

Presentation to:  
Peace River Regional District

by:  
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## Northeast Land Transfers

July 17, 2025

## Land Transfer Context

Selected from Crown lands

### Treaty Land Entitlement

(Historic Treaty Settlement)

Canada, BC and First Nation

- TLE Settlement and Lands Agreements (Signed Feb. 2023)
- Making up for land owed over 100 years under Treaty 8 (*missed at the time of Treaty*)
- Land transfers to Canada and in fee simple
- First Nations
  - West Moberly & Halfway River
  - Blueberry River & Doig River
  - Saulteau First Nations

### Site C Tripartite Land Agreements

(Accommodation for project impacts)

BC Hydro, BC and First Nation

- Lands to *accommodate for adverse impacts of the Site C project* to Treaty 8 rights.
- Land transfers in fee simple (as private land);
  - First Nations may apply to have some lands added to existing reserve land.
- First Nations (*with signed agreements*)
  - Halfway River, McLeod Lake, Saulteau
  - Doig River, Prophet River, West Moberly

# How Lands are Transferring

TLE Shortfall Lands	TLE ATR *Additional Lands	TLE Fee Simple *Additional Lands	Site C Land Transfers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treaty 8 TLE – historic debt</li> <li>Addition to Reserve (ATR)</li> <li>Land transfers at no cost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TLE – Reconciliation</li> <li>Addition to Reserve (ATR)</li> <li>First Nation purchases land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TLE – Reconciliation</li> <li>Fee Simple</li> <li>First Nation purchases land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodation</li> <li>Fee Simple</li> <li>BC Hydro pays cost of lands</li> </ul>

## \*Note about TLE Additional Lands:

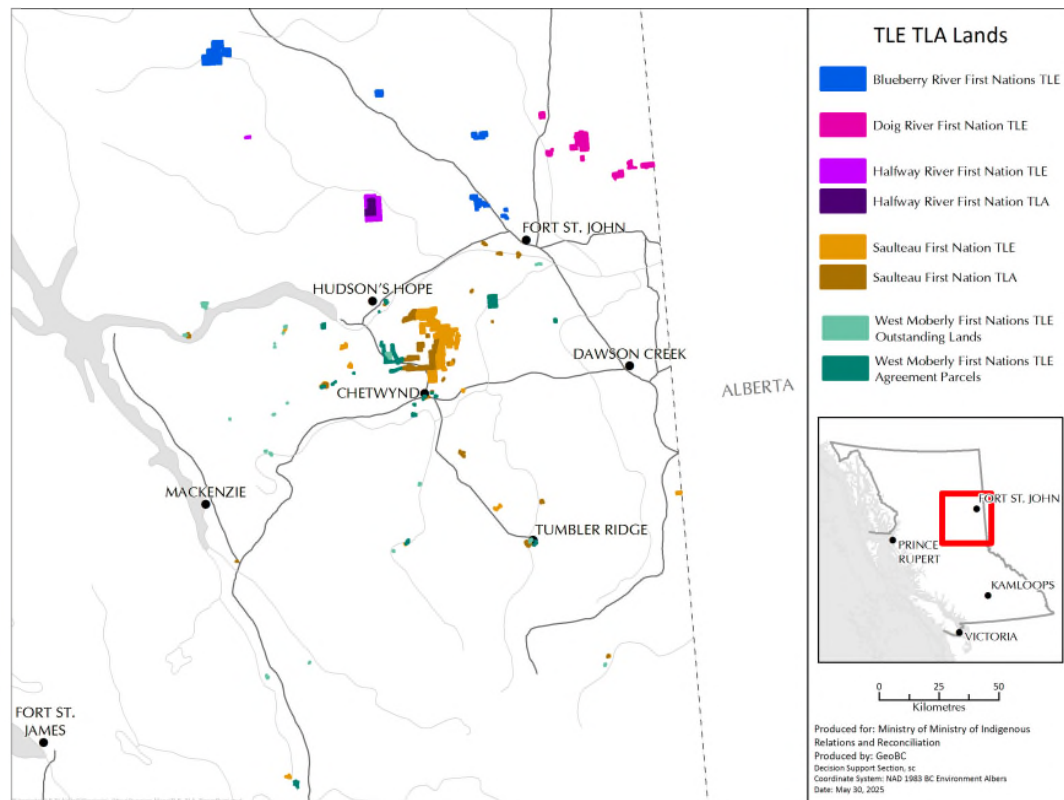
The final Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) settlement between British Columbia, Canada, and the five Treaty 8 First Nations commits the Province to provide, in addition to the original Shortfall lands owed, opportunities for the Nations to purchase additional lands at fair market value as part of reconciliation efforts.

“Additional” and “Reconciliation” lands both refer to the same thing:

- Defined as “Additional Lands” in the TLE Agreements with West Moberly, Halfway River, Blueberry River, and Doig River First Nations.
- Defined as “Reconciliation Lands” in the TLE Agreement with Saulteau First Nations.

