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From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 12:59 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Information Centre #3 – Deadline Extended to Provide Feedback!

Good afternoon,

The Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team would like to thank you again for participating in the Public Information Centre #3 (PIC #3) in Thunder Bay and Geraldton in June.

This is a reminder that if you were unable to join us in person, you can view all PIC #3 materials, including presentation boards, maps and fact sheets on our website: <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/pic3/>

We've also extended the deadline to provide feedback. Please take a look at the materials and share your feedback using the online feedback form by July 22, 2022. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=tFrtFlkrQE6AbYowvcnPJnpWN5YUEVJHgOwk66nyrV5UNkJKREQ4UFA1NFVSTUtBTEVTWUIBUFc4Ui4u>

We value your feedback and appreciate any input about the proposed access road.

Please reach out if you have any questions or if you require the information in a different format.

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Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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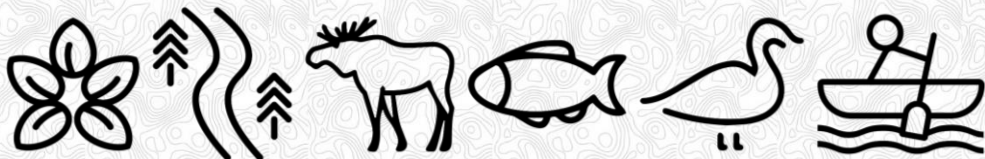
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Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road

July 2022 update

Current and upcoming activities

Welcome to the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road July E-Blast with updates on current and upcoming activities. This E-Blast features:

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Thank you for Joining Us!

The first Public Information Centre during the provincial Environmental Assessment / federal Impact Statement phase (PIC #3) of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road was held on Monday, June 27, 2022 in Thunder Bay and Wednesday, June 29, 2022 in Geraldton. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in person to learn about the project, discuss the Community Access Road with the Project Team and provide valuable feedback.

If you were unable to join us in person, you can view all [PIC # 3 materials, including presentation boards, maps and fact sheets.](#)

Field Study Updates



The first trip for the Fish Habitat and Surface Water field program and the second trip for the Breeding Bird Point Counts and Marsh Playback surveys were completed in July. Check out the related field program [notices](#), [watch videos and fill out Discussion Guides](#).

The air quality monitoring program was completed in May this year and the monitoring equipment has been decommissioned and removed from MFFN. The data collected from this field program will be used to characterize current air quality conditions within the study area. This program has been a success thanks to support from MFFN Community Member field support staff!

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Upcoming Field Studies

Our field crews are continuing field studies throughout the summer and into the fall / winter seasons. There are a lot of moving parts when scheduling field programs, including helicopter availability, weather and on-going monitoring of COVID-19 situations. We appreciate your understanding as timelines shift.

Below is a high-level overview of upcoming field study programs and their approximate timelines*. You can also learn about the programs in the video links below and share your feedback in Discussion Guide links.

Bird Autonomous Recording Units (ARU) Program: August 9 – 13, 2022

Surface Water and Fish and Fish Habitat Program: August 15 – 26, 2022. [Watch the video and fill out the Discussion Guide](#)

Groundwater and Geochemistry Program: September 1 – November 1, 2022. [Watch the video and fill out the Discussion Guide](#)

Fall Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys: September 12 – 14 and 26 – 29, 2022

Physiography and Terrain Program: September 26 – October 15, 2022

Ungulates Remote Camera Check: October – November, 2022

Caribou Mortality Investigation, if needed: October – November, 2022

*Timelines and programs are approximate and may shift; we will provide updates as required.

If you have any questions, comments or feedback on the planned studies, we would like to hear from you (contact information below).

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The Indigenous Knowledge Program Continues

The Indigenous Knowledge Program is collecting relevant information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use and important cultural values in and around the proposed Community Access Road study area. The submission deadline for the Indigenous Knowledge Program Studies to inform the Environmental Assessment processes was June 30, 2022. While this deadline has passed, the Indigenous Knowledge Program will continue!

Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use is invaluable. We continue to work with communities to share information and complete

the Project-specific studies.

