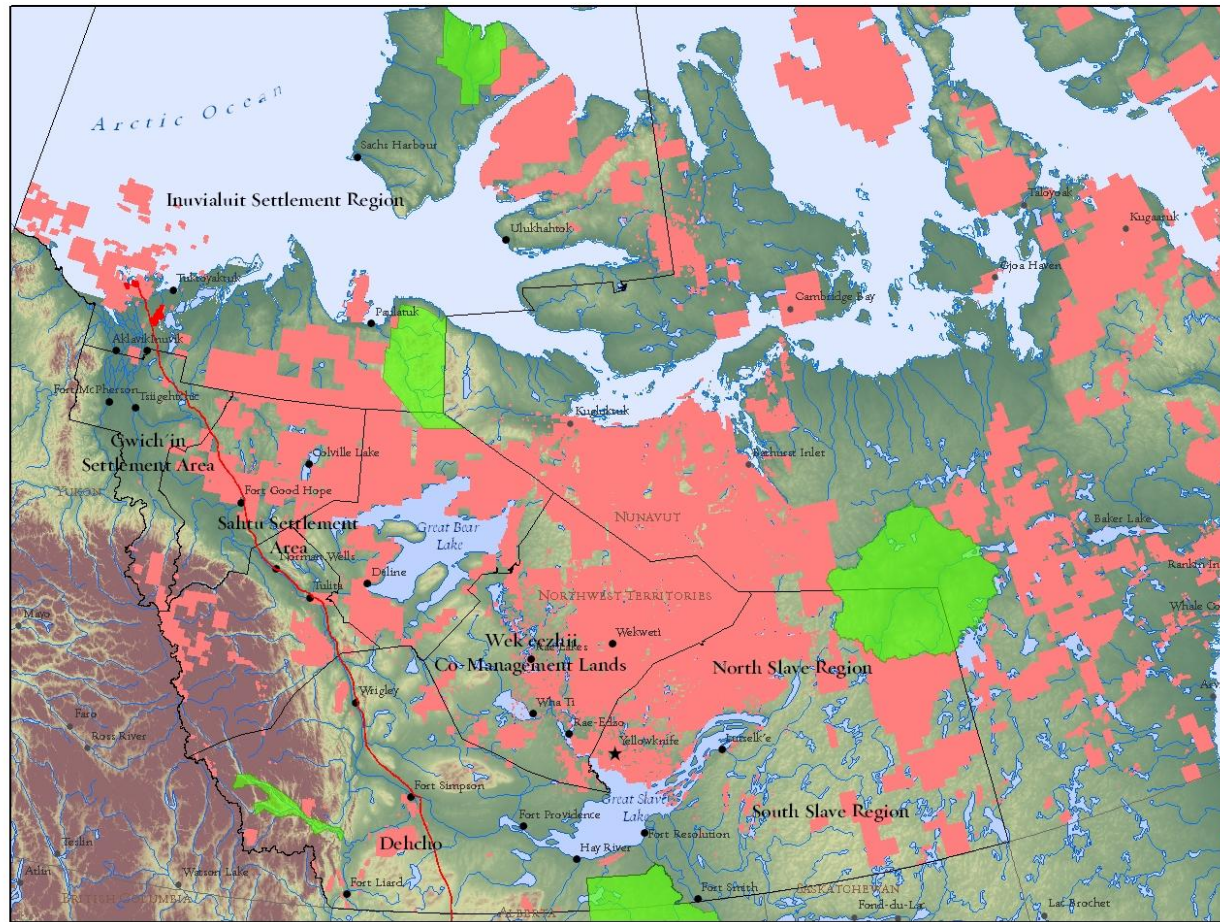


An aerial photograph of a lush green landscape. In the foreground, a dense forest of tall, thin evergreen trees surrounds a winding blue river. The river flows through the forest, with several small islands of green vegetation in the water. In the background, a range of mountains with distinct, layered rock formations stretches across the horizon under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds.