\*ATR = Addition to Reserve (Federal process to add land as Indian Reserve)

## TLE Land Transfers Overview



Parcels have a buffer (so they will be visible) and appear larger than actual size

# TLE Context - Background

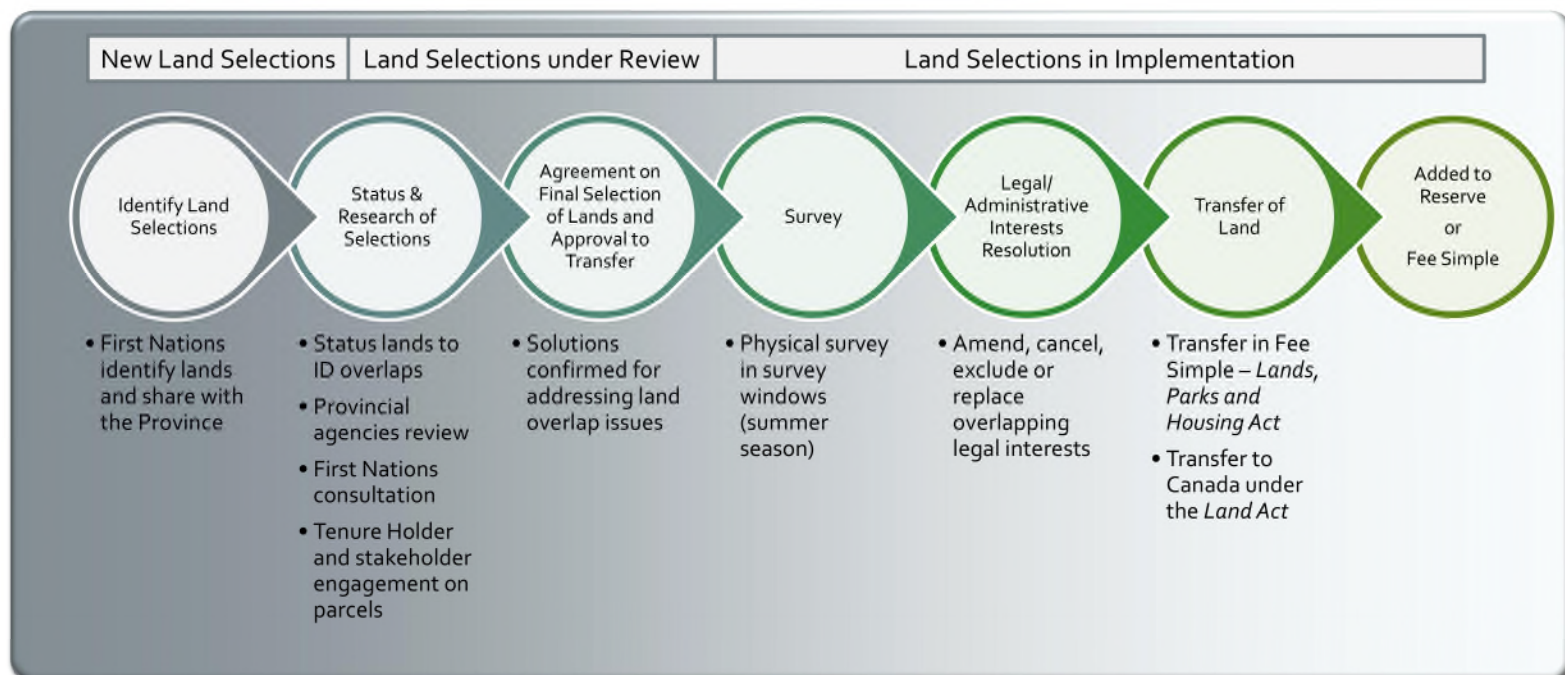
- Fundamental change in the engagement and dialogue in the Northeast
  - Settles an outstanding claim with Canada and the Province
  - Tangibly demonstrates the Province's commitment to reconciliation
  - Provides substantive land to Treaty 8 First Nations for many reasons (e.g., economic, cultural, spiritual)
  - Is the first expansion of Treaty 8 reserves in decades

## Engagement to Date

- Engaged and presented parcels from 2017 – 2021
- Consistent updates at Northeast Roundtable meetings and update to PRRD in July 2023
- Opportunities to share comments, concerns, potential impacts
  - In writing (comment forms, email, letters)
  - Local government
  - Northeast Roundtable
  - Focused meetings with interest groups
  - Open Houses
- Shared the What We Heard Report as part of closing engagement on parcels
- Shared stakeholder comments with decision makers
- ★ • NEW: Initiating engagement on the first package of Outstanding Lands (June 3, 2025)



# Land Transfer Process



# Land Transfers Status

First Nation	Signed Agreement	Process Stage
BRFN	TLE	Implementation
DRFN	TLE	Implementation
	Site C TLA	Land selections to be identified
HRFN	TLE	Implementation
	Site C TLA	
WMFN	TLE	Implementation Phase 1 Outstanding Lands Land selections to be identified (remaining unselected portion of quantum)
	Site C TLA	Land selections to be identified
SFN	TLE Site C TLA	Finalizing provincial parcel review and stakeholder engagement
PRFN	Site C TLA	Land selection discussions underway
MLIB	Site C TLA	Land selection discussions underway

Note: the lengthy land transfer process means that parcels are sequenced and will transfer at different times.



