

Nan wúújq t'aa dâah'áa?

Land Use Plan for the Territory



- The health and well-being of our people, and our members ability to meaningful practice their Treaty Rights, are directly connected to the condition of the land.
- Our land use plan (LUP) – *Nan wúújq t'aa dâah'áa?* – was developed through a 'grassroots' planning process with our members over many years and was approved by DRFN Council on June 14, 2024.
- Our LUP intends to do the following:
 - Set out DRFN's vision of the future
 - Provide high-level strategic direction for different planning areas
 - Support the preservation of cultural values, healthy ecosystems, and economic opportunities
- Our LUP is an iterative document that requires testing, feedback and adaptive management to ensure our approach will deliver the future vision we describe.
- Our LUP will be implemented by the DRFN Lands Department through pre-application engagement and consultation processes.

Note: our focus is on Crown Land. On private land, we have an interest in ensuring cultural and heritage resources are protected, and there are good stewardship practices. However, our intent is not to interfere with private landowners or tell them what they can and cannot do on their land.

Working together is the way forward.

- DRFN values the reciprocal relationships and partnerships we have forged over time and have approached our LUP in a way that will maintain those.
- We have many shared interests, and our success depends on your success.
- We want to be collaborative, transparent and speak the truth to avoid misinformation.

Healing the Land, Healing People, and Creating a New Economy Together.

- DRFN is a participant in the resource development sector and wants a thriving local economy. This is a shared interest.
- Our LUP can provide a better balance between ecosystem health and economic health.
- Our LUP calls for restoration to address impacts and cumulative effects associated with resource development and land use.

Note: This is especially important in areas where resources, such as oil and gas reserves, are depleted. Our focus is diversifying not disrupting the economy.

- A shift towards restoration and more sustainable development will stimulate innovation, entrepreneurship and technology creating new economic opportunities in the supply chain.

We want to hear from you.

- Land management has the best chance of success when it is broadly understood and informed by multiple sources of information. Your input is critical to ensuring we have effective plans.

gat nachii We have work to do, together.

To view the Land Use Plan, please scan the QR code.



A. DRFN Water Stewardship Area

Foundational Goals

The DRFN Water Stewardship Area consists of key watersheds that are directly linked to the DRFN Planning Area (see next call out). Land use and resource development in the outer parts of this area can result in downstream impacts to the DRFN Planning Area. Because of this, we are monitoring conditions throughout the full extent of the DRFN Water Stewardship Area. We have established a set of foundational goals that new land uses and resource developments in this area must clearly align with.

- **Cultural Resilience**
- **Healthy Wildlife**
- **Healthy Water**
- **Healthy Land**
- **Prosperity**

B. DRFN Planning Area

Management Objectives and Management Zones

We have strong, intergenerational ties to this area and choose to focus our resource management and decision-making jurisdiction within these boundaries. Within this area we established

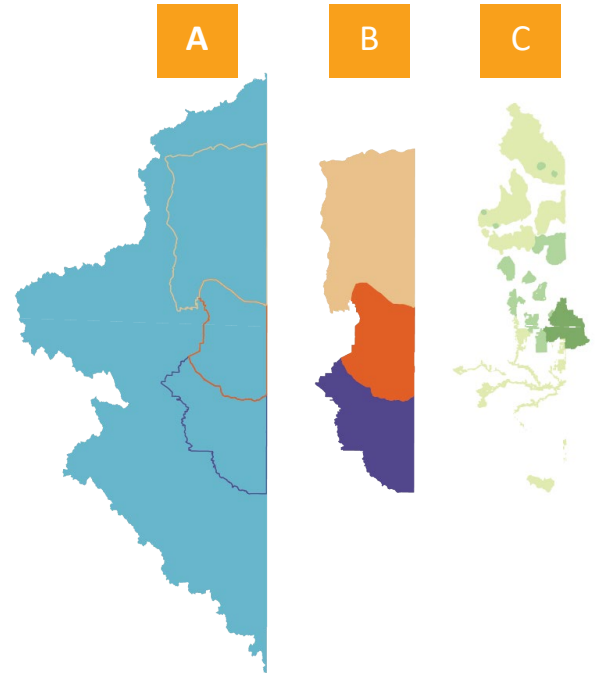
DRFN Planning Area:

We have established management objectives with corresponding policies and management directives that apply throughout the DRFN Planning Area.

Management Zones:

We have also established three Management Zones within the DRFN Planning Area. Each Management Zone contains the following that build upon our foundational goals:

- Vision Statements
- Planning Targets (e.g. Restoration Goals)
- Key Management Tools (e.g. Disturbance Thresholds)
- Management Responses (e.g. Offsetting Requirements)



C. Enhanced Planning Areas

Management Vision, Tools and Policies

We have established a network of Enhanced Planning Areas (EPA) throughout our DRFN Planning Area. These are special areas of cultural and ecological significance that have been identified by our land users and members over many years of time on the land. Each EPA group has been assigned a priority level that will guide protection, restoration and subsequent planning efforts. Each EPA has a vision and a set of tools and strategies. Any development proposed in these areas must be consistent with these tools and strategies as well as any other planning documents that have been developed to support this Plan.

Priority 1

Our highest priority Enhanced Planning Area is K'ih tsaa?dze Tribal Park, which is at the centre of our cultural homeland and contains many important cultural sites, camps and use

Priority 2

Core community use areas and culturally significant areas identified by DRFN members many years ago. DRFN members have a long history of active use and stewardship here.

Priority 3

Ecologically and culturally important areas. These boundaries are based on a combination of:

- Member Knowledge and input, traditional use information.
- Scientific studies.
- The best ecological and land use tenure data available