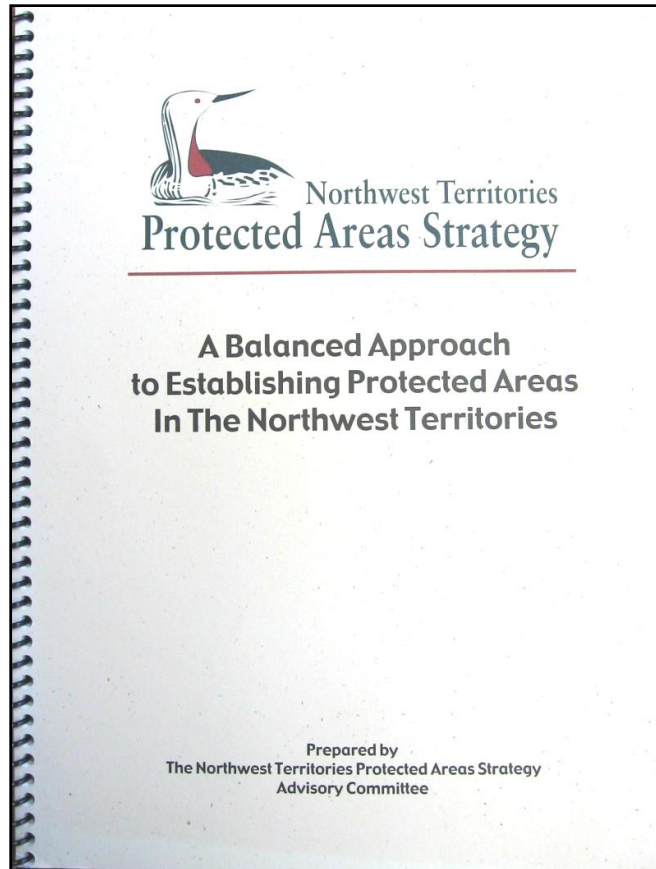
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Big Land Big Opportunity



Minimal Permanent Conservation in the NWT

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**Partnerships within a common
Strategy for a common goal**

Where to Start?



