



# Sahtu Land Use Plan (SLUP) Background Report

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Amending the SLUP's Zone  
65 PCI Following the  
Creation of Ts'udé Nı́líné  
Tuyeta Protected Area

# Outline

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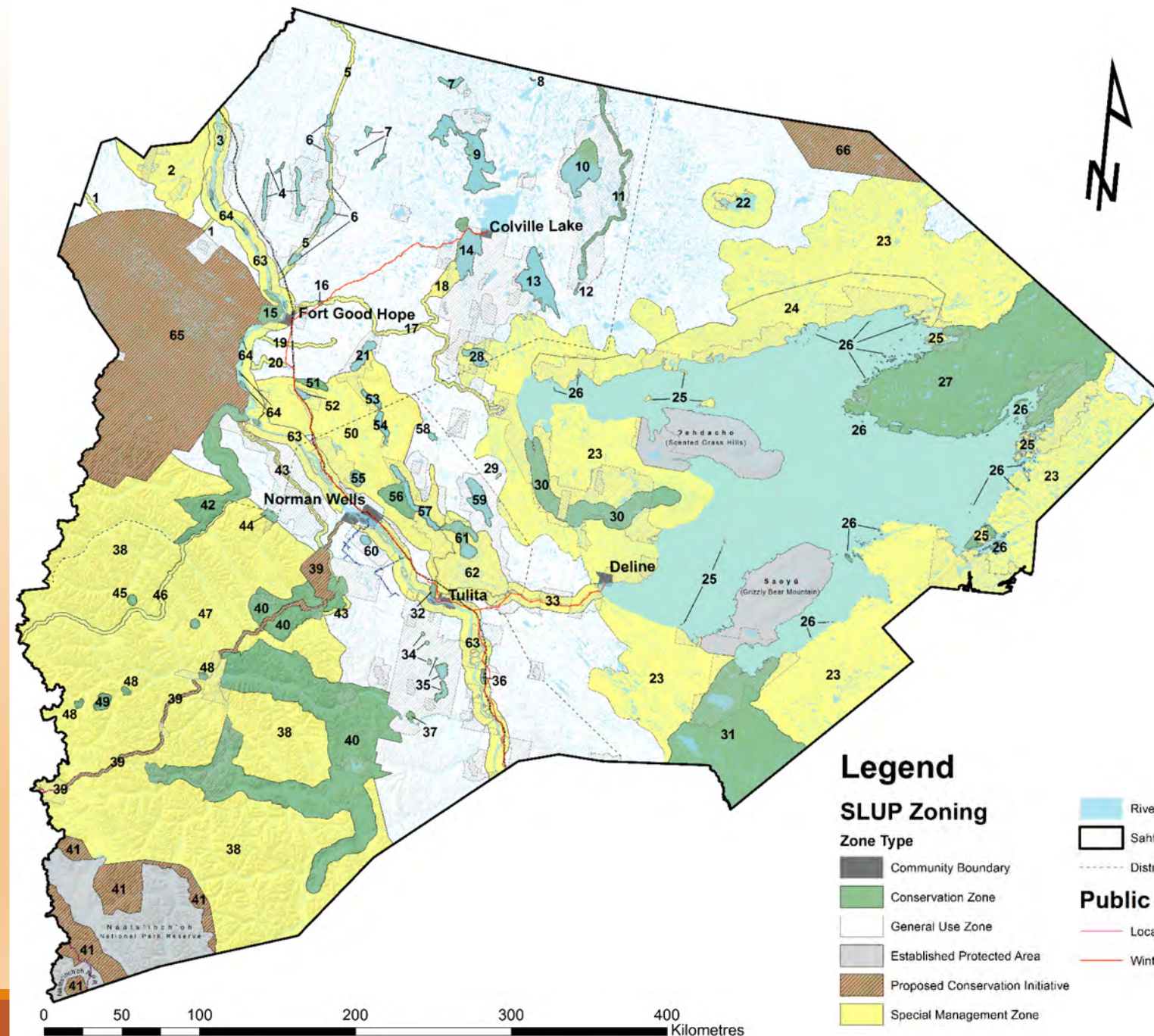
- Introductions
- Review of the Background Report
- Areas for comment
- Engagement & Next Steps





# SLUP Zones (2013)

- SLUP approved 2013 – Legally Binding
- Guides the conservation, use and development of land, water & resources
- Nááts'ihch'oh Amendment processed 2014-2018 – awaiting approval from Canada
- 5-Year Review Amendment completed May 1, 2020 – awaiting approvals from SSI, GNWT, and Canada



## Legend

### SLUP Zoning

#### Zone Type

- Community Boundary
- Conservation Zone
- General Use Zone
- Established Protected Area
- Proposed Conservation Initiative
- Special Management Zone

#### Rivers & Lakes

#### Sahtu Settlement Area

#### District Boundaries

### Public Roads

- Local Road
- Winter Road

#### Mining Access Roads

#### Oil and Gas Access Roads

#### Pipeline Corridor

### Sahtu Settlement Lands

- Surface & Subsurface
- Surface Only

# Zone 65 PCI Amendment- Scope

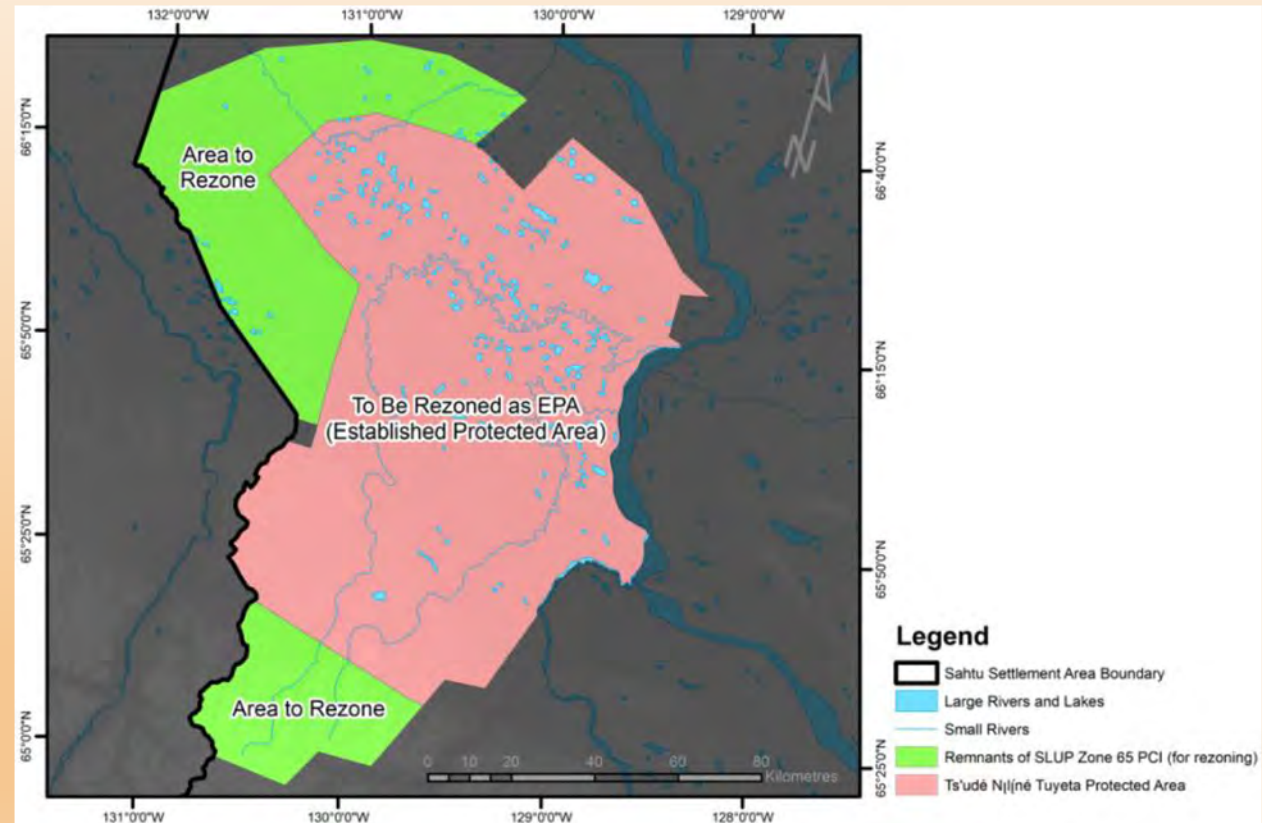
## This Amendment is Required to:

**In Pink:** Rezone lands within the final Protected Area as “*Established Protected Area*” (10,007 km<sup>2</sup>).

- Zone type already set

**In Green:** Rezone lands left outside the final boundary of Protected Area (4,623 km<sup>2</sup>) AND consider new CRs.

- Could be Conservation, Special Management, General Use, or combo
- **Focus of engagement – How do you want this area zoned and managed?**



# Purpose of This Meeting

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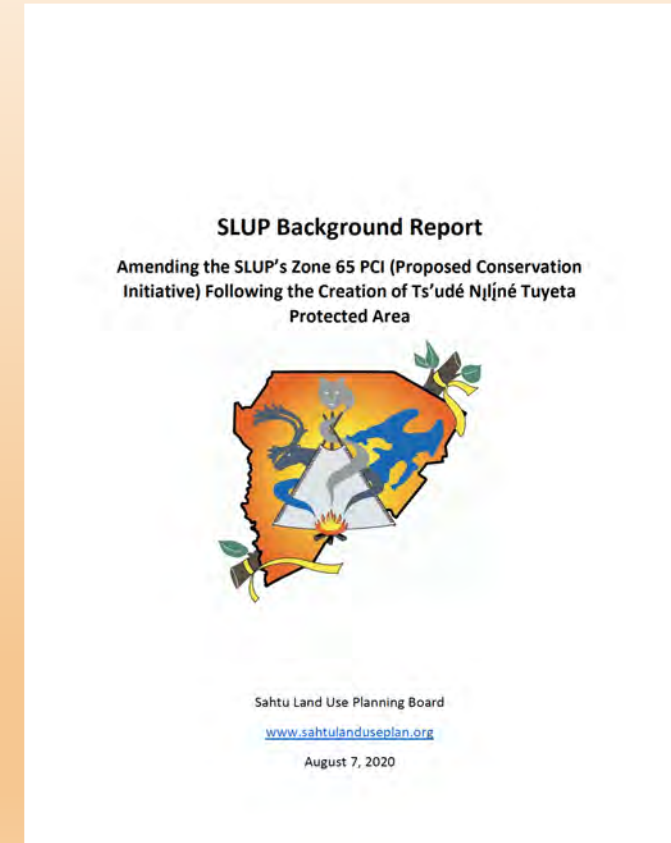
Sahtú Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB) compiled a Background Report on its amendment process:

- Summarizes values, and describes the amendment process;
- Released for Public Review on August 7, 2020;
- **Written comments due Friday, October 9, 2020.**

Public review and engagement is seeking input on:

- How areas left out of the protected area should be zoned;
- What Conformity Requirements (CRs) may be required to manage land use within those areas.

