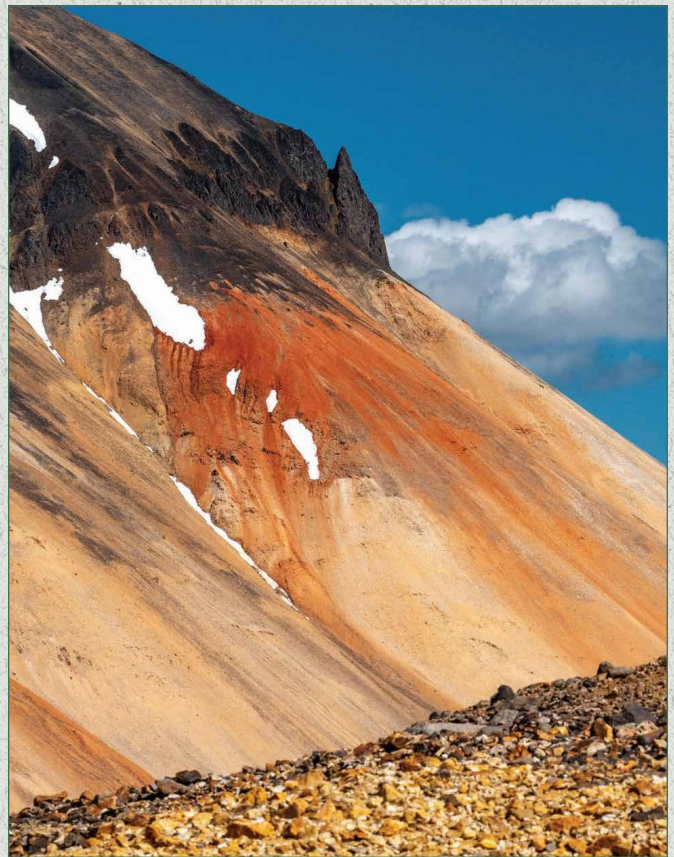
It includes Border Lake Provincial Park in the south to the Atsutla mountain range in the north. The Tahltan-BC Land Stewardship Plan area also includes most of the Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park, the Stikine River, and Mount Edziza Parks.

The Tahltan Nation and B.C. are co-developing a Tahltan-BC Land Stewardship Plan within Tahltan Territory to establish a framework for sustainable land stewardship and paced and scaled economic growth, ensuring a prosperous future for everyone in B.C.

Through an inclusive and transparent planning process, we are working towards a land use plan that will protect culturally and ecologically important areas and enable economic development, while ensuring the air, fish, land, water and wildlife are sustained for future generations.

This approach aligns with the provincial announcement made in May 2025 regarding the 'Northwest Strategy' which describes a three-pillar approach of reconciliation, conservation and economic opportunity for northwestern B.C.

The Tahltan-BC Land Stewardship Plan will recommend new areas for conservation and land management, along with objectives for the management of values across the Plan area.



Get involved

There are many opportunities for interested parties to participate in the engagement process!

The public, Tahltan leadership, Elders and members; local government; industry; and interested parties are encouraged to participate to learn and raise questions to help shape the Plan.



Upcoming engagement opportunities include:

- **In-person engagement opportunities:**
 - Targeted Workshop and Open House - November 18-19.
- **A second public online survey** to learn and share input on the plan.
- **Webinars:**

Webinars are being planned to be delivered this winter. Webinars will be for:

 - Tahltan Members (including those living off-territory);
 - interest holders including industry; conservation groups; wildlife and recreation groups; and
 - the public.

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Where we are now

Shortly after announcing the launch of the Northwest Strategy, B.C. hosted a series of information webinars for interested audiences within the mineral, tourism and recreation, and conservation sectors to describe the planning process.

Land Use Planning Orientation Session

Land Use Planning in Northwest and North Central B.C.