# Transferred

## Blueberry River

- Charlie Lake 1 & 2 (TLE Shortfall Lands)

## Halfway River

- Tsaa Nuna 3 (TLE Shortfall Lands)

## West Moberly

- Summit Lake 1 & 5 (Fee Simple Additional Lands)  
- Moberly Lake South Shore (ATR Additional Lands)

# Current Implementation Priorities

(survey instructions provided or in development)

## Blueberry River First Nations

- Dancing Grounds TLE (Shortfall)
- Red Creek 2a

## Doig River First Nation

- KTP 1 TLE (Shortfall)
- KTP 2, 3, Broomfield TLE (Shortfall)
- Mygosh West TLE (Shortfall)
- Doig South, Mygosh East, Doig East South TLE (Fee Simple Additional)

## Halfway River First Nation

- Tsaa Nuna 3 TLA (fee simple)
- Chowade TLE (Shortfall)

## West Moberly First Nations

- Moberly Lake North Shore (ATR Additional), Moberly Lake Golf Course (Fee Simple Additional)
- Hudson's Hope South (formerly School) (ATR Additional)
- Stewart Lake North Shortfall, Stewart Lake North (ATR Additional), and Stewart Lake East (ATR Additional)
- Tumbler Ridge 100 Acre Woods, Tumbler Ridge South (ATR Additional)
- Summit Lake 2, 3, 4 (Fee Simple Additional)

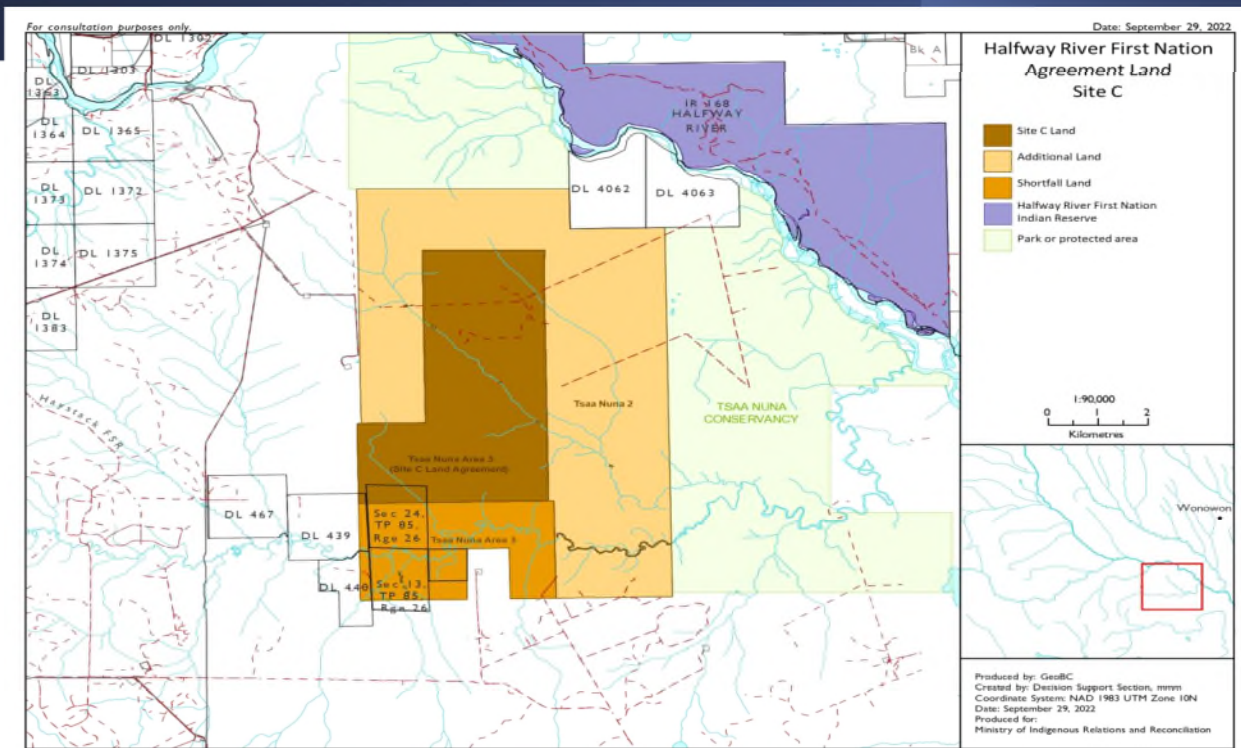
# Transfer Priorities – Transferred/anticipate transfer in 2025

Blueberry River	- Dancing Grounds (TLE Shortfall Lands)
Doig River	- KTP 1, 2, 3, Broomfield and MyGosh West (TLE Shortfall Lands) - MyGosh East, Doig South, and Doig East-South (TLE Fee Simple Additional Lands)
Halfway River	- Tsaa Nuna 3 (Site C TLA fee simple lands)
West Moberly	- Summit Lake 4 ( <i>*pending consultation</i> ) (TLE Fee Simple Additional Lands) - Moberly Lake Golf Course (TLE Fee Simple Additional Lands) - Moberly Lake North Shore (TLE ATR Additional Lands) - Hudson's Hope South (TLE ATR Additional Lands)

## Halfway River TLA Site C Parcel

- The Site C Tripartite Land Agreement between BC, BC Hydro and Halfway River First Nation was signed in 2017. It committed the Province to transferring 4500 acres of crown land in fee simple to Halfway River to accommodate the impacts of the Site C energy project on Halfway River's treaty rights.
- Halfway River chose a single parcel; adjusted boundaries to avoid major encumbrances
- The Province engaged with PRRD through the public engagement phase to answer all question (specifically with correspondence with Karen Goodings 2018-2019)
- The parcel is aligned with Halfway's TLE parcels.
- PRRD provided a Letter of Support for the TLE parcels in July 2023.
- Province is at a stage where we have met all legal obligations for the transfer of the TLA land.