**Purpose of this Meeting: Present the Background Report and respond to questions to inform public input on the Background Report and how to re-zone and manage the areas left out of the final boundaries of the Ts'udé Nlǫ́né Tuyeta Protected Area**

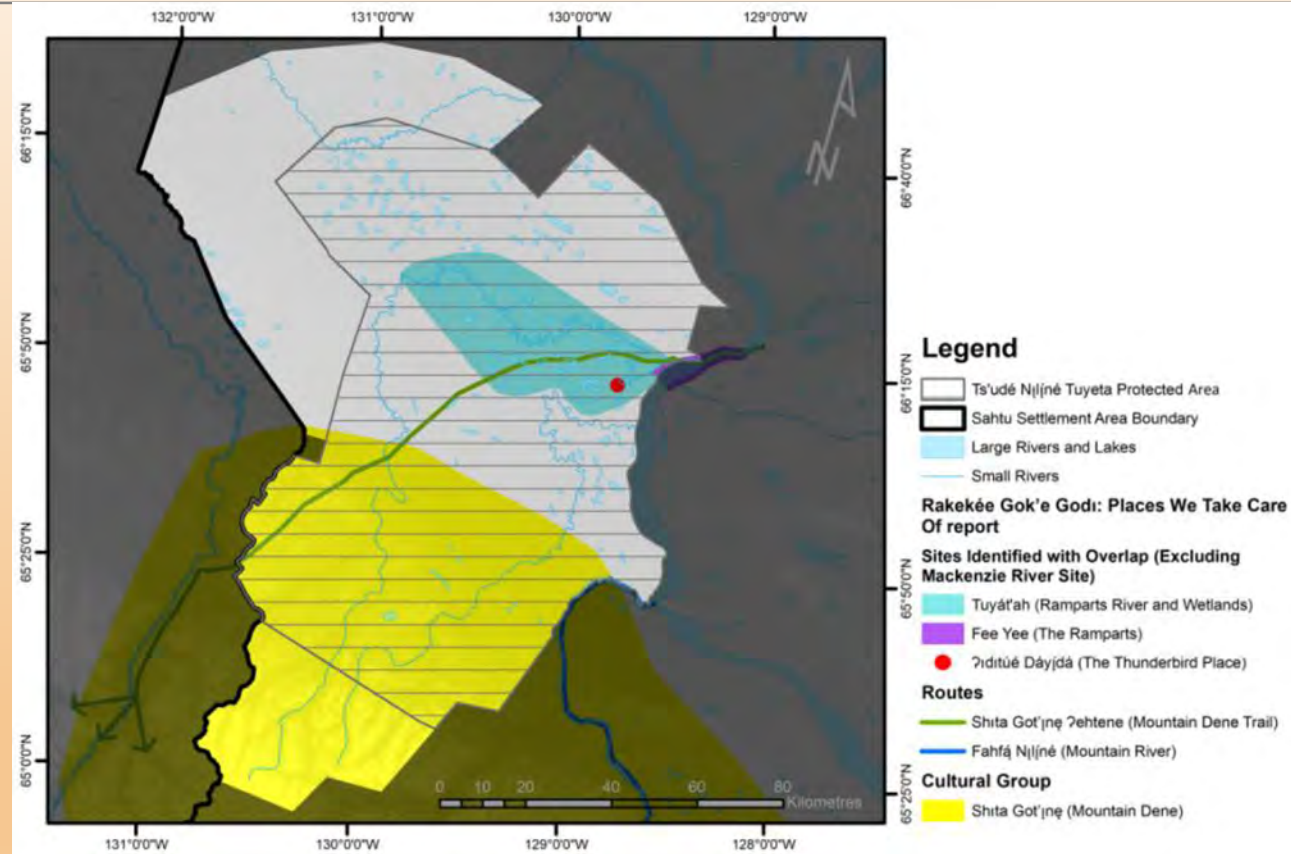




# Cultural Significance of Ts'udé Nłílné Tuyeta

*Fee Yee* (“the Ramparts”) created by giant named *Wichididelle*, who created the Ramparts rapids on the Mackenzie River when he threw rocks while chasing giant beavers.

Sacred site on *Ts'udé Nłílné* (Ramparts River) called *ʔiditúé Dáyídá* (Thunderbird Place), which is within the Ts'udé Nłílné Tuyeta Protected Area.



Map above showing special areas from Rakekée Gok'e Godi: Places We Take Care Of

# Cultural Significance of Ts'udé Nlǫ́né Tuyeta

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Important hunting, trapping, and fishing area; especially for moose, beaver, and muskrat.

Ts'udé Nlǫ́né Tuyeta was recommended for protection to preserve the Dene and Métis traditional way of life for future generations – to provide a place where the Dene and Métis can always go to practice their culture, harvest food, and renew their relationship with the land.

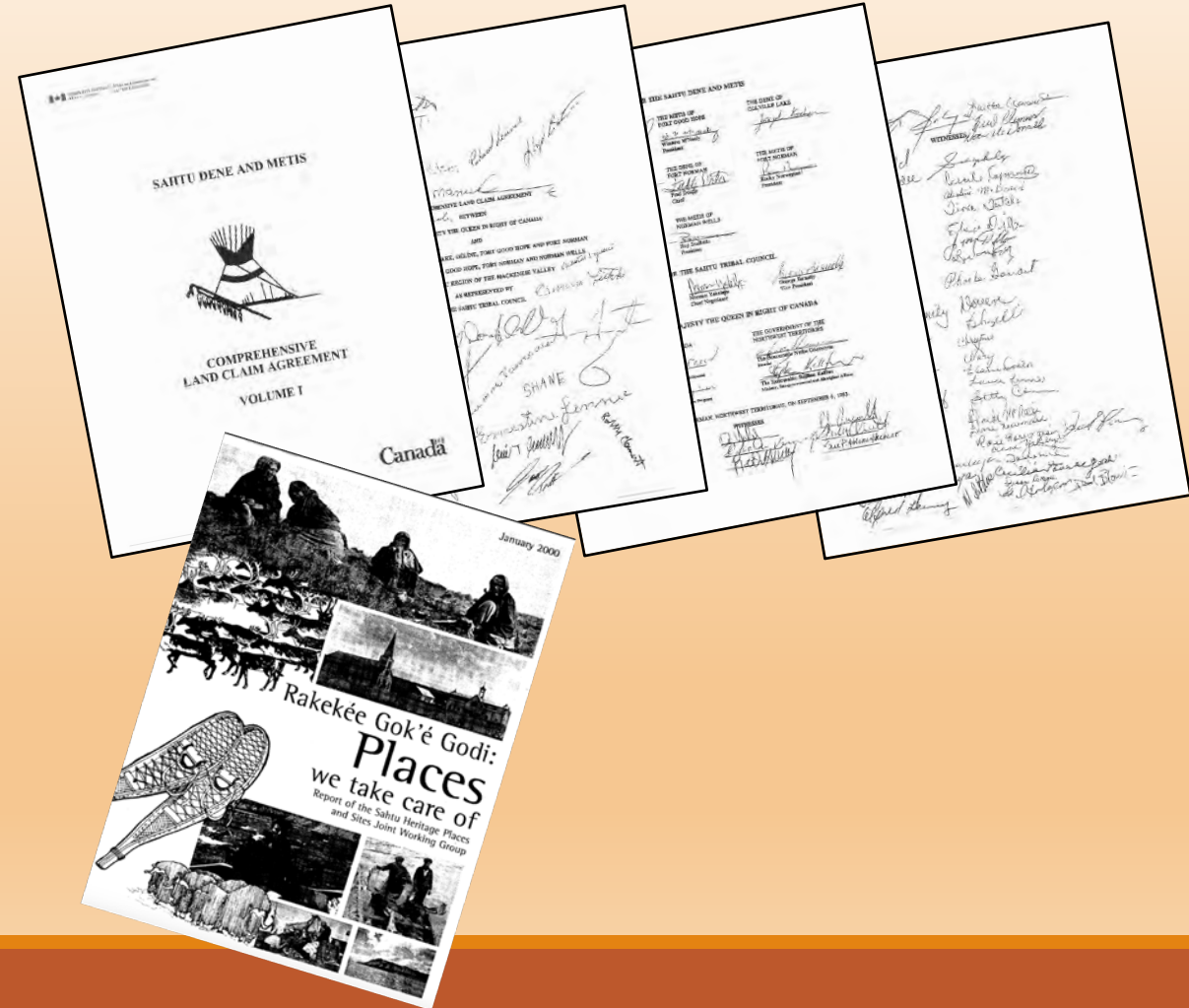


# Initial Recognition of Ts'udé Nlį́né Tuyeta

**SDMCLCA** identified area as culturally significant heritage site.

**“Rakekée Gok’e Godi: Places We Take Care of”** report by Sahtú Heritage Places and Sites Joint Working Group (2000), recommended various forms of protection:

- Ts’udé Nlį́né (Ramparts River) designated as a Heritage River;
- Wetlands as a Migratory Bird Sanctuary;
- Ts’udé Nlį́né Tuyeta (Ramparts River and wetlands) as a Critical Wildlife Area;
- Fee Yee (the Ramparts) as a National Historic Site; and
- Archaeological, burial, and heritage sites documented and protected through land use plans, oral history and research.





# Timeline: Establishing Ts'udé Nł́ĺné Tuyeta Protected Area

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- 2002:** Yamoga Land Corporation submitted a proposal to protect the area to the NWT Protected Areas Strategy;
- 2005:** Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) determined that Ts'udé Nł́ĺné Tuyeta contains ecological values of national significance;
- Oct 2006:** five-year land withdrawal secured through a federal Order-in-Council.
- 2006-2007:** Ts'udé Niline Tu'eyeta Working Group (TTWG) established. 1st meeting in Fort Good Hope July 2007.
- 2007-2011:** TTWG coordinated assessments on the values in the Ts'udé Nł́ĺné Tuyeta Candidate Protected Area
- 2012:** Final TTWG Recommendation Report released
- 2013:** K'asho Got'ine Land Corporation requests establishment of Ts'udé Nł́ĺné Tuyeta
- 2018:** GNWT begins negotiation of Establishment Agreement to protect Ts'udé Nł́ĺné Tuyeta under the GNWT's new Protected Areas Act.
- September 2019:** The GNWT and K'asho Got'ine sign an establishment agreement for Ts'udé Nł́ĺné Tuyeta

# TTWG Working Group

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## Purpose of TTWG Working Group:

- Consider information gathered (resource and cultural assessments) and discuss direction for the protected area;
- Update stakeholders on the Protected Areas Strategy for Ts'udé Nlǫ́né Tuyeta; and
- Open the meeting to community members to consider their questions and concerns.

July 2011: TTWG approved a change in the recommended boundary for the protected area.

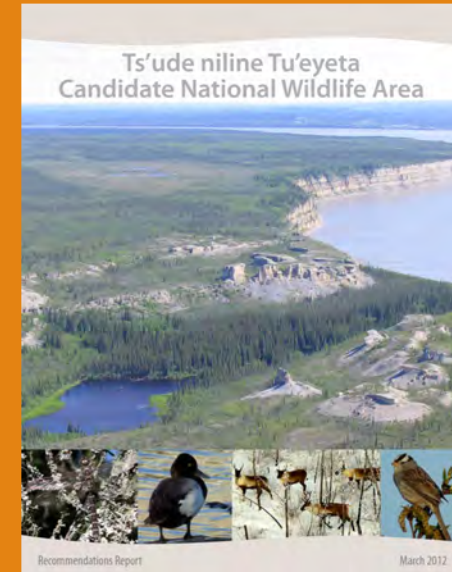
- Recommended boundary was 67% the size of the original candidate protected area
- Final boundary excluded areas with high mineral potential in the south and northwest, focusing on protecting the wetlands.

2012: Final Working Group Recommendation Report released.

# Resource and Cultural Assessments

**The assessments of the Ts'udé Nlǫ́né Tuyeta area synthesized for the Background Report are:**

Draft Renewable Resource Assessment (2006);  
Hydrocarbon Potential Summary Report (2007);  
Cultural Documentation (2007);  
Non-Renewable Resource Assessment Phase 1 – Petroleum (2007);  
Ecological Assessment Phase 1 & 2 (2007);  
Non-Renewable Resource Assessment Phase 1 – Minerals (2008);  
Socio-Economic Assessment Phase 1 (2009);  
Hydrocarbon Potential Final Report (2010);  
Non-Renewable Resource Assessment Phase 2 (2010);  
Socio-Economic Assessment Phase 2 (2011);  
Ts'udé niline Tu'éyeta Candidate National Wildlife Area Recommendations Report (2012).



