

# Impact Assessment Overview

Development Assessment Process — Team, Strategy & Workload

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118

Active project stages requiring FNNND comment as of March 2026

135–200

Individual comment submissions managed per year from new projects alone

45–50

New projects entering the DAP annually, each needing 3–4 comment rounds

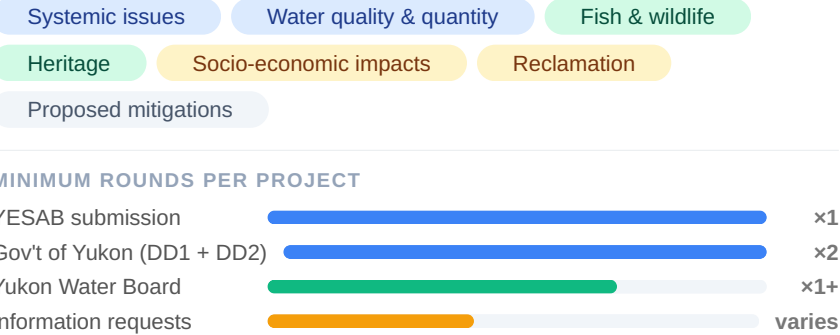
Every 2 days

Minimum comment deadline frequency — rising to daily with YWB & IRs

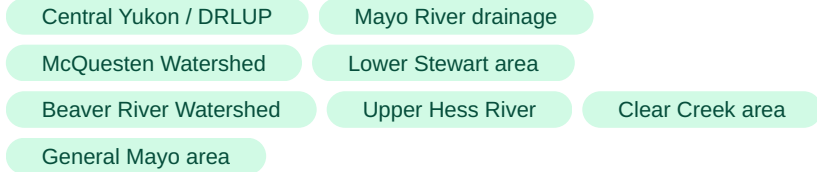
## TEAM & TOOLS BUILT SINCE 2023

- **Development Assessment Project Tracker** — built by Lauren; first-ever tool at FNNND tracking projects from YESAB intake through water licencing, closing the visibility gap left by the YESAB Online Registry.
- **Team expanded to 4 officers** — three regional contractors each assigned a specific watershed plus dedicated staff. Lauren oversees all DAP relationships with YESAB, YG, YWB, external consultants & community knowledge holders.
- **Comment templates strengthened** — added watershed-specific heritage sections, expanded socio-economic content, and introduced MMIWG2S+ and First Nation wellness sections absent from standard assessments.
- **Community Knowledge Keeper (CKK) underway** — central repository making community knowledge accessible to assessors at drafting time; being refined and integrated into the standard workflow.

## COMMENT AREAS & ROUNDS PER PROJECT



## GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS COVERED



## 10 SYSTEMIC FAILURES FORMALLY DOCUMENTED

- Failure to assess Treaty rights in YESAB evaluations
- Inadequate cumulative effects analysis
- Absence of land use planning across the Territory
- Unverified proponent mitigation measures
- Project splitting and rushed timelines
- Western science prioritized over Traditional Knowledge

## ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY — THREE ESCALATING FRONTS

- **Comment quality** — formal mitigation hierarchy for heritage, specific enforceable Final Agreement obligations replacing open-ended concerns, expanded MMIWG2S+ sections across all watersheds
- **Relationship-building with YESAB** — direct meetings to ensure comments are properly interpreted in Evaluation Reports; Traditional Knowledge confidentiality protocols being formally established
- **Systemic reform** — 10 structural failures documented in a legal accountability framework grounded in Chapter 12 of the Final Agreement and Supreme Court jurisprudence; Victoria Gold Mine disaster cited as definitive evidence of system failure; full preparation underway for 2027 YESAA review

## 2027 YESAA REVIEW — REFORMS SOUGHT



# Statistics & Active Project Snapshot

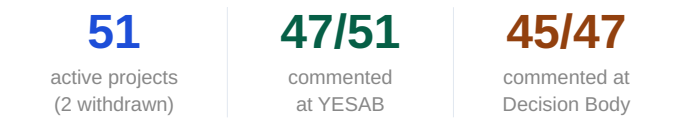
2024–2025 Annual Reviews, Geographic Distribution, and March 2026 DAP Status

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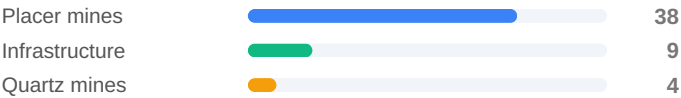
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## 2024 ANNUAL REVIEW