# Halfway River First Nation TLA Site C Parcel Map



## Engagement Next Steps

### Blueberry River First Nations (upcoming)

- Halfway River Trail (engagement is coming – no current timeframe – timing TBA)

### West Moberly TLE Outstanding Lands (today)

- Today: Outstanding Lands Package 1 (16 parcels total):
  - 3 (additions to existing parcels)
  - 13 Outstanding Lands package 1 (new parcels)
- Future: new Outstanding Lands (future engagement once parcels are identified)

### Site C Tripartite Lands Agreements (some lands not yet identified)

- Future engagement once parcels are identified

### Ongoing updates to parcels in implementation (in the What We Heard Report)



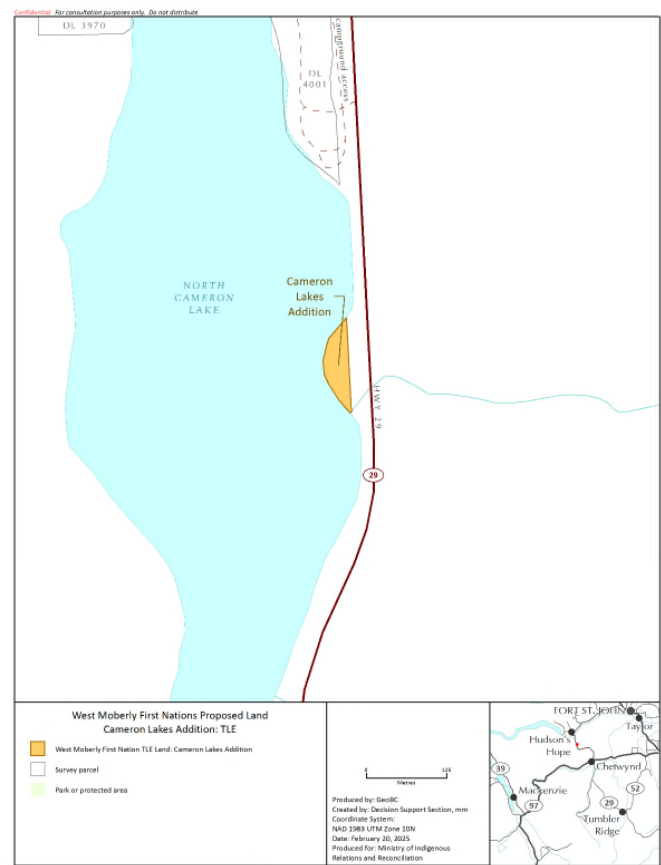




# Cameron Lakes Addition

(Small turnaround between Highway 29 right of way and Cameron Lake)

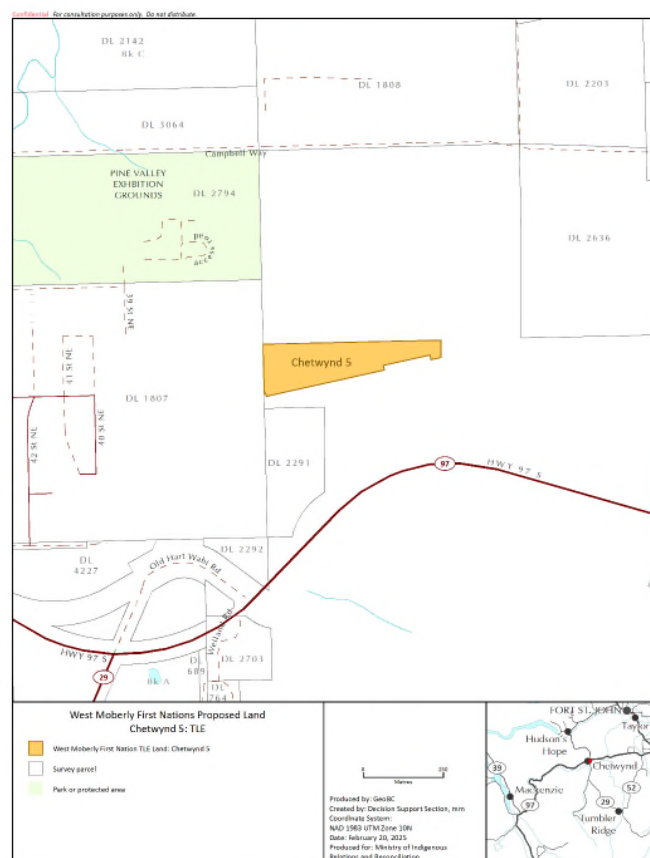
- Fee Simple Additional
- 0.74 ha



# Chetwynd 5

(East of Chetwynd, near the junction of Highway 97 and Highway 29)

