



Joint Land Use Plan



How We Got Here

In 2021 the BC Supreme Court ruled that cumulative impacts of industrial development constituted a treaty infringement in the Northeast of British Columbia.

In 2022, the Government of British Columbia (BC) and Seven Treaty 8 First Nations signed the Consensus Document.

- The Consensus Document commits BC to work with the Nations on land use planning and cumulative effects management to address the BC Supreme Court decision.
- The Consensus Document also includes commitments to identify areas for protection and enhanced management.

Doig River First Nation (DRFN) has been working on a Land Use Plan, *Nan wúújq t'aa dâah'aa?* (DRFN LUP) since 2021. This plan applies to the DRFN Planning Area (see Appendix 1).

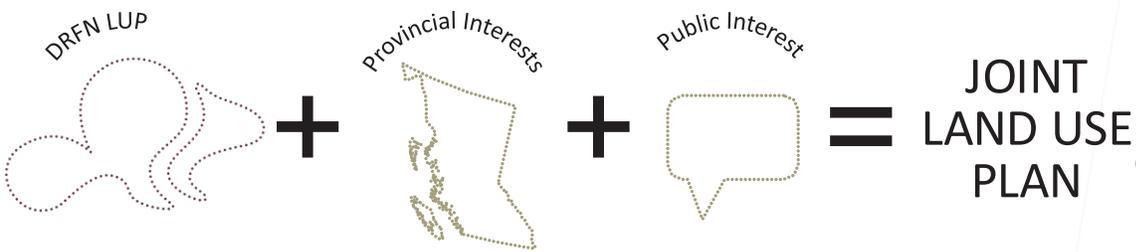
To fulfill the commitments in the Consensus Document, BC and DRFN have signed a Terms of Reference and formed a working group to develop and implement a Joint Land Use Plan using the DRFN LUP as the foundation.

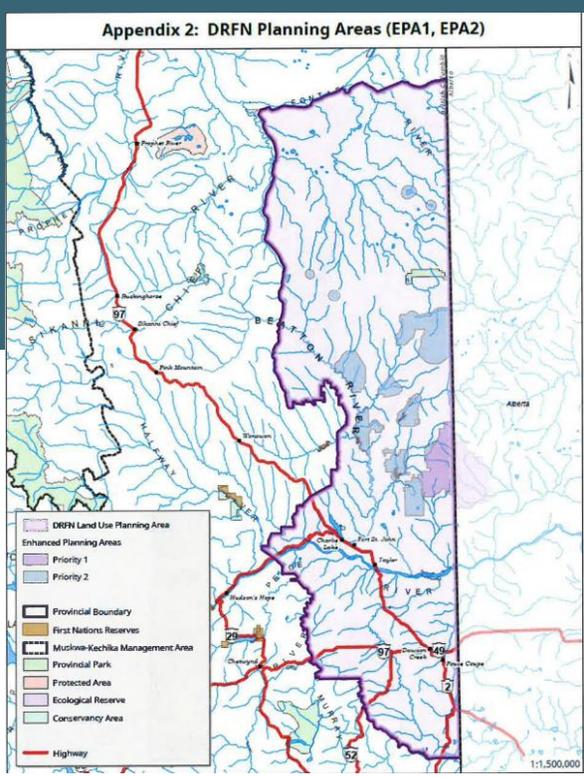
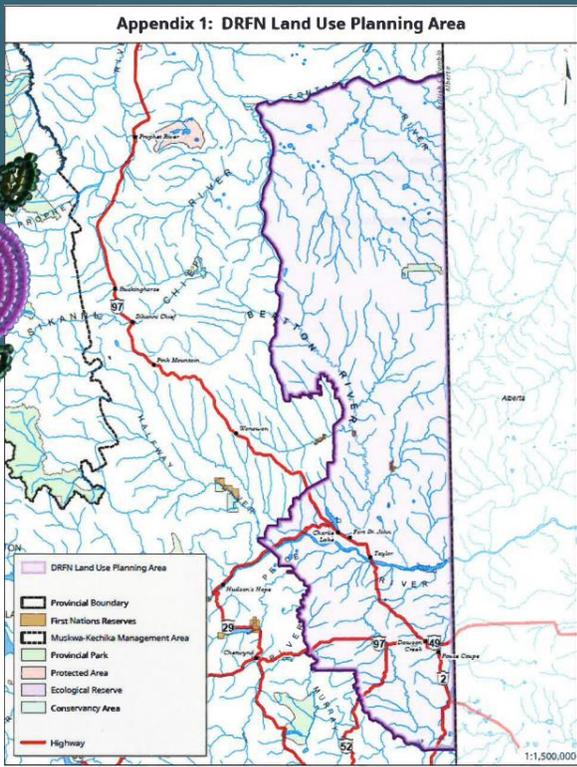
What is the Joint Land Use Plan?

The Provincial and public interests will be combined with the DRFN LUP to produce a shared land use plan to guide resource development in the planning area. This plan is referred to as the Joint Land Use Plan (JLUP).

The JLUP will identify mapped land use zones. Within each zone, land management objectives will be developed that will guide future resource management activities.

The JLUP will allow for assessment and management of cumulative effects with a hope to improve land and resource management within the planning area.





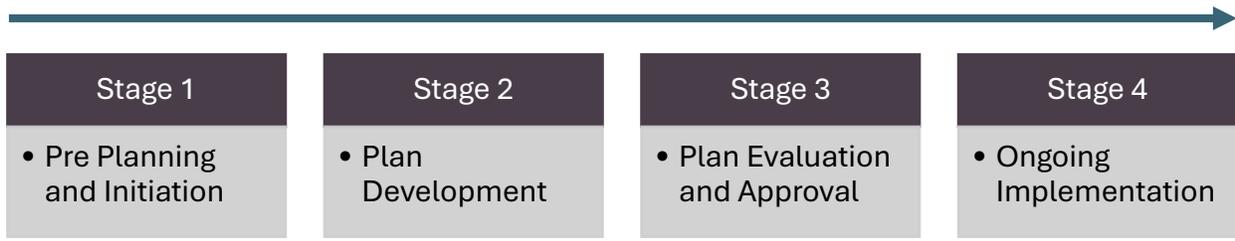
Interim Measures

Interim measures are legal tools that temporarily prevent certain new resource tenures from being issued and prevent certain development activities from occurring in specific areas while longer term planning takes place. Interim measures are subject to provincial approval and evaluated on a case-by-case basis in areas of significant ecological sensitivity or cultural importance to prevent resource development impacts while planning is underway. Interim measures will be considered in Enhanced Planning Area-Priority 1, K’ih t̓saaʔd̓ze Tribal Park, and possibly in Enhanced Planning Area-Priority 2 areas (see the map labeled Appendix 2).

Interim measures will not impact public access to land or recreational use of land.

Interim measures do not affect industrial activities being done under existing authorizations.

Stages of Planning



BC and DRFN are committed to engaging with industry and interest holders throughout these planning stages. Our public engagement events are critical places to provide feedback that will shape the JLUP. Sign up for our email list to learn more about public engagement events, receive planning updates, and learn about additional ways to provide feedback. Email engagement@doigriverfn.com to sign up.



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