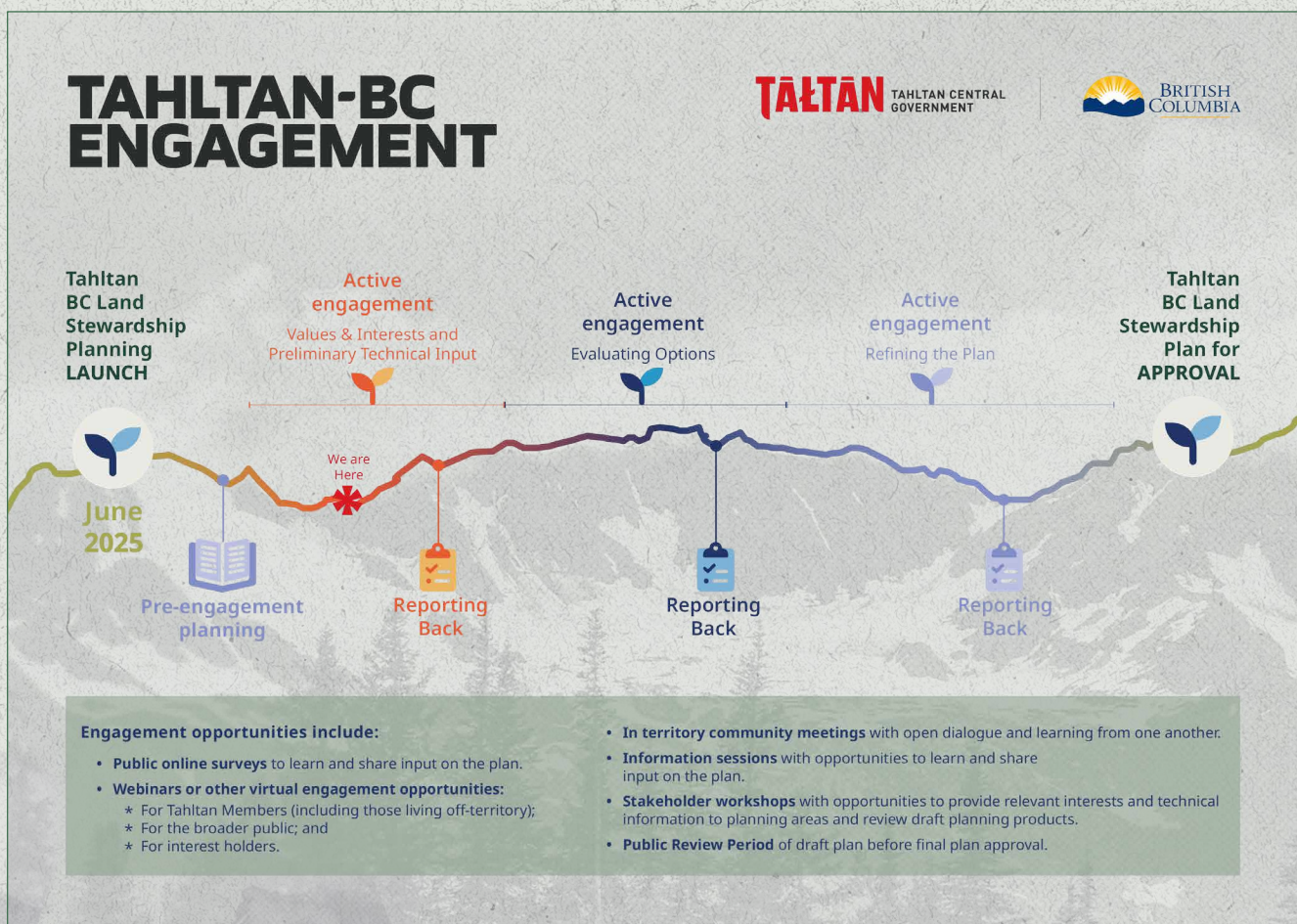
Stakeholder Orientation Sessions
July 2025



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to watch the Land Use Planning Orientation Presentation.

Below you can see a roadmap of the engagement process.



What we have heard so far

From June 3 to August 8, 2025, the Tahltan-BC Planning Team conducted our initial online questionnaire and received 196 responses.

The Project team invited communities, interest holders, and the public to gauge interest in the Tahltan-BC Land Stewardship Planning process.

The survey asked respondents about their relationship with the area, as well as how they would like to remain in contact with the project team. Specifically, the purpose of this survey was to gather feedback about:

- Who would like to be involved;
- How people prefer to be informed and engaged;
- What information would help people better understand this land use planning process.