**Documents may be found at: <https://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/conservation-network-planning/tsude-niline-tuyeta>**



# Current Status

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GNWT currently developing regulations under the *NWT Protected Areas Act* – final step to establish it as a protected area.

- Expected to be complete around February 2021;
- Process run by the GNWT in parallel to the SLUPB's Plan Amendment process for Zone 65.

SLUP zone changes will follow the plan amendment process defined the SLUPB's Rules of Procedure "Part 6 – Amendments to the Plan".

**Until the SLUPB has completed and adopted a plan amendment application, and that it has been approved by SSI, GNWT, and Canada as per S. 43 of the *MVRMA*, the zoning will remain as a Proposed Conservation Initiative under the SLUP.**

# Values to Consider Within Ts'udé Nłlíné Tuyeta

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The Background Report includes mapping on the following values. Have we missed anything?

- Wildlife and Ecological Importance

- Beaver Important Wildlife Area
- Dall's Sheep Important Wildlife Area
- Migratory Bird Key Terrestrial Habitat Sites
- Moose Important Wildlife Area
- Northern Mountain Woodland Caribou Important Wildlife Areas
- Fire History
- Watersheds
- Ecoregions
- Glacial Refugia and Karst

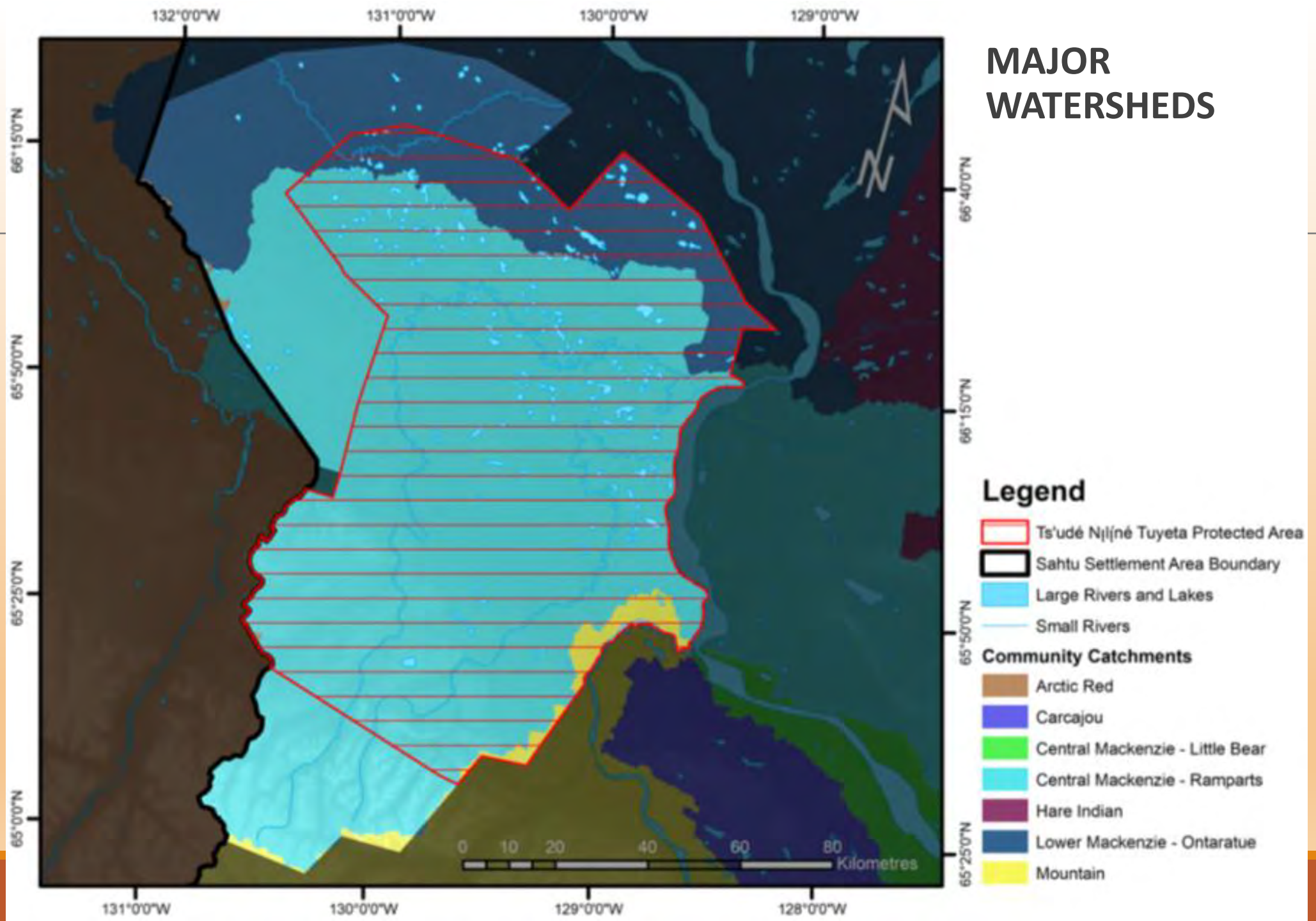
- Cultural Importance

- Archaeological Sites
- Burial Sites, Camps, and Major Trails
- Traditional Trails

- Economic Importance

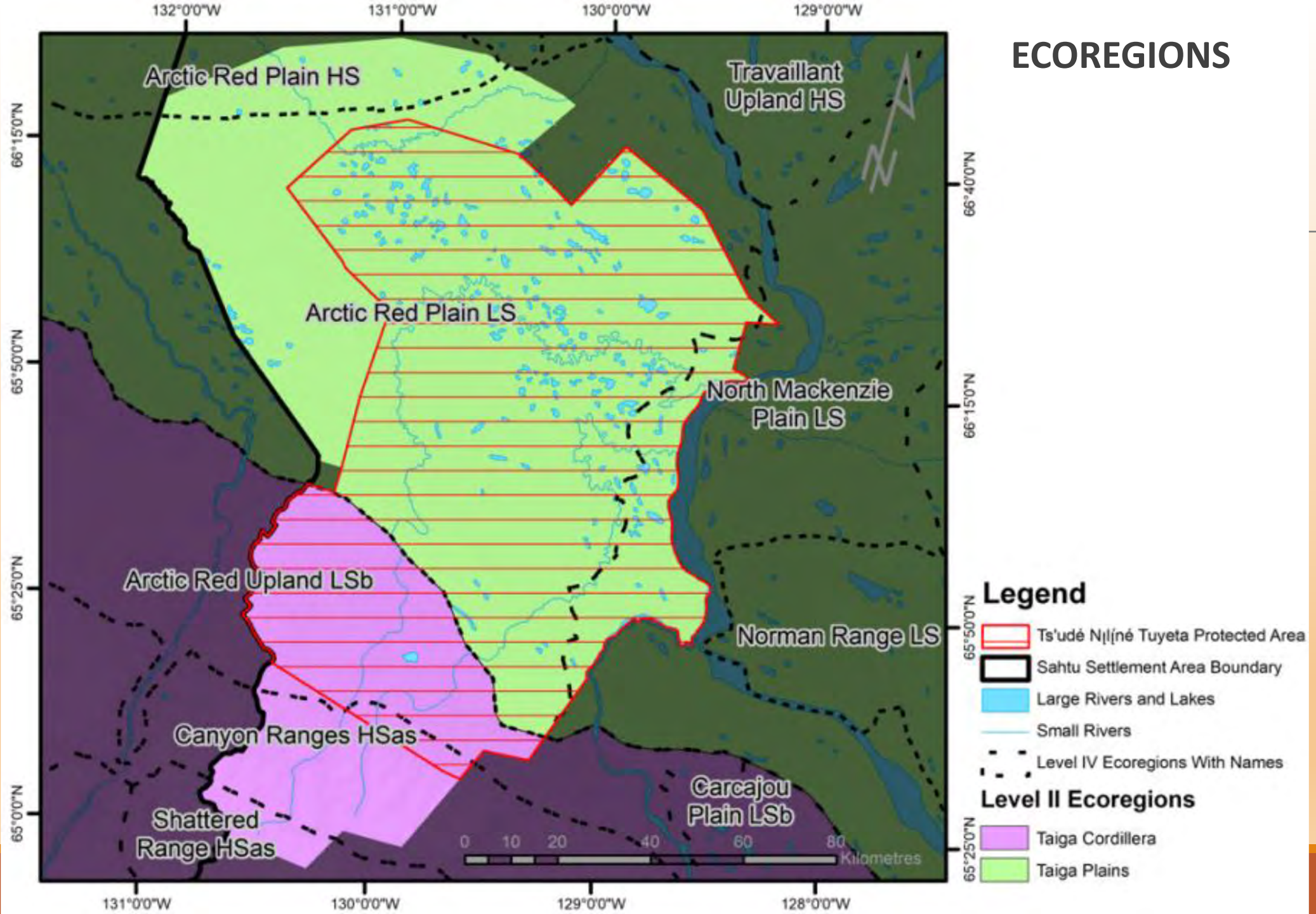
- Mineral Potential
- Oil & Gas Potential
- Seismic Lines and Other Infrastructure
- Granular Aggregate Potential