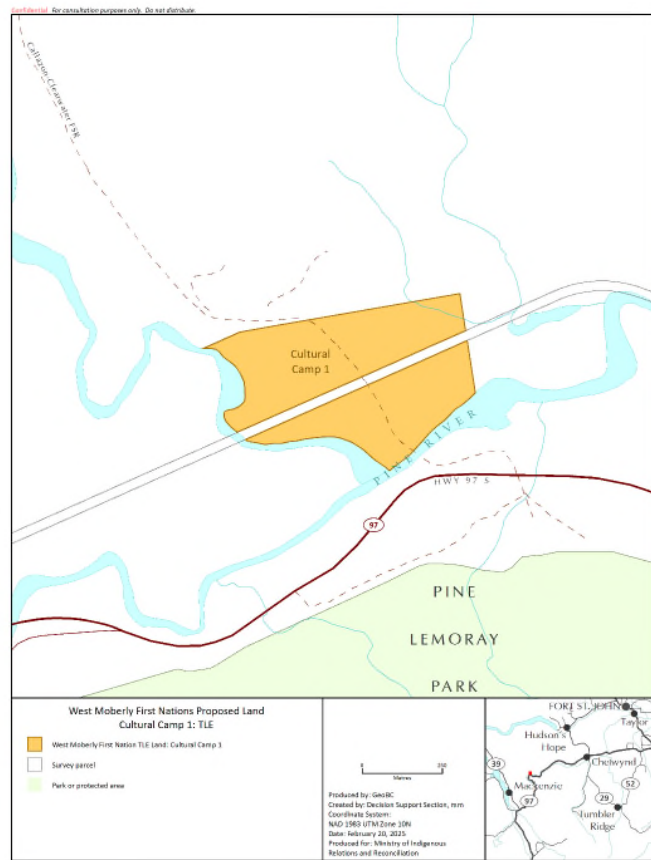
- ATR Additional
- 5.8 ha



# Cultural Camp 1

(Along Pine River, north of Pine Le Moray Park)

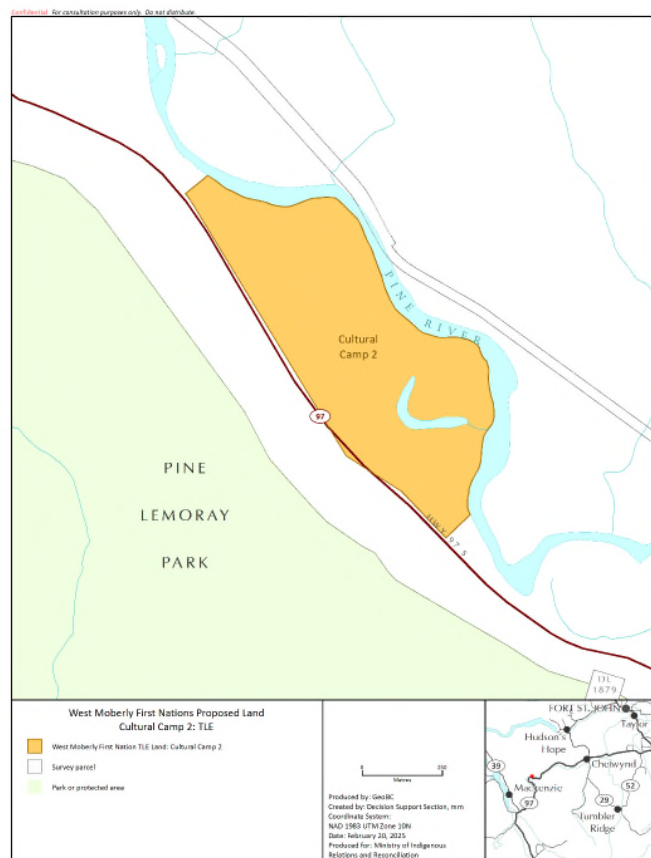
- Fee Simple Additional
- 27 ha



# Cultural Camp 2

(Along Pine River, northeast of Pine Le Moray Park)

- Fee Simple Additional
- 46.1 ha



(adjacent to West Moberly's  
TLE Dokkie North parcel)

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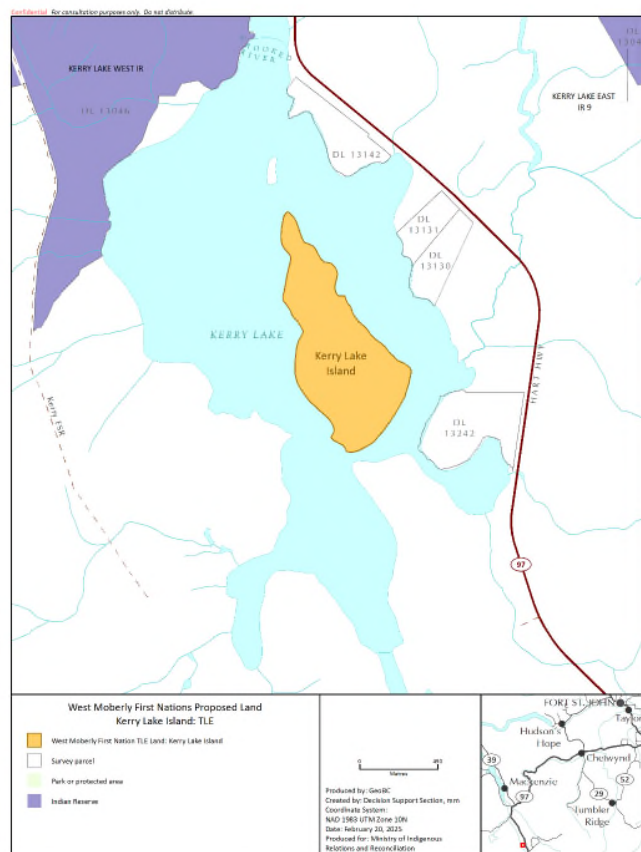
(adjacent to West Moberly's TLE  
Hudson's Hope North parcel)