Key Takeaways

CONNECTION:

58% of respondents fish, hunt, and/or trap in the area; 48% occasionally visit the area for recreational purposes; and 20% take part in conservation activities in the area.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Most respondents (79%) noted that engaging in the project online (through surveys or written submissions) would be preferable, with 51% indicating that receiving materials online would be a preferred method of communication.

THEMES:

The top themes we heard:

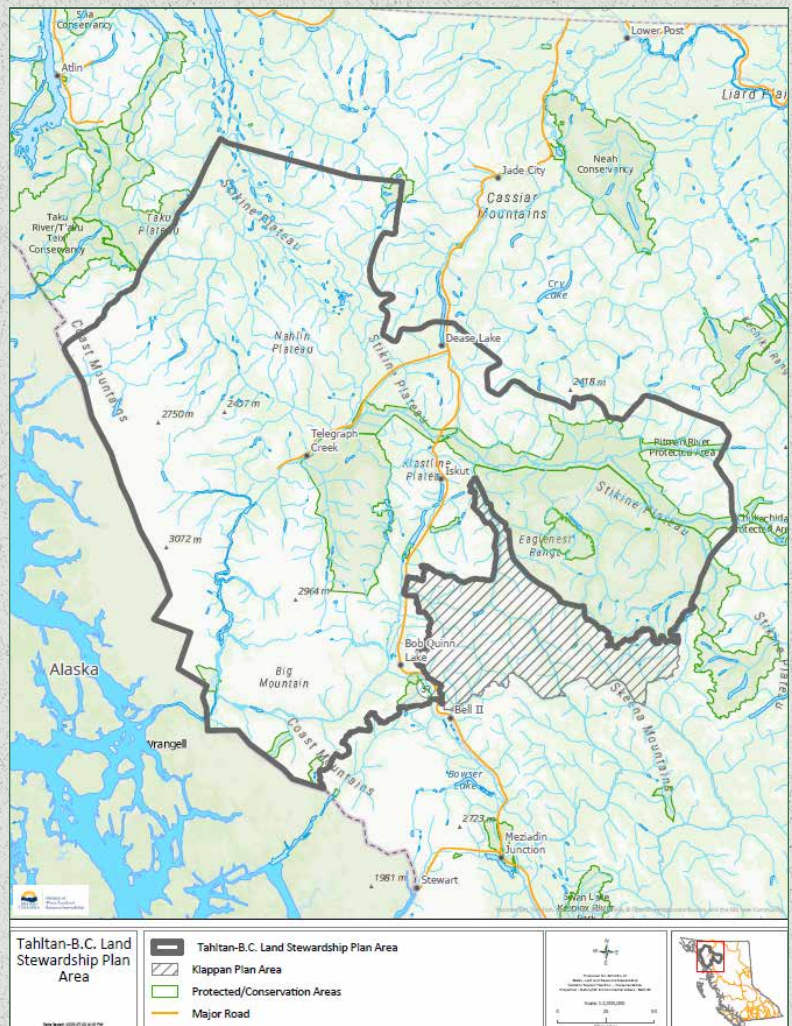
- **Access:** Desire to maintain equal and open access to public land for all
- **Conservation:** Interest in protecting wildlife, habitats and ecosystems
- **Data-driven:** Desire for the process to be supported using scientific research and data-driven approaches
- **Resource extraction:** Concerns about resource extractive industries (including implications on wildlife, ecosystems, and human activities)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Curious about how the Tahltan Nation and the Province of B.C. are working together to shape land use in Tahltan Territory?

What is the Tahltan-BC Land Stewardship Plan?

The Tahltan Nation and B.C. are working together to develop a Tahltan-BC Land Stewardship Plan. We anticipate recommending new areas for conservation and land management, along with objectives for the management of values across the Plan area. This will be achieved through inclusive, transparent and meaningful engagement that reflects the input and feedback of all interest holders, communities and the public, as well as consultation with other First Nations. Key aspects of the final joint Plan will be enacted through B.C. Law and the entire Plan will provide guidance for parties wishing to engage in industrial activities in the Plan area.



FAQ

How does Tahltan's own stewardship plan fit it?

Tahltan Stewardship Plan

During the July 2024 Annual General Assembly of the Tahltan Nation in Dease Lake, British Columbia, the Tahltan Stewardship Plan (TSP) titled "Keep Our Trails Open" was presented and approved by the assembly.