# MAJOR WATERSHEDS



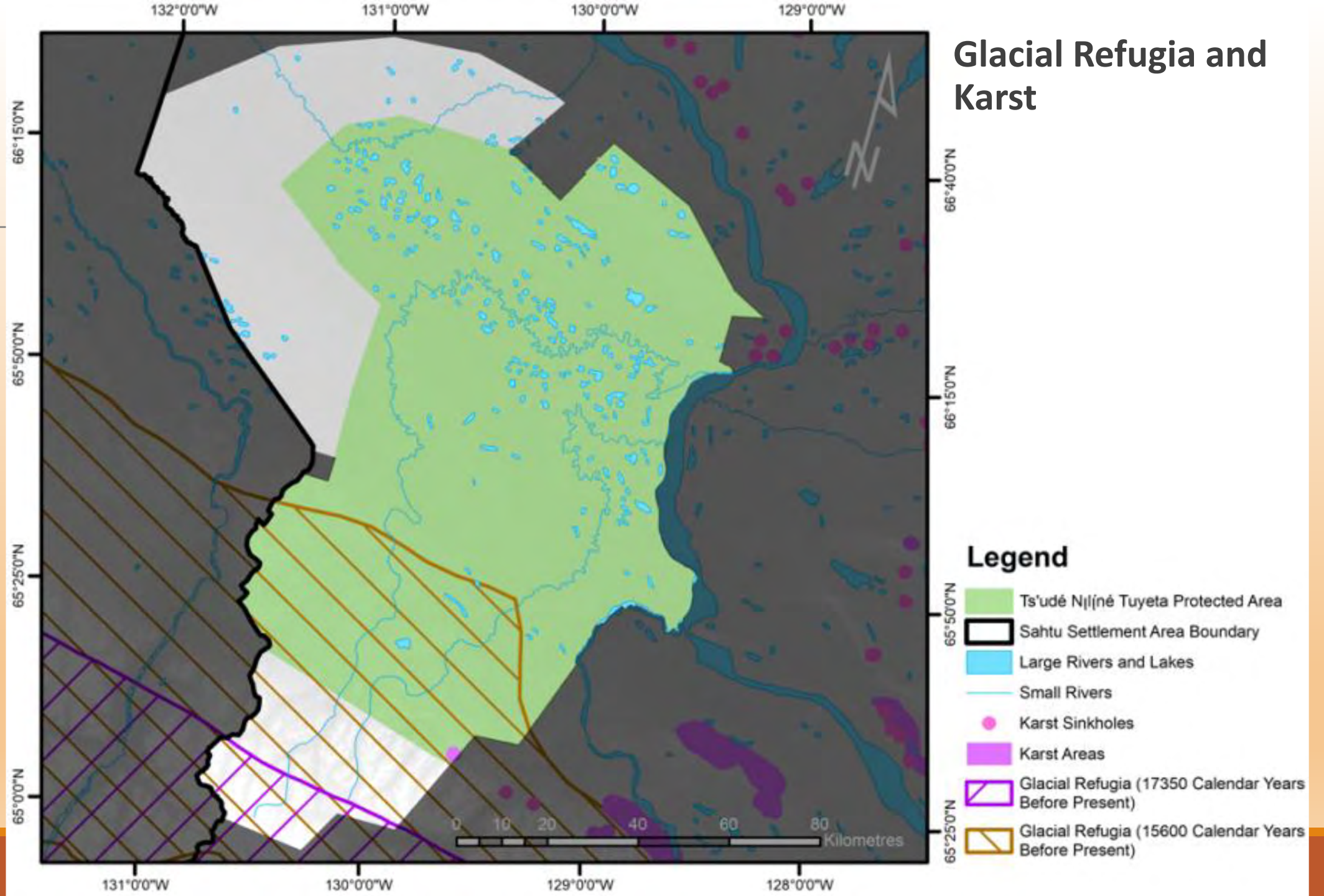


# ECOREGIONS

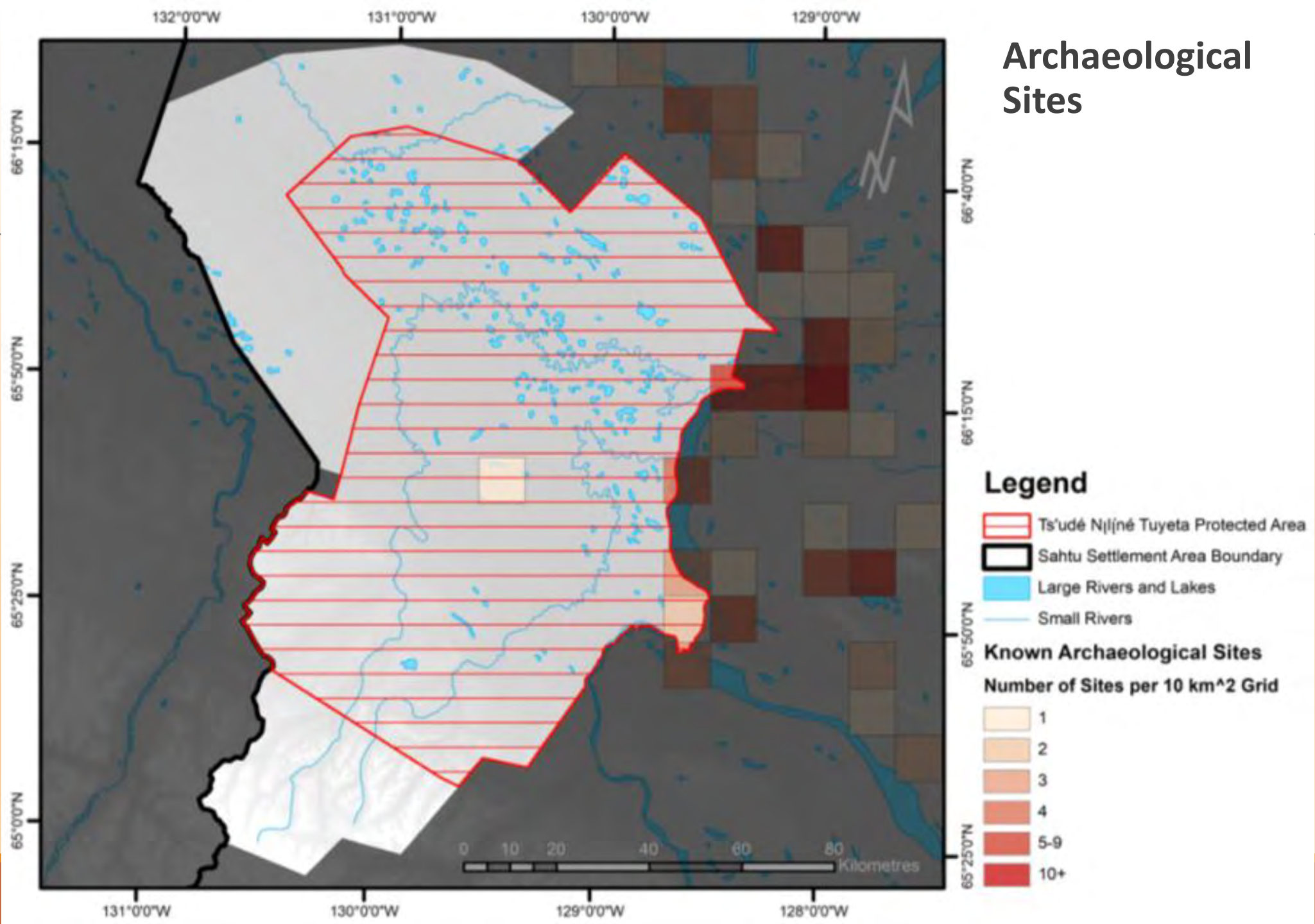




# Glacial Refugia and Karst

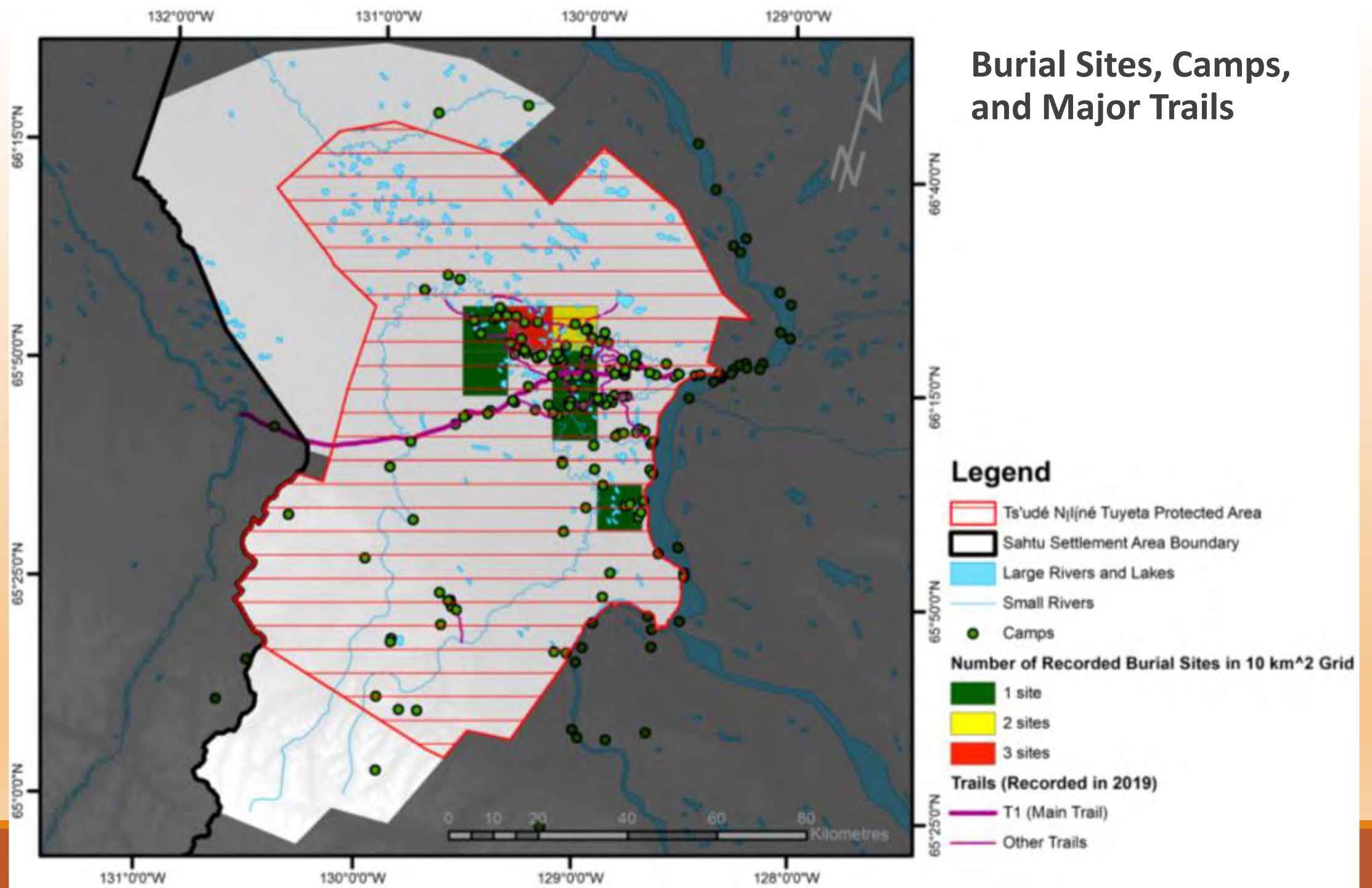


# Archaeological Sites

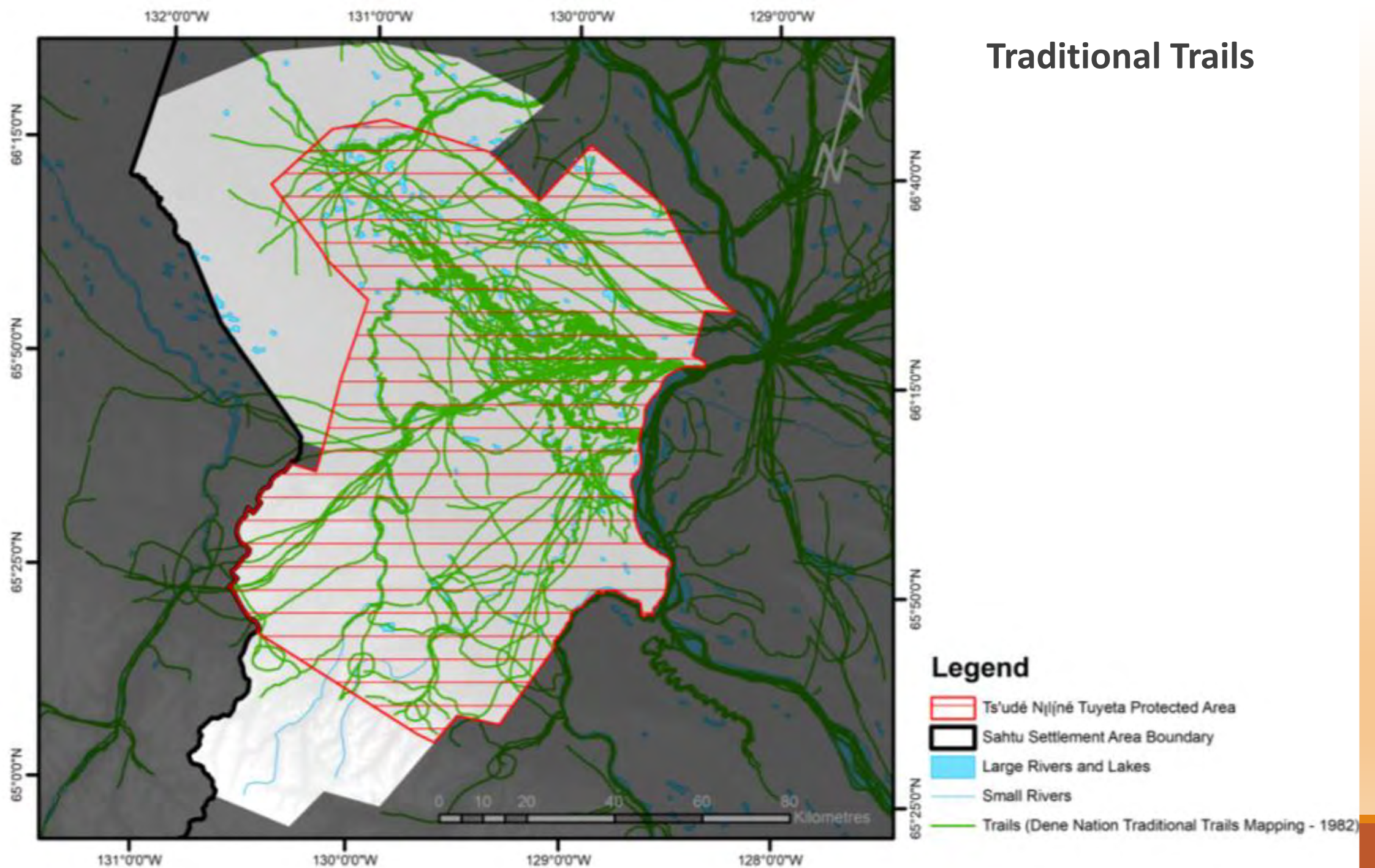




## Burial Sites, Camps, and Major Trails

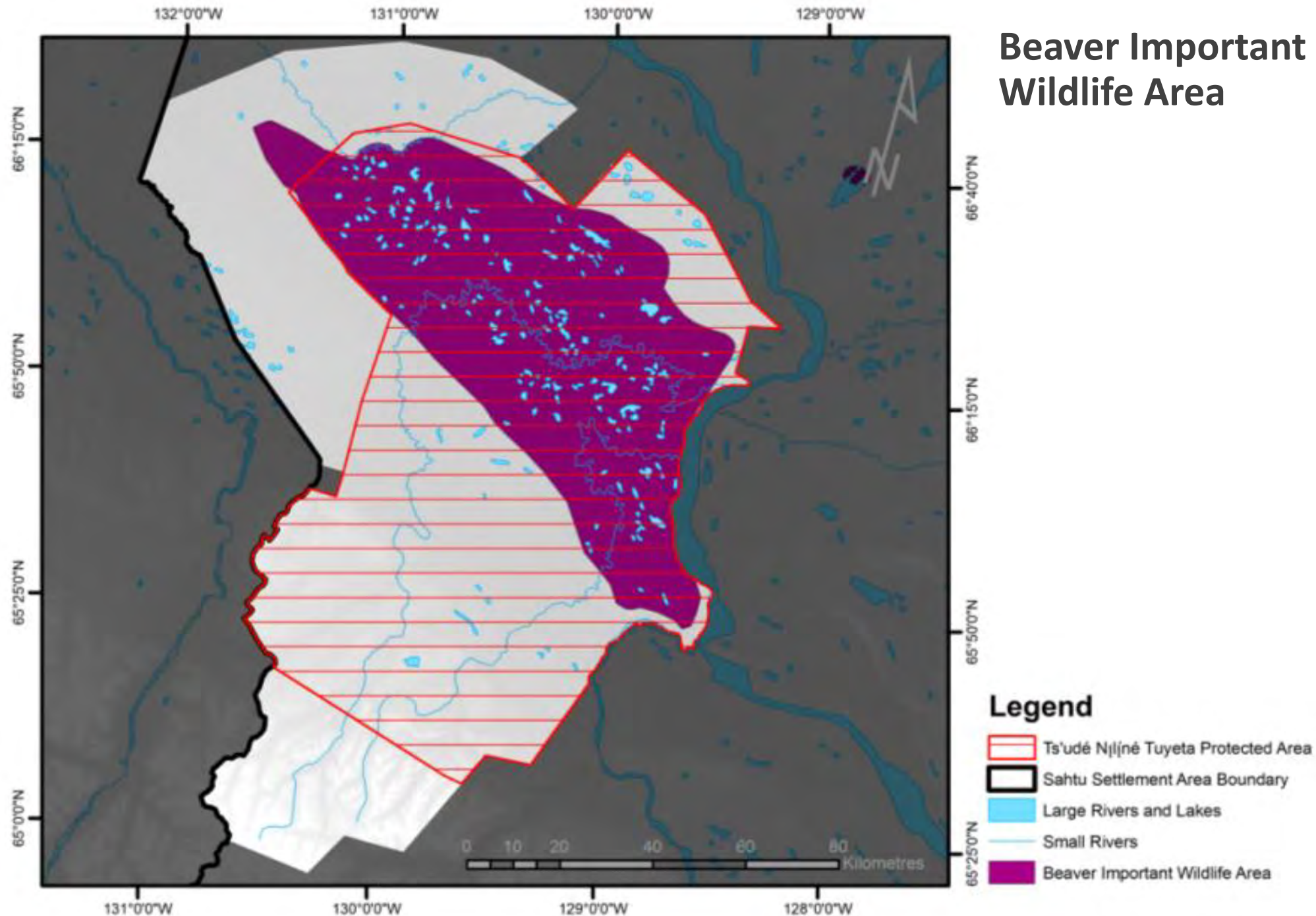