# Kerry Lake Island

(in Kerry Lake, south of District of Mackenzie)

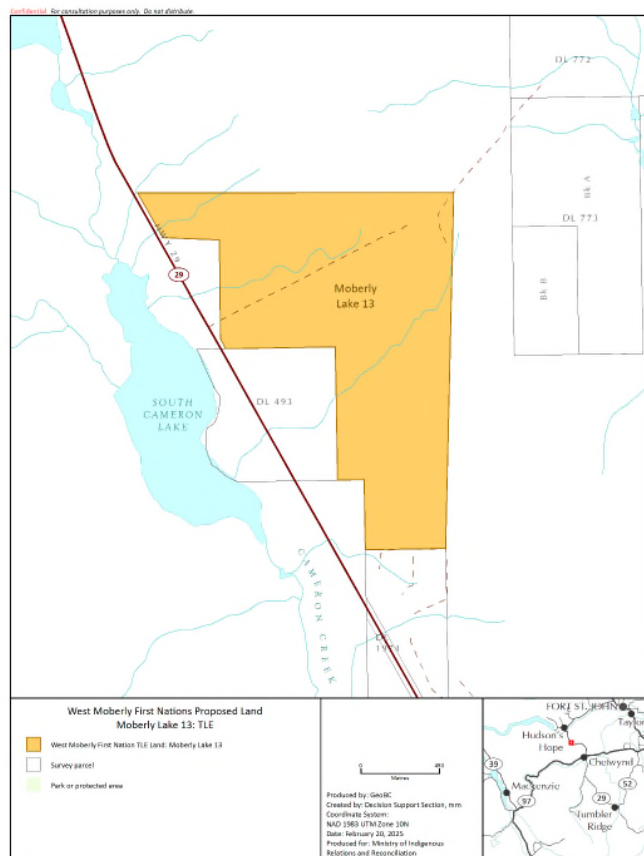
- Fee Simple Additional
- 57.9 ha



# Moberly Lake 13

(South of District of Hudson's Hope, near Highway 29)

- ATR Additional
- 233.5 ha



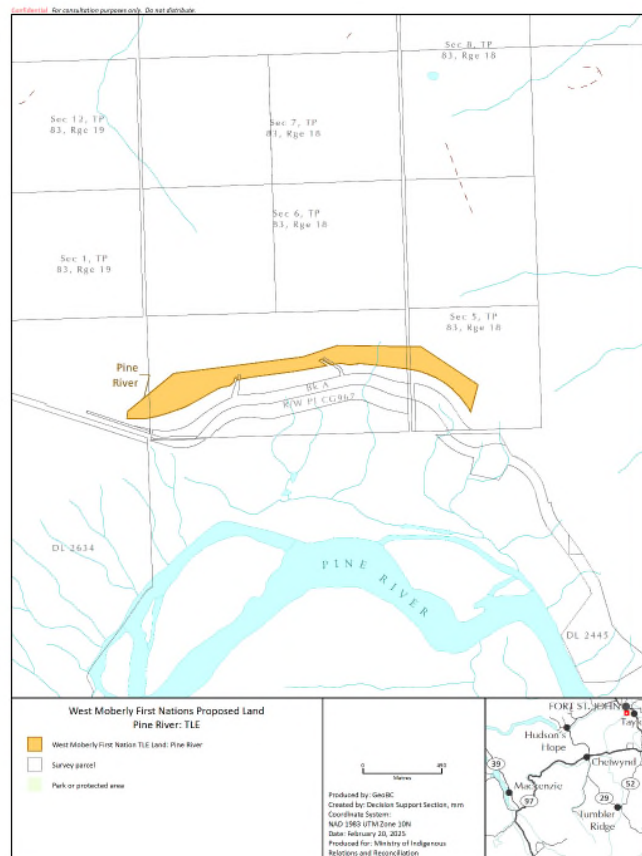




# Pine River

(West of District of Taylor, South of Fort St. John)

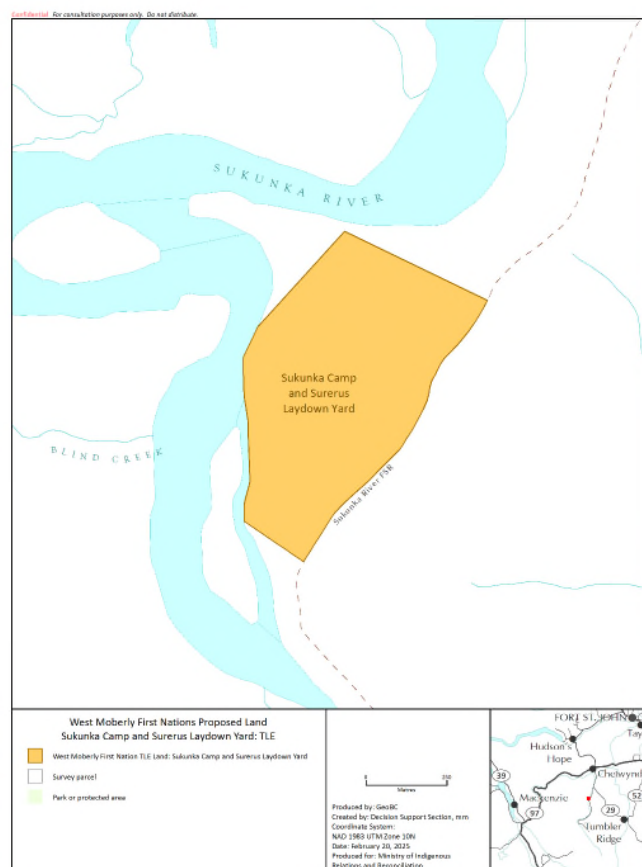
- ATR Additional, 28 ha



# Sukunka Camp and Surerus Laydown Yard

(South of Chetwynd, near the Sukunka River, accessed via Sukunka Forest Service Road)