The Tahltan Stewardship Plan outlines Tahltan principles for caring for and stewarding all land within Tahltan Territory. The Tahltan Stewardship Plan serves as the Tahltan Nation's guiding light for the collaborative development of a Tahltan-BC Land Stewardship Plan, which is inclusive of a sub-set of Tahltan Territory.

What will the Tahltan-BC Land Stewardship Plan address?

Two key outcomes are expected from the joint land stewardship planning process: conservation areas (additional to existing parks) and direction for land management outside of conservation areas.

The vision for any new conservation areas is to protect intact and high value ecological and cultural landscapes that contribute to the long-term resilience of salmon, wildlife and ecosystems; and maintain high quality wilderness recreation values as well as hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities.

The areas under consideration are significant for Tahltans due to their historical use for hunting, the presence of sacred sites, the importance of obsidian from Mount Edziza, and their role in sustaining vital salmon-bearing rivers.

The TSP identifies these sites and areas for permanent protection from industrial development. Within conservation areas, extractive and impacting industrial activities such as mineral exploration, mine development, forestry, and major hydroelectric projects would not be permitted.

Outside of conservation areas, the vision for land management is to provide continued opportunities for responsible mineral exploration and development as well as other opportunities that support a diversified northern economy and community well-being.

Economic activities will be managed to safeguard important values, such as salmon, wildlife and water, and values important to the way of life of Tahltans and all British Columbians.

Management direction will aim to provide clear and predictable requirements for proponents. It will be informed by ongoing engagement with industry including incorporation of operational best practices.

FAQ

What is not included as part of the Plan?

The following will not be included as part of this specific Plan:

- Private lands;
- Existing parks and protected areas;
- Final project approvals, for example, for mines or infrastructure projects in the area;
- Detailed operational prescriptions on how to achieve objectives in the Plan.

Are there other initiatives in the planning area?

Other initiatives in Tahltan Territory include:

- [Shared Prosperity Agreement](#)
- [Tahltan-BC Accord on Wildlife Management \(Wildlife Accord\)](#)
- [Section 7 Agreements](#)
- [Klappan Plan](#)
- [Cassiar-Iskut-Stikine Land and Resource Management Plan](#)
- [Atlin Taku Land Use Plan](#)

Shared Prosperity Agreement

The Tahltan Nation and B.C. signed the Shared Prosperity Agreement (SPA) to set the foundation to collaboratively

achieve long term comprehensive reconciliation and land use predictability in Tahltan Territory. Originally signed in March 2020 and amended in July 2021, the agreement specifies the co-development of a “Phase 1” land use plan, improvement to mineral permitting processes, and funding to support Tahltan-led governance stewardship, and prosperity initiatives. The SPA outlines a shared path for long-term reconciliation, sustainable land and resource management, and economic development in Tahltan Territory.

Tahltan-BC Accord on Wildlife Management (Wildlife Accord)

Tahltan and B.C. are working together to advance wildlife co-management through existing collaborative wildlife stewardship forums and government to government agreements. The Tahltan-BC Wildlife Accord, signed by the parties in 2022, affirms the commitment of the Tahltan Nation and B.C. to collaboratively create a world class model for a wildlife stewardship regime in Tahltan Territory. Work on the Wildlife Accord is strongly aligned with Guardians, wildlife-related work of the 3 Nations – B.C. Collaborative Stewardship Forum, and the provincial-level commitments and goals in the Together for Wildlife Strategy and Tripartite Framework Agreement on Nature Conservation.

FAQ

Section 7 Agreements

In June 2022, Tahltan Nation made history by being the first Indigenous government in B.C. to sign a Section 7 consent-based decision-making agreement regarding the Eskay Creek Revitalization Project. A second agreement was entered into in November 2023 in relation to the future operation of the Red Chris mine. Both agreements were entered into under Section 7 of the Declaration Act, which became law in B.C. in November of 2019.

Klappan Plan

The Klappan Plan was jointly approved in 2019 by B.C. and the Tahltan Nation and balances social, environmental and cultural values with opportunities for economic development in the Klappan Valley, east of Iskut.

