



Guidelines for Harvesting Morel Mushroom on the Traditional Territory of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun

The First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun has extensive management powers over its lands under the Final Agreement and the *Nacho Nyak Dun Self-Government Agreement*, including, but not limited to, the ability to regulate, manage, and issue authorizations respecting lands, resources, and heritage resources. FNNND's jurisdiction over its lands, and its role as a decision maker with respect to those lands, also finds its source in the constitutional law of Canada with respect to Aboriginal rights and title, and in the principles of free, prior, informed consent enshrined in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which has now been adopted in Canada.

The FNNND people have lived and thrived on this land since time immemorial. Today, we continue our role as stewards of the land through the management of forest resources, including the harvesting of non-timber products such as morels.

FNNND Lands officers will be patrolling these areas to ensure the compliance and safety of all harvesters.

The FNNND has prepared the Morel Harvest Best Practices:

Harvesters must, at all times respect the privacy and rights of the local communities and must not pick on private land, including Settlement Lands, without permission from the landowner.

- It is the harvester's responsibility to know where these parcels are located. Please see the accompanying map package or see Yukon Lands Viewer for more details.
- Do not enter or vandalize campsites or cabins.

Please respect our lands, water, and people while using this area by complying with the guidelines above.

- Practice "leave no trace" camping principles. Pack it in and pack it out in a timely manner.
 - Be aware of the current fire danger warning in Yukon and adhere to recommendations.
 - All human waste must be disposed of at least 300 feet from any stream, lake, or other body of water and buried at least eight inches deep.
 - We encourage use of designated campsites as opposed to dispersed and unplanned camping. Locations can be provided when you pick up your permit.
- In the event that you discover any archaeological material, site or anything else that may be of heritage value you will take all reasonable steps and precautions to minimize the disturbance of the heritage

resource and immediately notify the FNNND Lands and Resources Department as to the location of the heritage resource at 867-996-2265, ext 143.

Only harvest morels that have grown a minimum of 2.5 inches in length (the length of your thumb). Harvesting morels smaller than 2.5cm wastes the full potential of harvesting the morel at maturity, decreasing production.

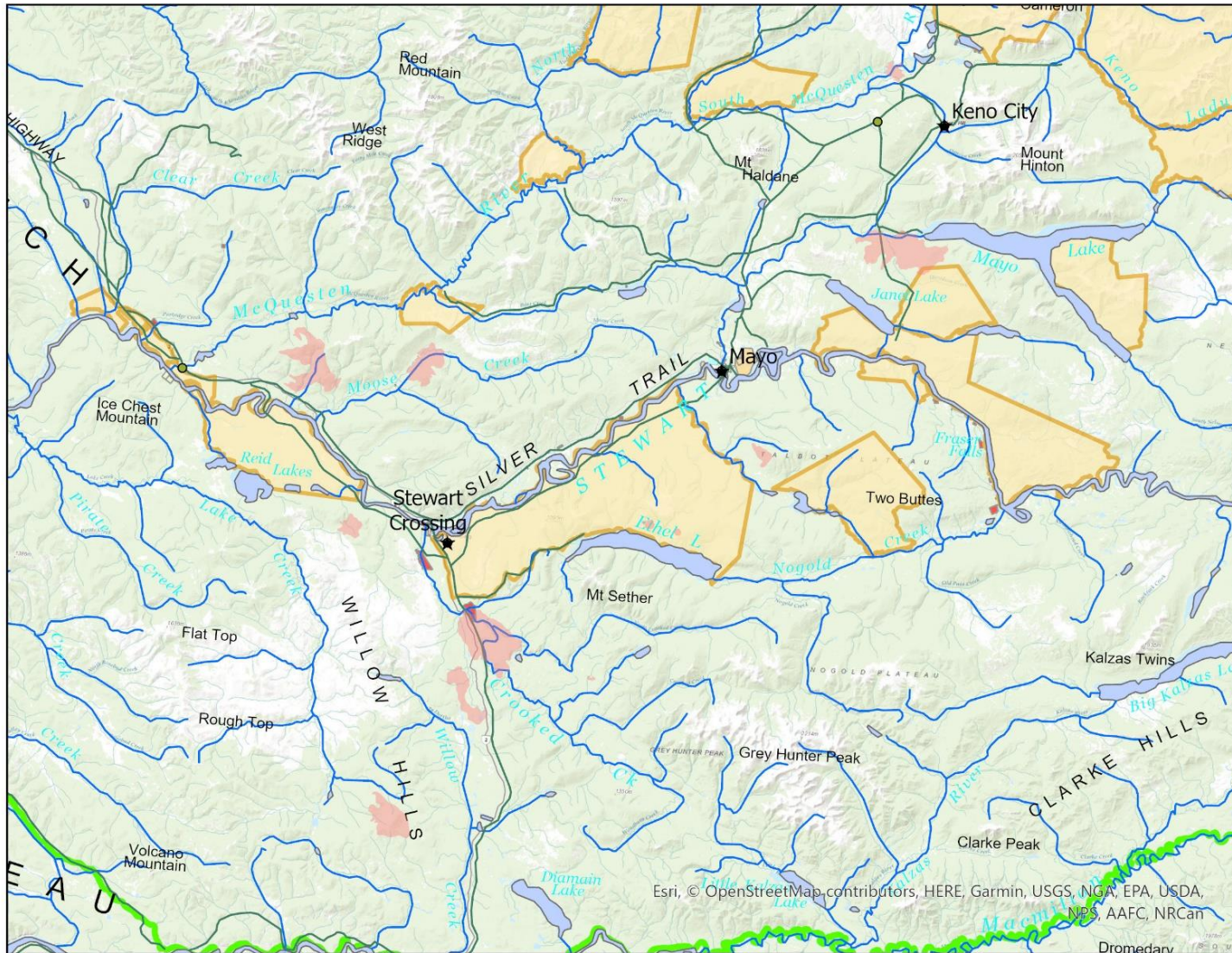
Riparian Zones are highly sensitive areas and are ecologically very important. Harvesters that are harvesting mushrooms in riparian zones will be expected to take extra precautions to limit their impact.

- Do not travel along or in active or dried up stream beds, providing at least a 5-meter buffer on each side to minimize disturbance.
- While harvesting near streams and riparian areas, do not walk in a way that erodes the bank and soil into the stream, or creates any other blockages in the movement of water.
- Never use DEET or any other chemical substances near waterways and riparian areas.

Please contact our Lands and Resources Department for additional information.

**First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun
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Phone: 867-996-2265, ext. 143**





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