



TOMMY ATTACHIE AT ALEDZE TSAA © Doig River First Nation, 2005.

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DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: Tommy Attachie talks about the Dreamer Alédzé who is buried at Alédzé Tsáá and the ways that Dane-<u>z</u>aa Dreamers predicted the future. He also talks about travelling and camping in the area and surviving a flu epidemic centred around Fort St. John by returning to places like Alédzé Tsáá.

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My name's Tom Attachie. I'm a elder from Doig River. And today is, uh. scattered cloud, and a little windy.

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This is the place they call it Alédzé. Some Prophet named Alédzé is buried up this creek somewhere. Up north, this creek run from north. They got a cabin in there, that's what they call Sam's Cabin. And today just a little ways up here, you see them trees, that's where is Doig River.

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They call this place Alédzé. I'm gonna start from Doig. Doig called Taahche.

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And all this, this Doig, they call it Raft River. Hanás Saahgé?. Hanás means raft.

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A long time ago, my grandma was healthy, all the people. There was no beaver around here. Just around March, some of them leave March. And they went straight north towards that Ring Border. That's only that area has a lot of muskrat and uh, and uh, a lot of muskrat and beaver. It's only around this area there is no beaver.

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So they went up there. They start with dog team. Soon as started snow melts they use pack dogs. They went over that, that area. Fontas area, and Ring Border, all that area.

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Then they trap beaver there until around, around May. And they kill enough beaver and they pack north, and they pack dogs too, and they hit this river, up this river someplace. From up there, from Ring Border they walk all, all day.

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And as soon as they hit this river they make a raft. And all them trappers, they make a raft in order to go down. Then they hit the Doig. That's how these people trap. Every year they do that.

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And today we still trap around here, this area. People live here hundreds of years.