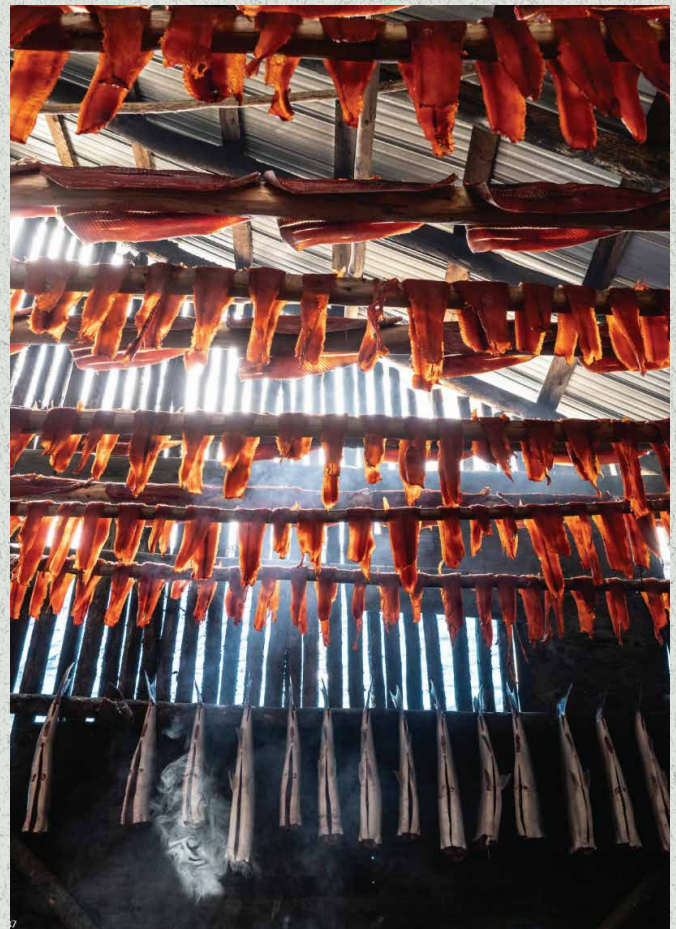
A joint Klappan Decision-Making and Management Board was established to implement and monitor the Klappan Plan. Currently the Board is in discussions regarding the long-term management of Zone A (Sacred Headwaters) and the adjacent Coal Licence Purchase Agreement Area.

Cassiar-Iskut-Stikine Land and Resource Management Plan

The Cassiar-Iskut-Stikine Land and Resource Management Plan (CIS LRMP) was approved in 2000 after three years of negotiations with a planning table that

included representatives of the Tahltan Nation, stakeholders, and members of local communities. The Plan covers 5.2 million hectares of land in Northwestern B.C. and is based on the consensus recommendations of that table.

The CIS LRMP will be referenced in the development of the Tahltan-BC Land Stewardship Plan. As a modernized land use plan, the Tahltan-BC Land Stewardship Plan will update CIS LRMP management direction, zones and objectives.



Atlin Taku Land Use Plan

In the northwest of the planning area, there is an area that has management direction developed through a 2011 process between Taku River Tlingit and B.C.

B.C. is working closely with Tahltan and Taku River Tlingit in separate land use processes to ensure that the interests, values and land stewardship vision of both Nations are reflected in planning decisions for this area, respecting the rights of both Nations.

How will the Plan consider public access to lands and waters?

Public land for recreation in this area will remain open and accessible to everyone. The intent of the Plan is not to limit access or restrict individuals from visiting and appreciating Tahltan Territory, but rather to work together to care for the land in a way that respects its cultural significance, ecological value, and long-term sustainability. Recreational and other activities such as guide outfitting, resident hunting and fishing, hiking, camping, and wildlife viewing will continue to be supported.

How is the Plan approved and what happens afterwards?

Informed by a meaningful engagement process as well as thorough socio-economic and environmental analyses, the final

Plan recommendations are agreed to by the planning partners. Tahltan will seek approval in accordance with Tahltan law, after which formal recommendations move to Cabinet for approval under B.C. law.

Once the Plan is approved, it will inform development applications, approvals and permitting in the Plan area. Tools will be used under B.C. law to give effect to the Plan objectives and management direction for specific areas on the land base.

A Tahltan-BC governance structure will be established to guide and oversee how the Plan is applied and monitored over time. These steps will help make sure the Plan is followed, adjusted when needed, and continues to reflect the values and priorities of those who live and work in the area.