Communities



Wrigley

Whati

Bechokò

Yellowknife

EDEHZHIE

Fort Simpson

Jean Marie River

Fort Providence

Hay River

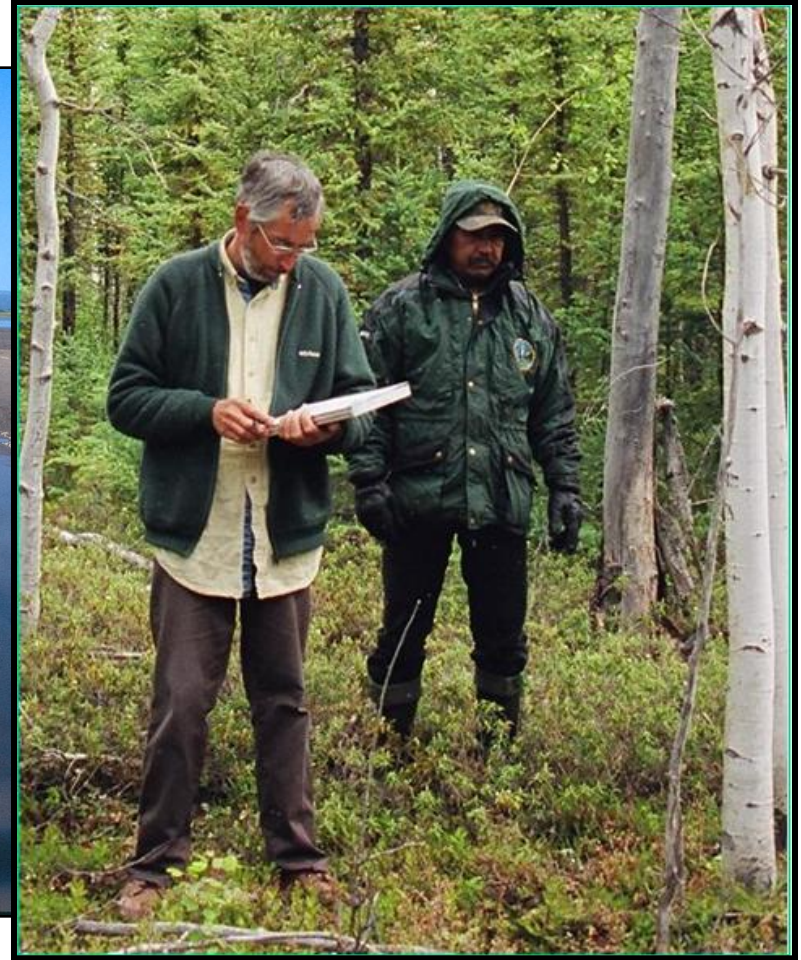
Challenge- Shared Use of Area



- Fort Providence initiated protection
- The Tlicho and Dehcho regions partner to protect their shared traditional territory

Community and regional partnerships strengthen conservation initiatives

Challenge – Gaining a Sponsor to establish the Site



Partnerships can help with funding to move processes forward

Challenge— Incorporating Cultural Values



Partnerships can lead to new conservation policies

Challenge - Bridging Language Barriers



- Meetings in Dene and English
- Translator workshops for conservation terms

Bringing trust and clarity to the process

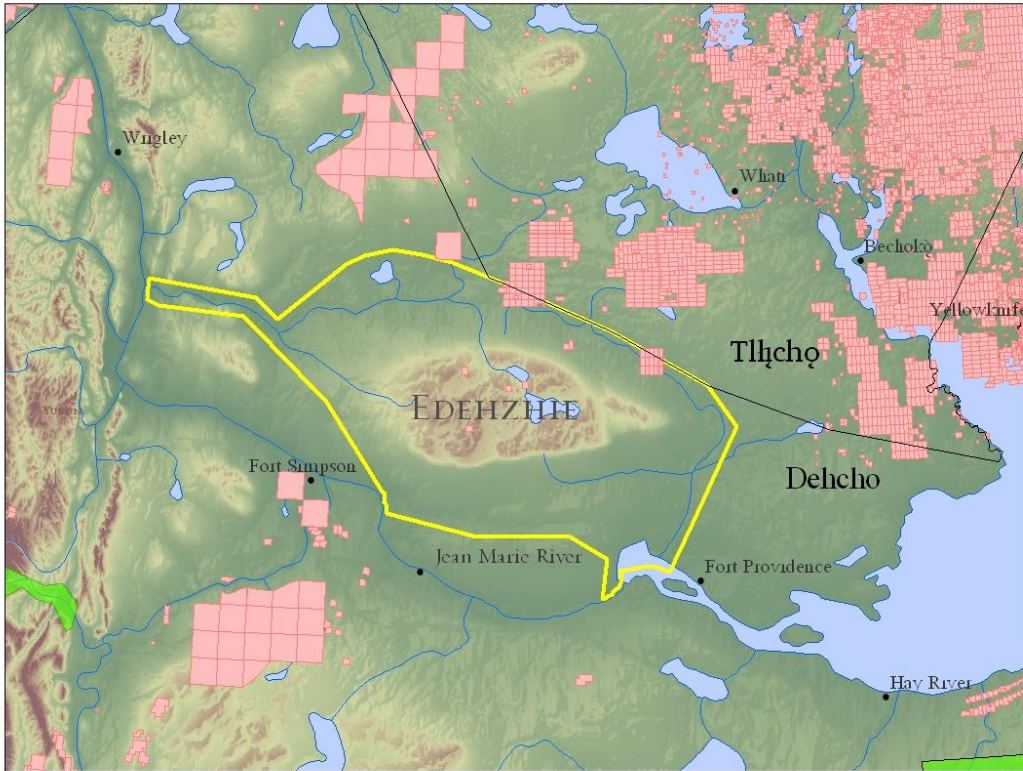
Challenge – Interim Protection



- Gaining interim Protection is a critical and difficult step.