### PROJECT TYPES

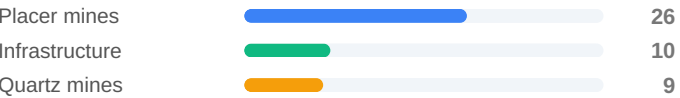


1 rejected — Shanghai Creek (unmitigable moose effects)

## 2025 ANNUAL REVIEW

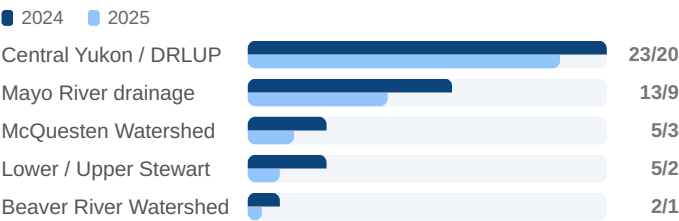


### PROJECT TYPES



1 rejected — Ledge Creek (irreversible socio-economic effects, FNNND Settlement Lands)

## GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION — 2024 VS 2025



## NOTABLE ACTIVE PROJECTS — MARCH 2026

- DD2

**Dominion Creek**  
2025-0086 — PM, Central Yukon
- DD2

**Sulphur Creek**  
2025-0092 — PM, Central Yukon
- DD1

**Ledge Creek**  
2025-0004 — PM, FNNND Settlement Lands, Mayo Lake
- DD1

**North Klondike Hwy Zone 4B**  
2024-0121 — Infr, highway reconstruction
- IR

**Nidd Property (Fireweed Metals)**  
2024-0200 — QE, awaiting proponent response
- IR

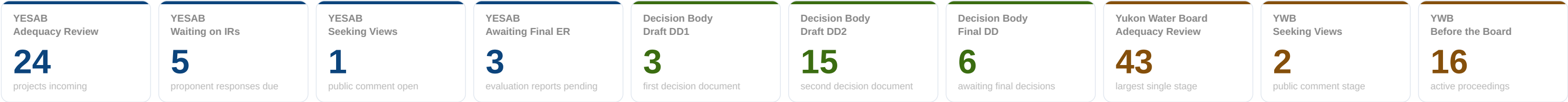
**Rau Property (Hecla)**  
2024-0164 — QE, awaiting proponent response

## MARCH 2026 SNAPSHOT — 118 ACTIVE PROJECT STAGES REQUIRING FNNND COMMENT

YESAB stage

Decision Body stage

Yukon Water Board stage



## PROJECT TYPE TREND 2024 → 2025

| TYPE                             | 2024      | 2025      | CHANGE     |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <div>PM</div> Placer mines       | 38        | 26        | ▼ 12       |
| <div>Infr</div> Infrastructure   | 9         | 10        | ▲ 1        |
| <div>QE</div> Quartz exploration | 4         | 9         | ▲ 5        |
| <b>Total active</b>              | <b>51</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>▼ 9</b> |

Note: 2025 figures incomplete — most projects still active in the DAP

## COMPLIANCE MONITORING & GOVERNMENT OF YUKON ENGAGEMENT

- Compliance Monitoring Initiative (CMI)** — FNNND is working with CMI to identify projects with potential compliance issues. CMI's mandate covers permits and Decision Document conditions only; it does not monitor management plan mitigations.
- Mining Recorders Office (MRO)** — FNNND connected CMI and MRO to clarify their distinct roles. MRO can review wildlife protection, heritage, and reclamation plans. Coordination between the two bodies is essential to closing the compliance gap.
- Formalized consultation process** — FNNND is working with YG to establish structured consultation across all departments, not just EMR, with clear timelines, defined roles, and follow-up mechanisms. YG currently grants a maximum two-week extension and has been largely unresponsive to FNNND's broader concerns.

## TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE & DRLUP POSITION

- TK confidentiality** — knowledge shared in YESAB submissions is for assessment purposes only. FNNND is establishing protocols to prevent reproduction in public Evaluation Reports. Ownership remains with the Na-Cho Nyäk Dun people.
- DRLUP consistency checks** — for all projects in the Dawson Regional Land Use Planning area, FNNND submits letters requesting consistency reviews with the DRLUP Commission, as required under Chapter 11 of the Final Agreement.
- Mining position** — due to the absence of adequate land use planning and the Victoria Gold Mine disaster, FNNND does not support mining in its Traditional Territory; infrastructure projects are assessed individually.