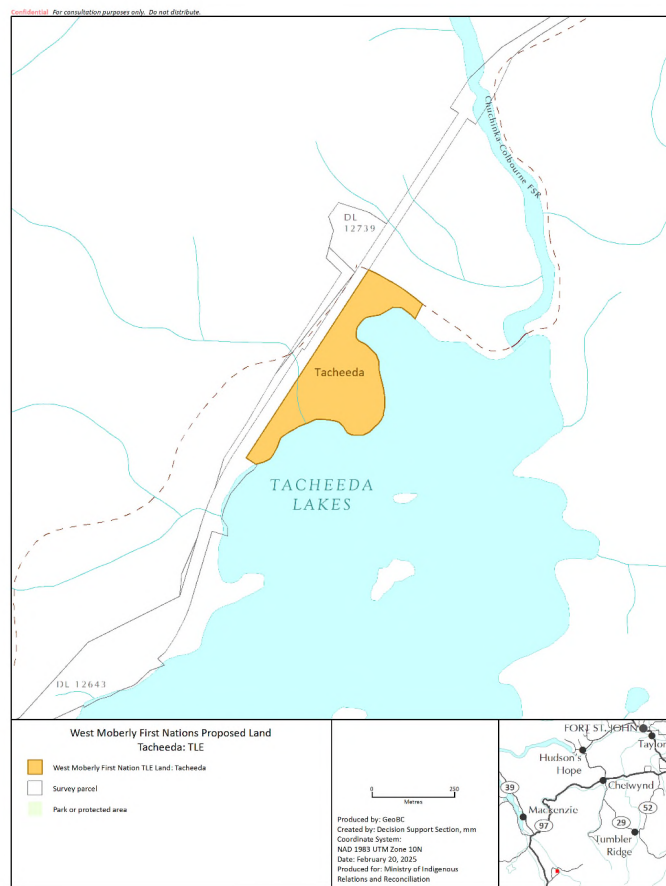
- Fee Simple Additional
- 43.4 ha



# Tacheeda

(North of Tacheeda Mountain along Tacheeda Lakes)

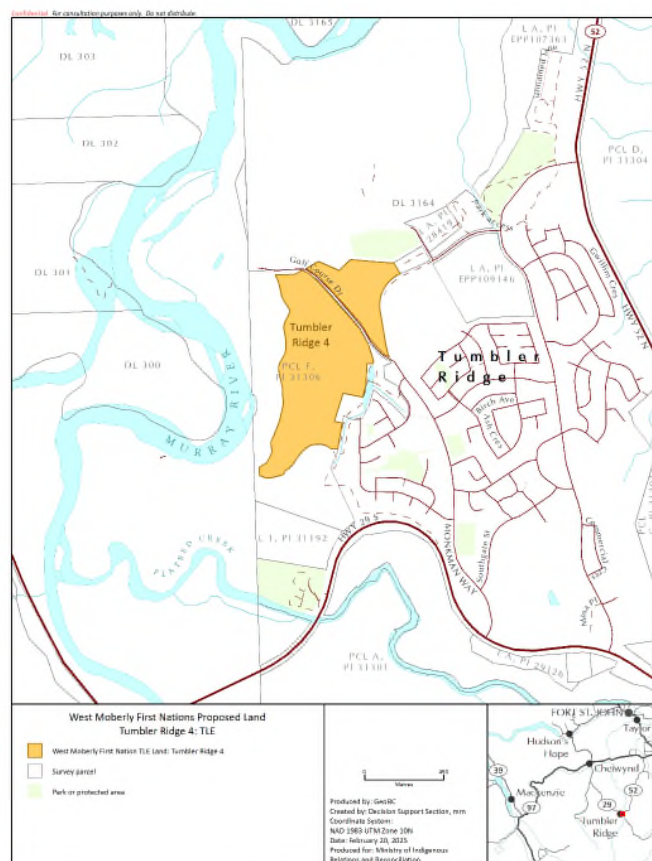
- Fee Simple Additional
- 10.12 ha



# Tumbler Ridge 4

(Within District of Tumbler Ridge, off Highway 29)