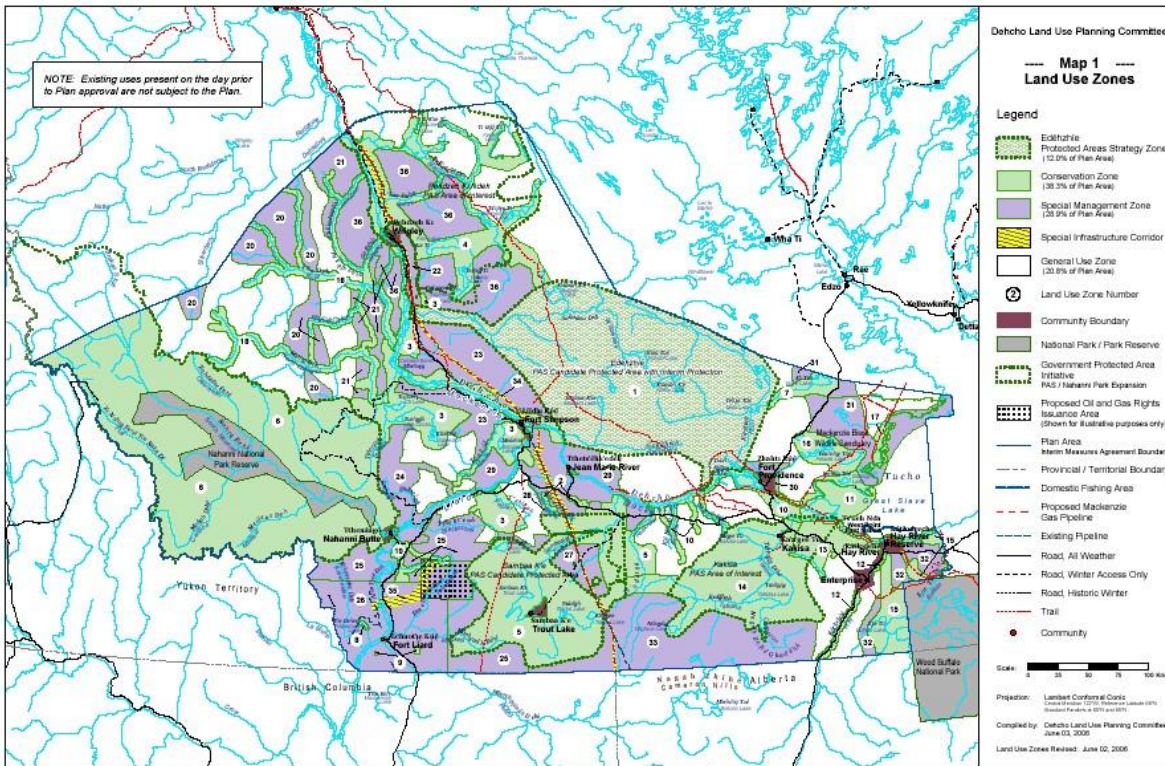
Partners need to tackle challenges together

Challenge – 3rd Party Interests



- Participation on working groups
- 3rd Party Rights are respected
- Extensive Non-renewable resource Assessments

Challenge - Land use Planning



- Edéhzhíe is a conservation zone in the Dehcho Land Use Plan

Working with other land use planning initiatives can strengthen the process

Challenge – Funding



- Governments and ENGOs budget collaboratively
- A multiparty process is expensive
- Pooling money for projects ensures more can be done.

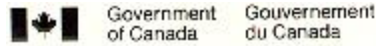
**Conservation in the North is expensive
Funding partnerships critical!**

Partnerships: Lessons Learned

- Communities involved early on.
- Joint funding
- Tackle challenges together
- Work with other land management approaches



Partners in the NWT Protected Areas Strategy



Akaiicho Treaty 8