# Traditional Trails



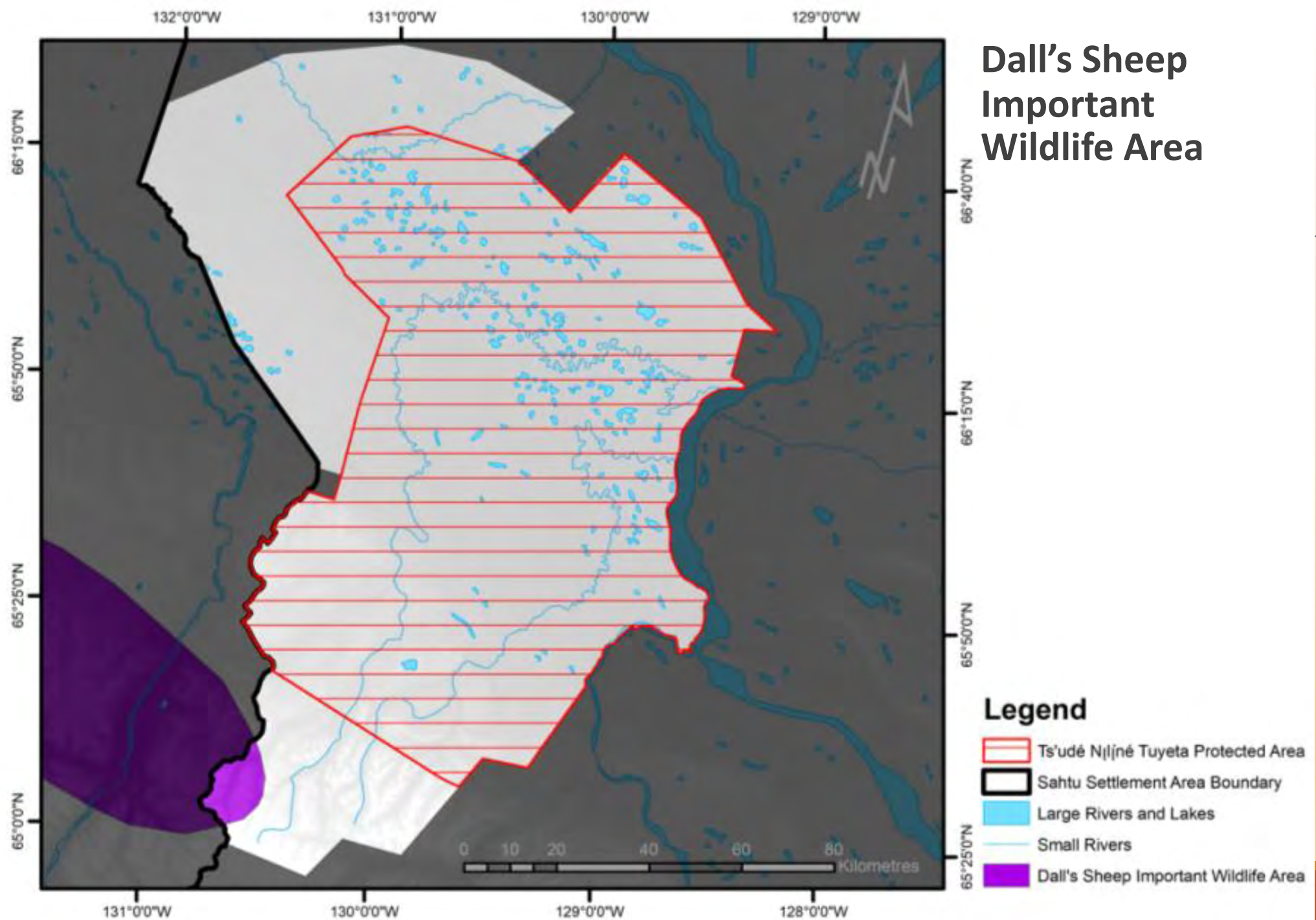


## Beaver Important Wildlife Area

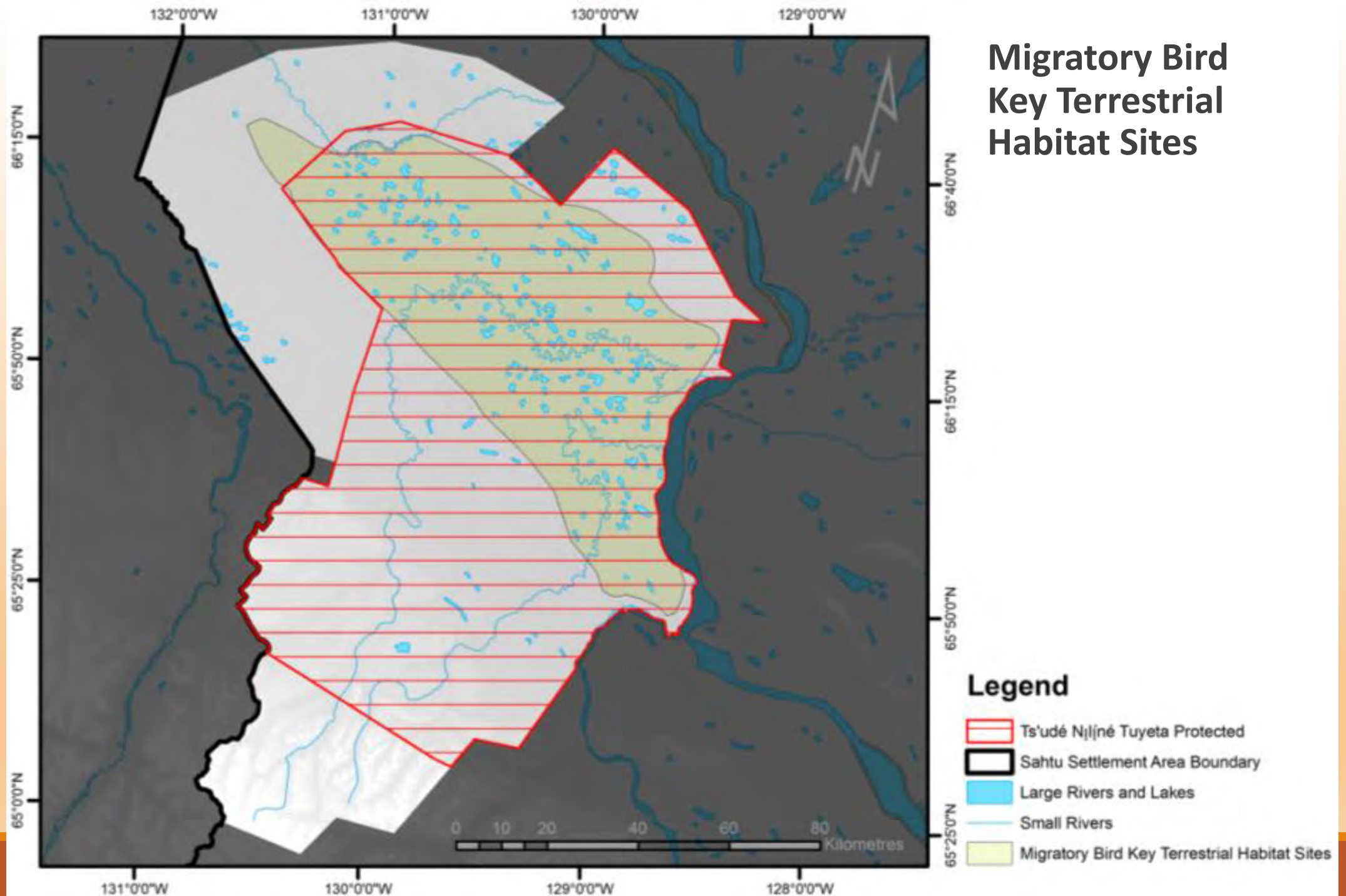




## Dall's Sheep Important Wildlife Area

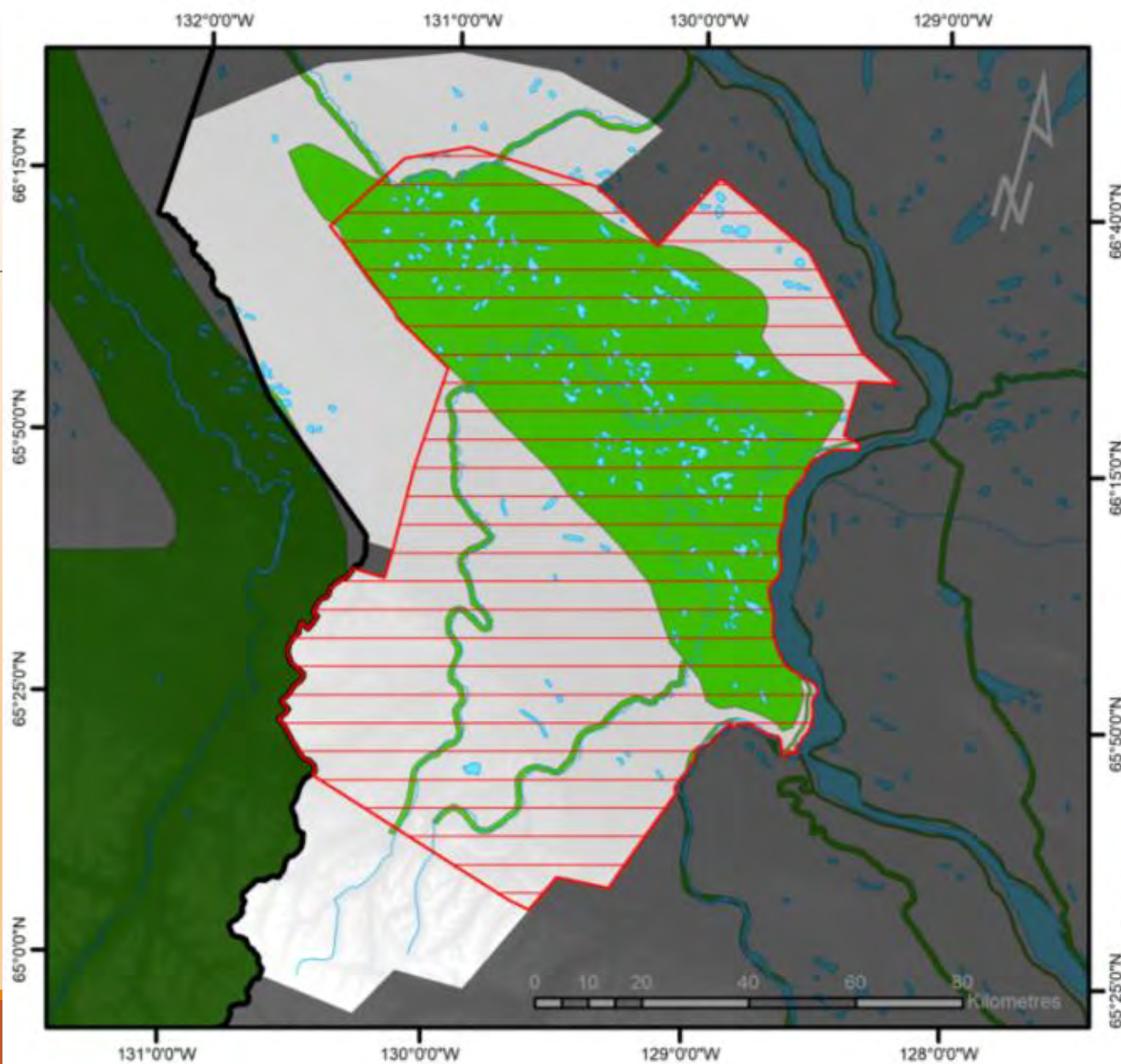


# Migratory Bird Key Terrestrial Habitat Sites