- Fee Simple Additional
- 62 ha

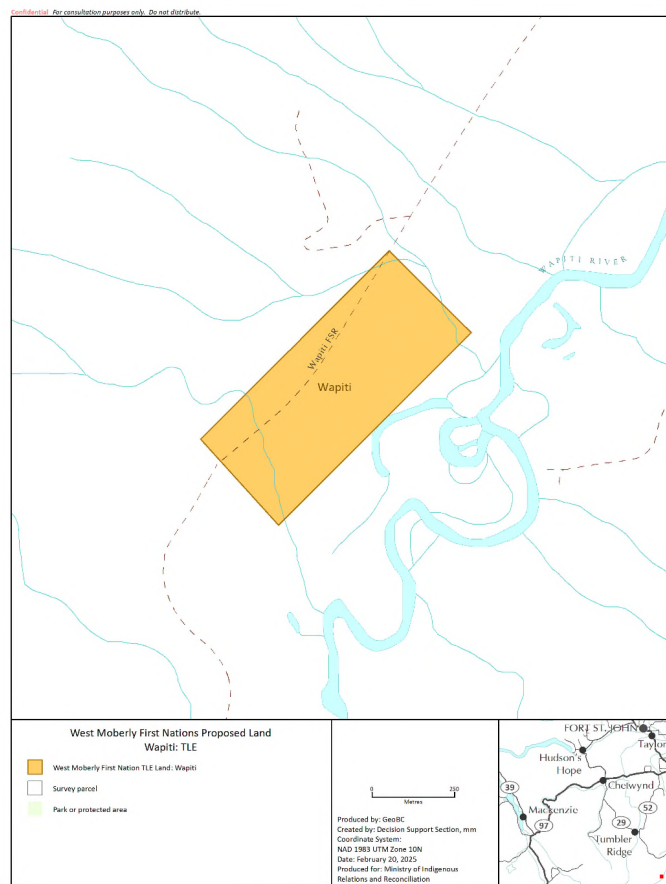




# Wapiti

(South of Tumbler Ridge, near the Wapiti River)

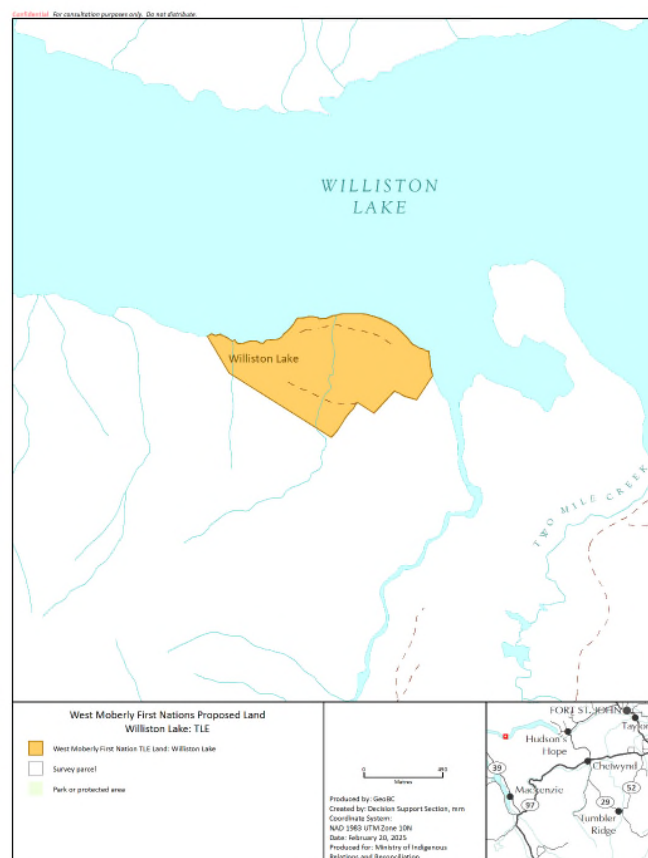
- Fee Simple Additional
- 28.7 ha



# Williston Lake

(Northwest of Klinse-Za/Twin Sisters Park, off Point Creek)

- Fee Simple Additional
- 61.7 ha





# Comment Form

## Site Specific Comments

### Public Engagement Session

Feedback Form for West Moberly First Nations Phase 1 TLE  
Outstanding Lands Selections  
Northeast Roundtable, June 3, 2025

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact/email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ (if any)

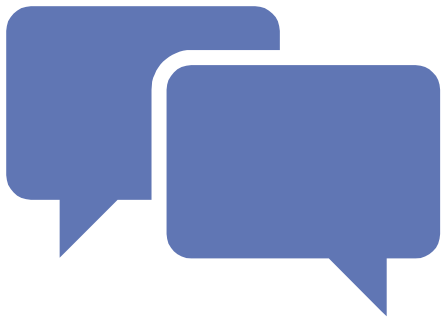
- 1) Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) land transfers make up for lands that should have been provided as part of Treaty 8 over 100 years ago.
- 2) This package of Outstanding Lands is part of West Moberly Additional Lands quantum as they did not select the full quantum.
  - The Province is interested in hearing your interests and concerns about proposed land transfers.
  - Public interests will be considered and where possible may be mitigated or addressed.

Please make your comments as clear and concise as possible. Comments left blank will be interpreted as of no interest or concern.

#### Feedback: Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) Outstanding Land Selections

##### General Land Selection Comments

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## Future Engagement

How would you like us to engage with you going forward (e.g. frequency, delegations regular, when specific milestones are reached)

We are committed to ongoing engagement which includes to listen, capture, and consider comments and concerns on West Moberly Outstanding Lands by **October 15, 2025**:

- Engage
- Document
- Address
- Share Outcomes

NE Land Transfers govTogether:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/engagement/land-transfers-in-northeast-bc/>

Email: [mirr.northeast@gov.bc.ca](mailto:mirr.northeast@gov.bc.ca) by October 15, 2025.