

TEDZE NYÄK AND DAGHRO MÄN / Mayo River Watershed

"Silty Water and Forked Lake" – a watershed of significant cultural and ecological value

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Proposed quartz / placer exploration – FNNND Traditional Territory

Position

The project should not proceed until a land use plan is implemented and effective mitigations are in place

FNNND Submits Honour the Treaty

Over 30 years after the Final Agreement, no Chapter 11 regional land use plan exists for this watershed. The Yukon Court of Appeal has affirmed FNNND's Treaty right to co-manage its lands. Authorizing development before planning is complete irreparably reduces what a future plan can protect – an impact that cannot be mitigated.

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Systemic & Structural Concerns

"A moratorium be placed on new developments in the NND Traditional Territory until a land use plan is approved by NND."

FNNND RESOLUTIONS, #006-2017, #003-2018

- **No land use plan:** Chapter 11 co-management never delivered, despite decades of requests
- **Development now undermines** the land use plan it is meant to inform
- **Cumulative impacts:** impacts compound across site, region, and time – currently unaccounted for.
- FNNND seeks a regional watershed health study using Traditional Knowledge indicators.

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Fish & Wildlife

"Yukon Indian People shall have the right to harvest for subsistence...fish and wildlife...at all years of the year and in any number."

FINAL AGREEMENT, S. 16.4.2, RESOLUTIONS, #007-2017, #003-2018

- **Moose:** in decline since 2006; harvest at or above sustainable limit
- **Salmon** under a 7-year moratorium, area traditionally used for salmon before the Wareham Dam construction in the 1950s
- **Freshwater Fish** (particularly Arctic Grayling) are harvested more as salmon access closes – their populations and habitat are critical to FNNND food security.
- Caribou, grizzly bears, and wolverine use the area.
- **No new roads or trails** until a land use plan is approved.

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Water Quality and Quantity

"Subject to Laws of General Application, a Yukon Indian Person shall have the right to use Water for a Traditional Use in the Yukon."

FNNND FINAL AGREEMENT, S. 14.5.1

- **Water is sacred** — not a resource. FNNND lives in relationship with water.
- Tedze Nyäk includes **important freshwater fish habitat** and systems that support FNNND and its citizens.
- Risks of acid rock drainage, metal leaching, and sedimentation from drilling and crossings.
- **Wetlands:** peatlands take centuries to form and cannot be reclaimed — no conversion.

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Socio-economic Considerations

"...to develop economic self reliance for Yukon Indian People; and...obtain economic benefits that flow directly from Settlement Agreements."

FINAL AGREEMENT, S. 22.1.1, 12.1.1.3

- **MMIWG2S+:** transient work camps raise documented risks to women, girls, and 2SLGBTQ+ people.
- Cumulative camps in the region — hundreds of non-local workers — must be assessed together.
- Cultural safety training, anti-violence policy, and proper camp siting required.
- **Wellness:** health is inseparable from access to healthy land and water.

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Barge Access & Use

- The construction and use of the barge landing have **caused visible shoreline degradation, erosion, and disturbance** to sensitive aquatic life and habitat.
- There are areas in **Dahgro Män** used by grayling.
- **Risk of fuel spills** and other incidents. from moving fuel and heavy equipment
- The maintenance of barge landings and the use of barges to transport goods across Daghro Män have not been assessed.



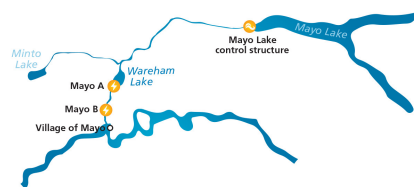
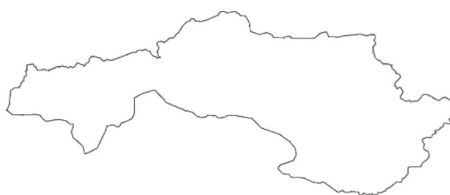
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Heritage