# Moose Important Wildlife Area

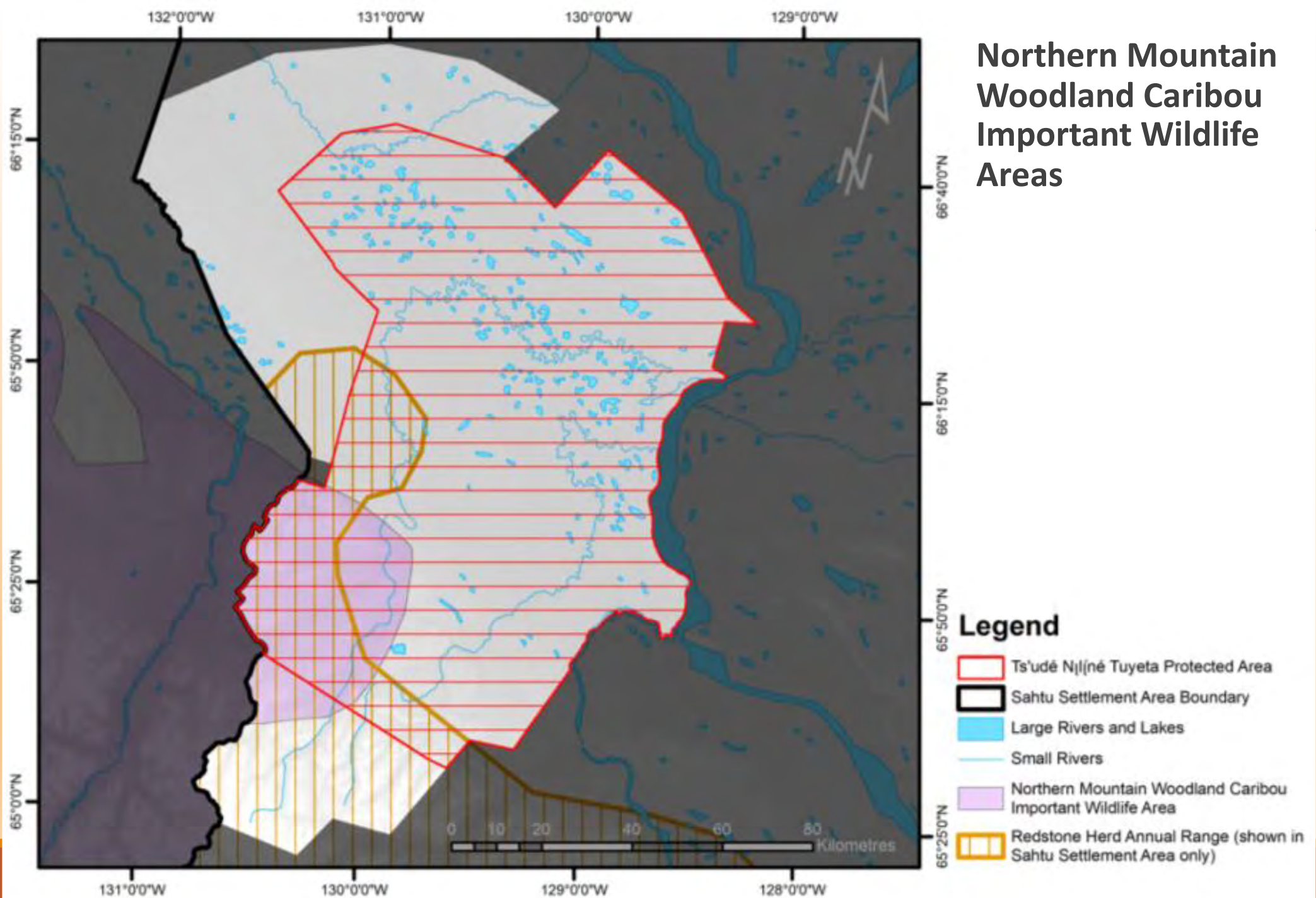


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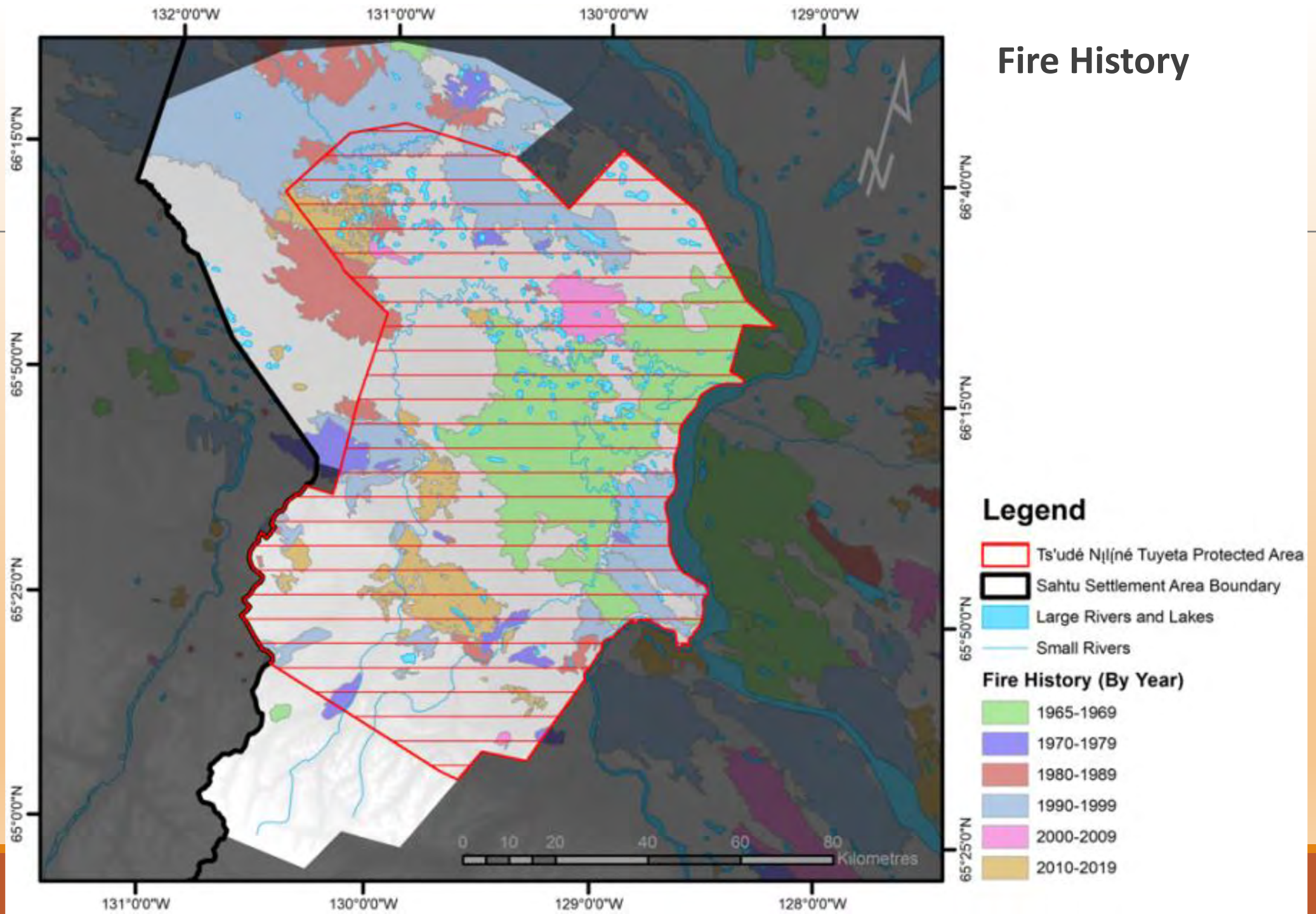
-  Ts'udé Nijiné Tuyeta Protected Area
-  Sahtu Settlement Area Boundary
-  Large Rivers and Lakes
-  Small Rivers
-  Moose Important Wildlife Area



# Northern Mountain Woodland Caribou Important Wildlife Areas

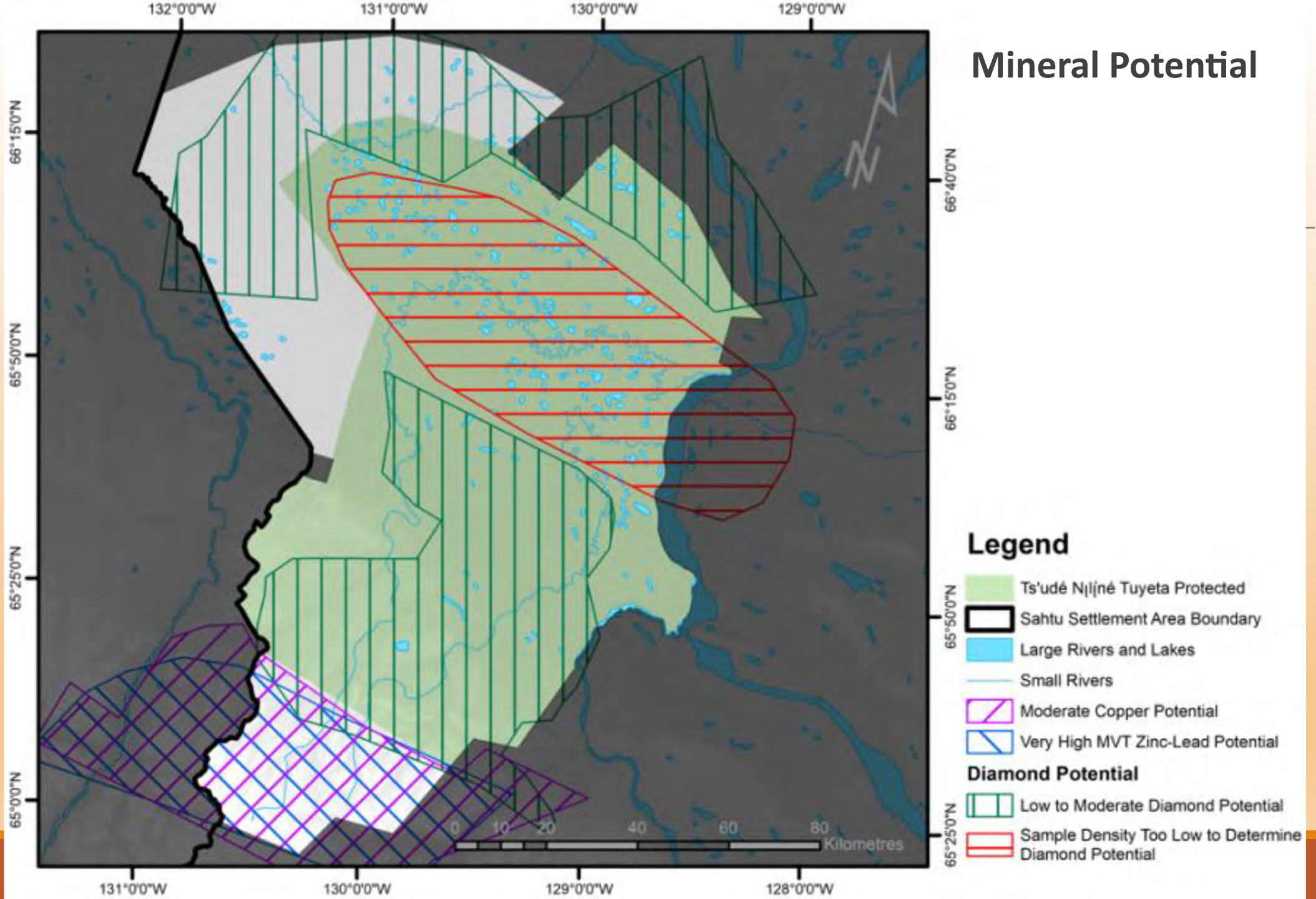


# Fire History

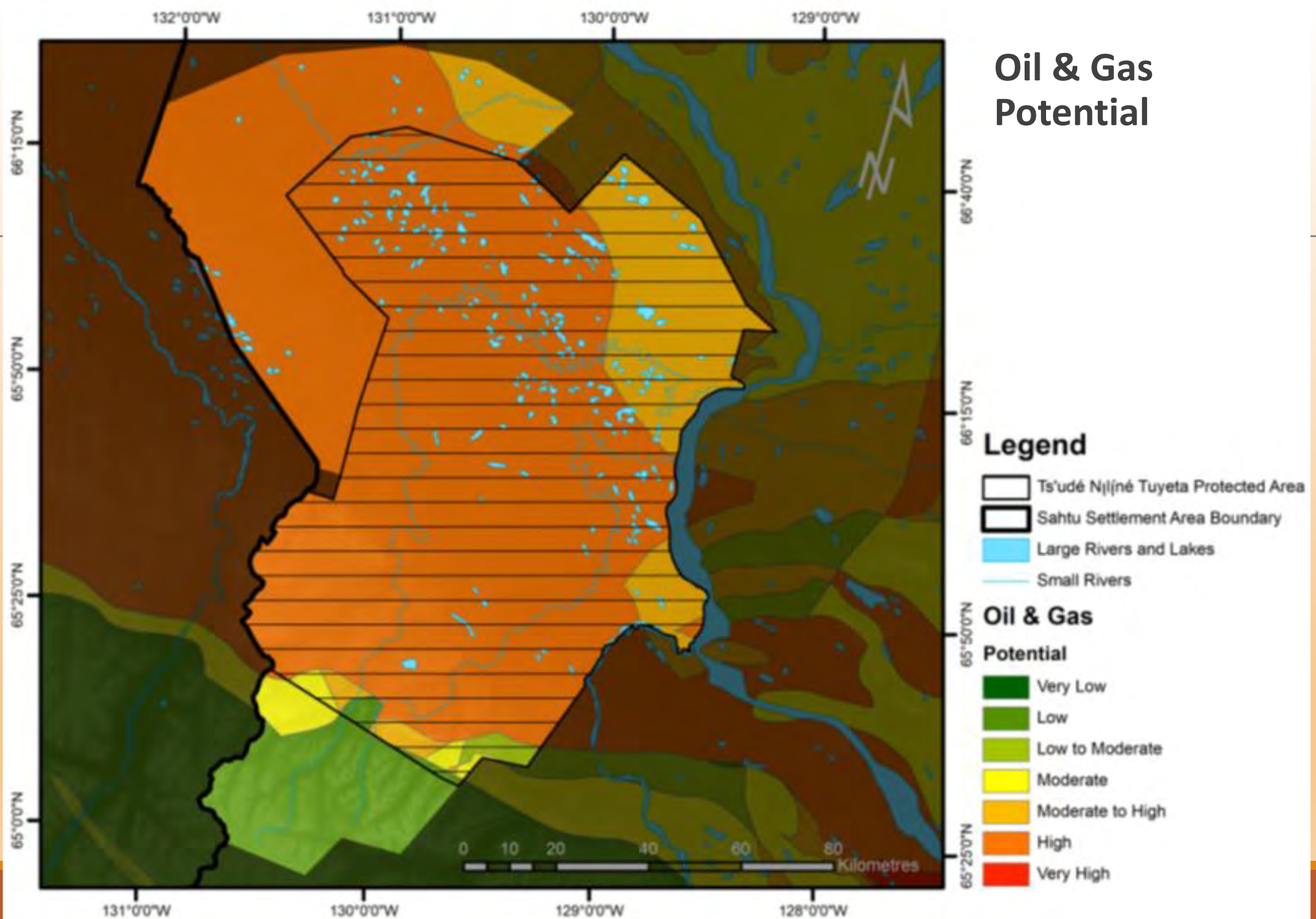




# Mineral Potential

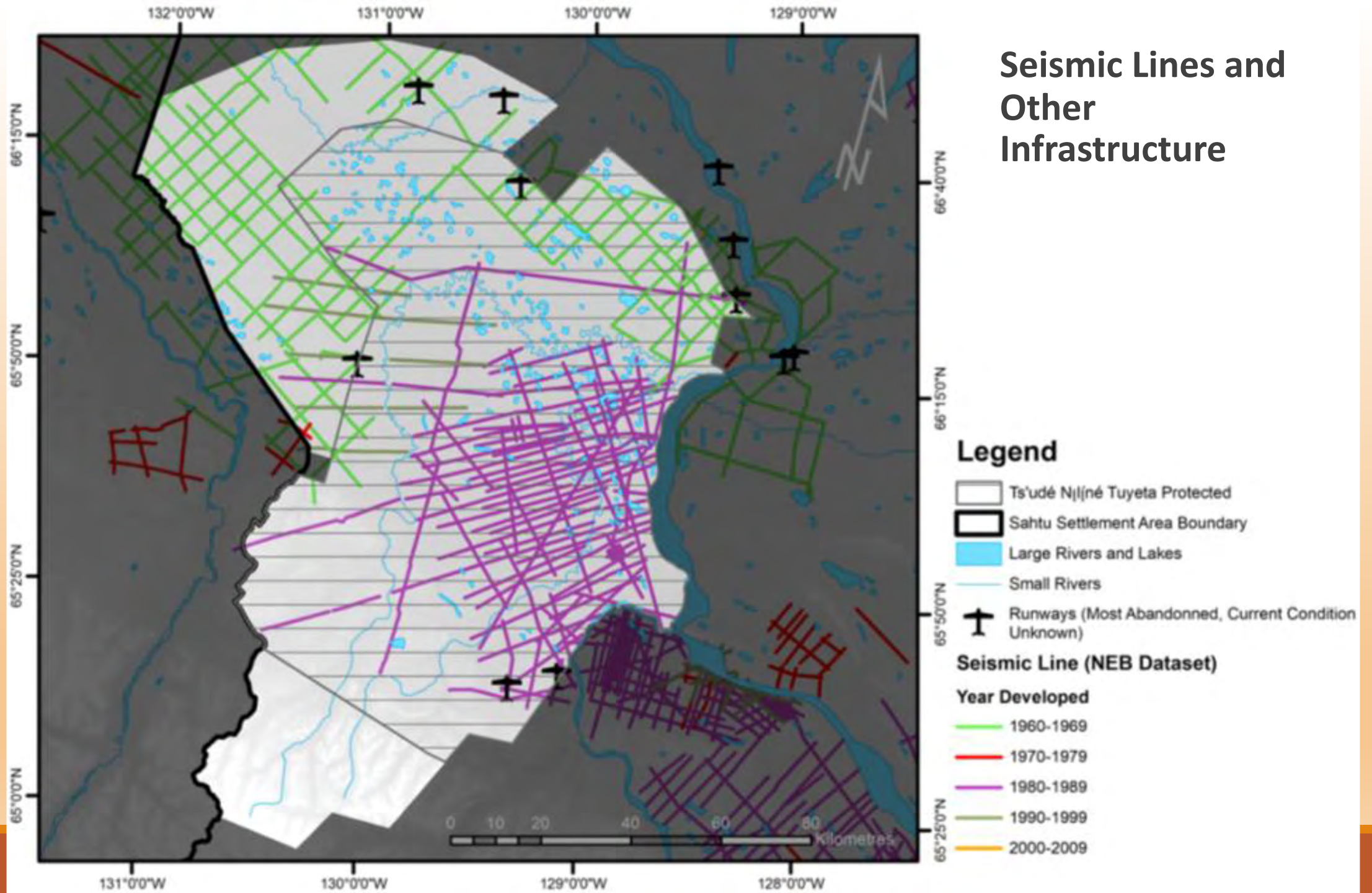


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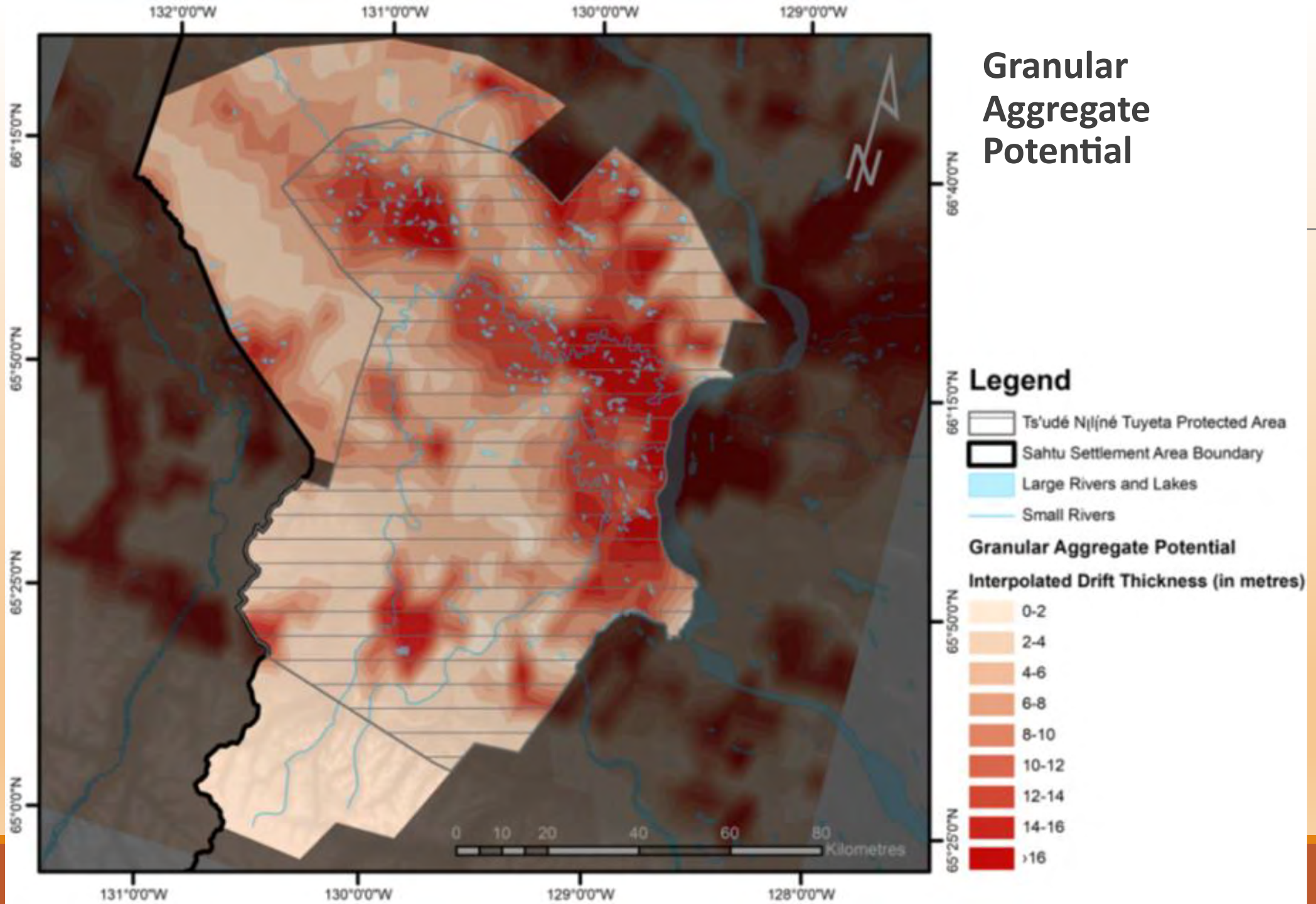




## Seismic Lines and Other Infrastructure



# Granular Aggregate Potential





# Potential Zone Designations

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## The SLUP uses the following zone designations:

**General Use Zones (GUZs)** – Allow all land use except bulk water removal, subject to the general CRs (Conformity Requirements) outlined in the SLUP.

**Special Management Zones (SMZs)** – Allow all land use except bulk water removal, subject to the general CRs and special management CRs outlined in the SLUP. Special management CRs may differ between special management zones; some are limited in application to specified zones.

**Conservation Zones (CZs)** – are significant traditional cultural, heritage, and ecological areas in which bulk water removal, exploration and development of minerals and oil and gas, power development, forestry and quarrying are prohibited. Permitted land uses (anything not prohibited, or grandfathered uses) are subject to the general CRs and applicable special management CRs outlined in the SLUP.



# Existing CRs

CRs also protect values by setting specific rules for development

Some apply in all areas, some only in certain areas

Nááts'ich'oh SLUP Amendment (waiting approval from Canada) includes a CR#20 – South Nahanni Watershed, applicable only to Zone 41 South Nahanni Watershed SMZ, as CR#14 would not apply to this zone

General CRs (applicable to all SLUP Zones)	Special Management CRs (only apply to specific zones)
CR#1 – Land Use Zoning	CR#14 – Protection of Special Values (all SMZ, CZs, and PCIs except Zone 23-27, 30, and 31)
CR#2– Community Engagement and Traditional Knowledge	
CR#3 – Community Benefits	
CR#4 – Archaeological Sites and Burial Sites	CR#15 – The Great Bear Lake Watershed (only applies to Zones 23-27, 30, and 31)
CR#5 – Watershed Management	CR#16 – Fish Farming and Aquaculture (only applies to Zones 23-27, 30, and 31)
CR#6 – Drinking Water	CR#17 – Disturbance of Lakebed (only applies to Zone 23)
CR#7 – Fish and Wildlife	
CR#8 – Species Introduction	
CR#9 – Sensitive Species and Features	CR#18 – Uses of Du Kets’edi Conservation Zone (Sentinel Islands) – (only applies to Zone 26)