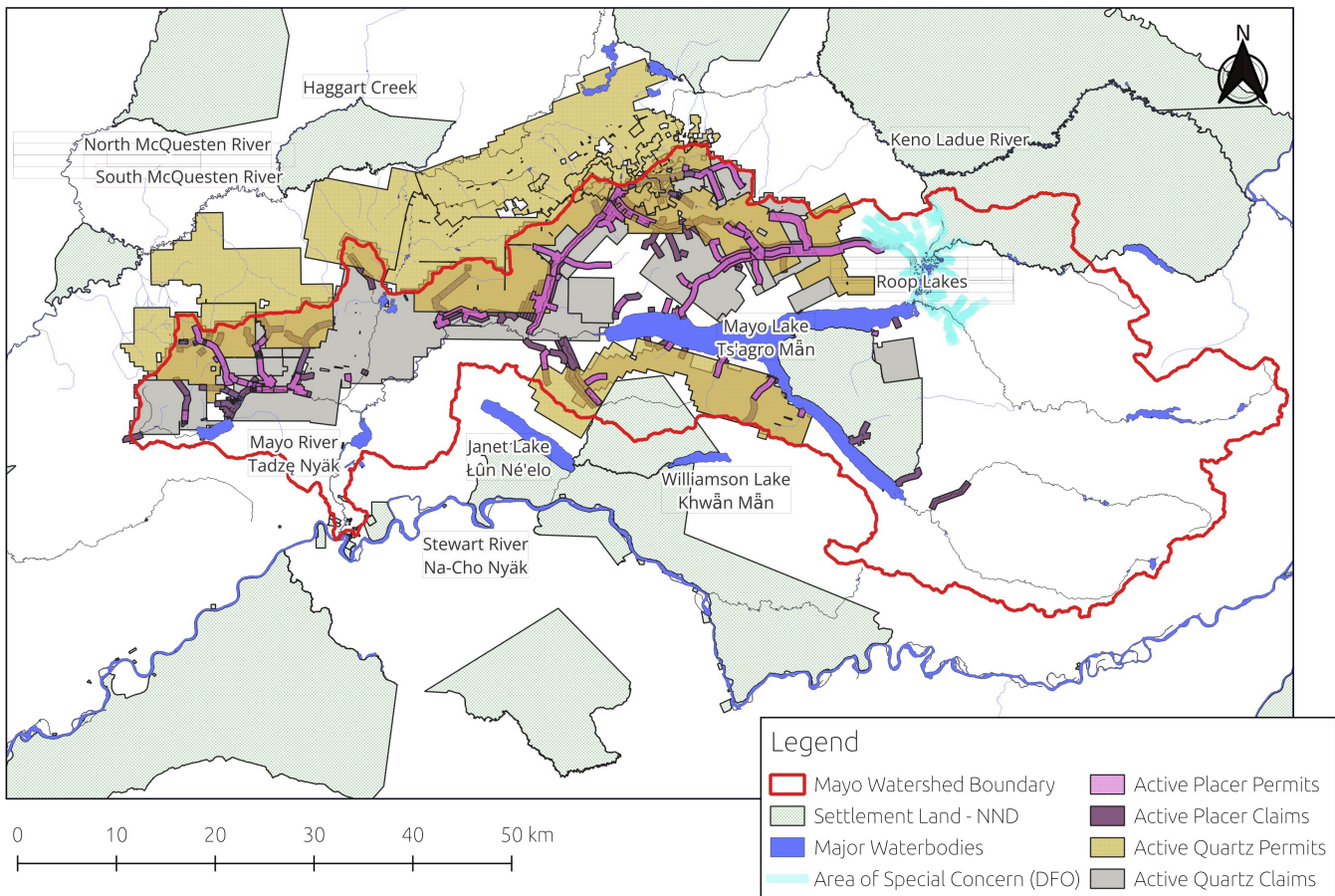
"...to manage heritage resources...in a manner consistent of the values of Yukon Indian People."

FINAL AGREEMENT, S. 13.1.1.5, 13.1.1.6

- Identification is not enough – apply a hierarchy: **avoid, investigate, offset.**
- **Heritage is a living landscape** – trails, camps, place names, stories, harvesting areas.
- FNNND-designated heritage monitors with authority to **halt work on a find.**
- **Address the illegal market** on unearthed artifacts and fossils.



Placer and Quartz Activity in the Mayo River Watershed, June 2026



What FNNND asks...

PAUSE, PLAN, & CO-MANAGE

1. Do not authorize the project until a regional land use plan is in effect.
2. Adopt a precautionary approach given the absence of cumulative-effects tools.
3. Uphold recommended terms in full – do not soften them.
4. Honour the FNNND Mining Policy and meaningful consultation timelines.
5. Have Transport Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada as Decision Bodies to oversee barge use on Dagthro Män