CR#10 – Permafrost	
CR#11 – Project-Specific Monitoring	
CR#12 – Financial Security	CR#19 – Water Withdrawal (only applies to Zones 14 and 35, although 5-Year Review application to only apply to Zone 35)
CR#13 – Closure and Reclamation	

# Re-Zoning Considerations

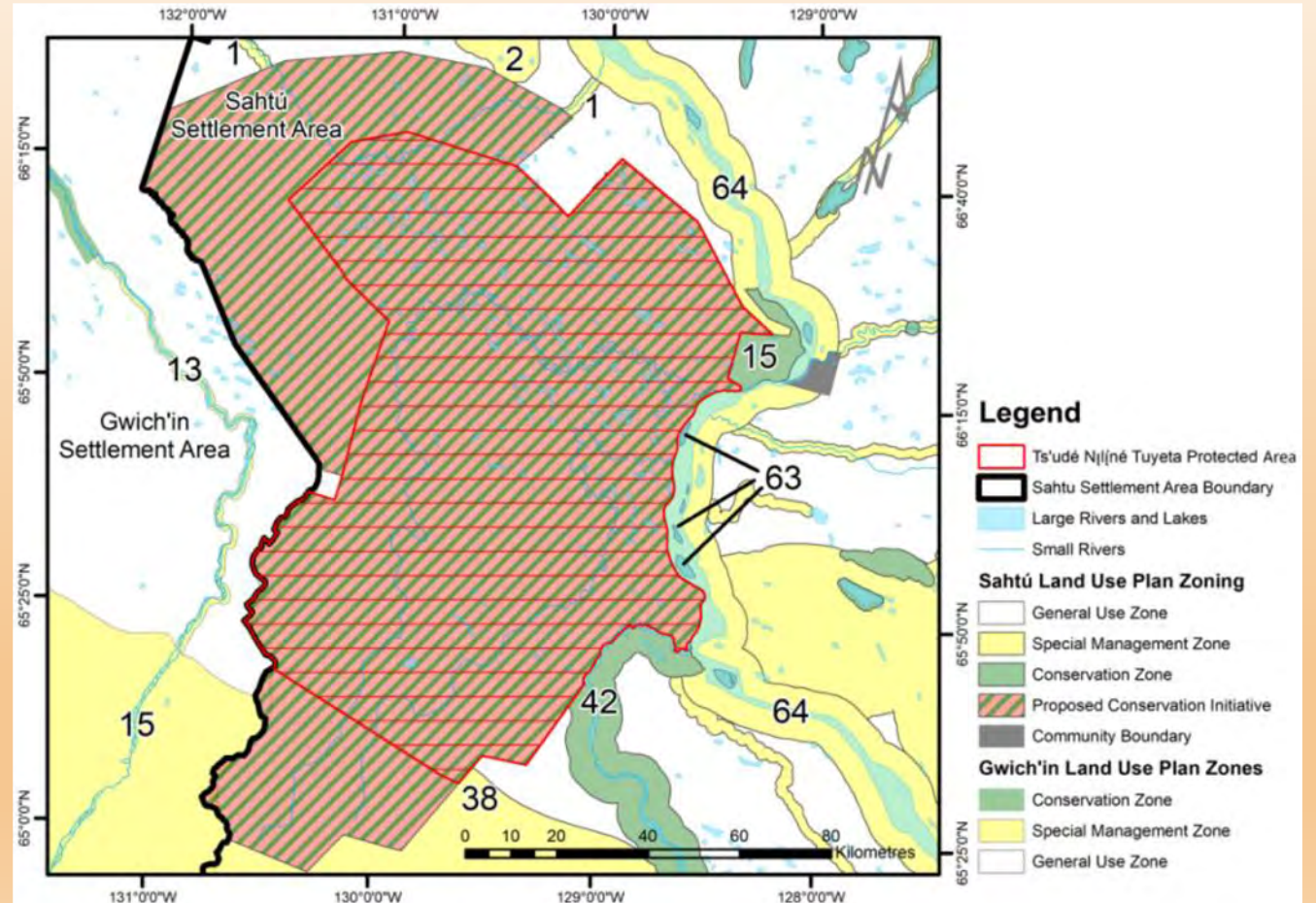
1) Adjacent Zoning to the area to be rezoned to:

- Maintain landscape connectivity;
- Avoid habitat fragmentation;
- Maintain consistent direction for transboundary projects

2) What land uses are compatible next to the protected area (is a buffer needed?)

3) Plans for Sahtu Settlement Lands / GTA?

4) Why were the areas left out of the final protected area boundary? Future plans?



# Re-Zoning Questions

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What values are most important to you in the areas to be rezoned?

Are there other values, information or zoning considerations we should be aware of?

What land uses do you want to see in these areas in the future?

What management direction do you want the plan to provide in these areas?

- Can have different zone designations in different areas
- Can use a combination of zoning and new CRs to protect values



# Engagement & Next Steps

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Fort Good Hope - August 28th

Colville Lake – Scheduled for September 10 - postponed at community request

Tulita/Norman Wells (TBD)

Mayo, Yukon (TBD)

Public Zoom Sessions – September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Comment period open until October 9, 2020.

SLUPB will discuss all comments with Approving Parties and develop a Draft Amendment Application.

Another round of engagement to be held when the SLUPB completes a Draft Amendment Application.

# SLUP Amendment Process Timeline

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FIGURE 1. TIMELINE

# Written Comments on Background Report

Written comments due **Friday, October 9, 2020, 5:00 PM.**

Comments should be addressed to:

**Heather Bourassa, Chair**  
**Sahtu Land Use Planning Board**  
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Fort Good Hope, NT X0E 0H0

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Fax: 867-598-2055

**Questions** should be directed to Heidi Wiebe, Project Manager,  
at [heidi.wiebe@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.wiebe@gmail.com), or by phone at 867-447-0961.

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on the Amendment Process





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