If your community has Indigenous Knowledge or information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use related to the Project that you would like to share please do not hesitate to reach out to Bob Baxter at 1-807-628-7553 or bbaxter48@gmail.com or Andrea Nokleby at 1-604-417-5332 or anokleby@dillon.ca. [Learn more about the Indigenous Knowledge Program.](#)

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August 2022 update

Current and upcoming activities

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[Catch your Dream: Indigenous Access Programs at Lakehead University](#)

[Field Study Updates](#)

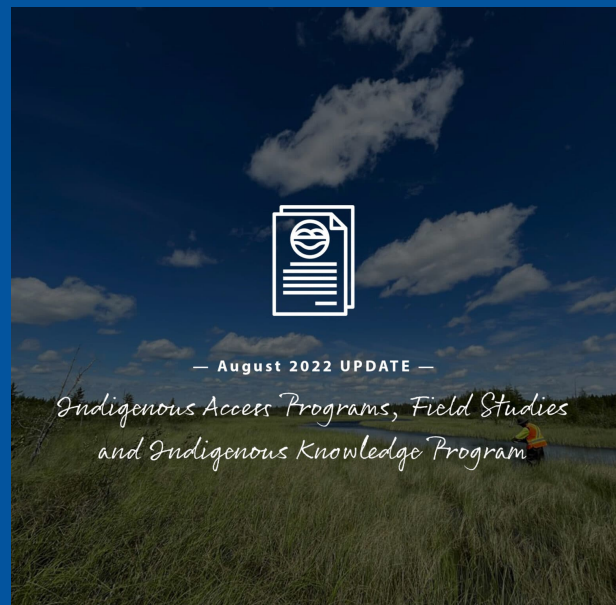
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Indigenous Access Programs



As part of Lakehead University's Indigenous Initiatives, they are currently offering Indigenous Access Programs. Indigenous Access Programs are pathways to post-secondary education for Indigenous people (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) who do not meet the academic requirements to enter directly into university. The program is intended to develop skills and knowledge to transition to programs in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Nursing.

The Access Programs honour Indigenous heritage while providing culturally appropriate supports and services. Academic counselling and tutoring are available, as well as other supports, such as Elder visits, cultural activities, personal counselling and assistance with community connections for services such as housing and child care.

If you are interested in learning more, please visit the Lakehead University website:

<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/indigenous/indigenous-programs>.

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Field Study Updates

The Bird Autonomous Recording (ARU) Unit Program was completed in August, and ARU devices were removed from the field. A caribou mortality investigation was also

completed during this field program. Check out the related field program [notices](#), [watch videos and fill out Discussion Guides](#).

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Groundwater and Geochemistry Program: September 5 – November 1, 2022. [Watch the video and fill out the Discussion Guide](#).

Fall Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys: September 7 – 8 and 26 – 29, 2022.

Physiography and Terrain Program: September 26 – October 8, 2022.

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Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Study Areas Update

The Aboriginal and Treaty Right and Interests (ATRI) study areas for the Community Access Road Project have recently been updated. The MFFN CAR Project Team has been

hard at work planning for the Project and has further defined the Project Development Area. The proposed Project Development Area now takes into account potential aggregate sites, temporary construction camp locations, and construction access roads.

You can view the full update on the project [website here](#).

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Indigenous Knowledge Program

Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use is invaluable to the Community Access Road Project in that it helps us to better understand and appreciate the environment with respect to the identity, culture and heritage of Indigenous Communities.

To date, we have shared an IK Guidance Document full of resources and information and offered funding support to those communities interested in participating in the IK Program.

If your community has Indigenous Knowledge or information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use related to the Project that you would like to share please do not hesitate to reach out to Bob Baxter at 1-807-628-7553 or bbaxter48@gmail.com or Andrea Nokleby at 1-604-417-5332 or anokleby@dillon.ca. [Learn more about the Indigenous Knowledge Program](#).

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The Marten Falls Community Access Road Project is on Facebook! Follow us to stay up to date on the Project planning, engagement opportunities and new and upcoming field studies. We would also love your feedback.

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September 2022 update

Current and upcoming activities

Welcome to the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road September E-Blast with updates on current and upcoming activities.

This E-Blast features:

[Community Access Road Project Honoured with IAP2 Award](#)
[Youth Engagement Program Field Study Updates](#)
[Upcoming Field Studies](#)
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IAP2 Award



At this year's 2022 International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Canada, the MFFN Community Access Road Project received the Core Values Award for Visual Engagement. Chief Bruce Achneepineskum and Project Team Consultant Kathryn Ross were present to receive the award.

Watch our [video](#) and learn more about the award.

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Youth Engagement Program

The Youth Engagement Program is back this fall! MFFN recognizes the importance and value of engaging youth on the Community Access Road Project. The purpose of our Youth Engagement Program is to honour their participation in decisions that will affect them in the future and acknowledge their unique perspective. We will share information about the Community Access Road, ask youth living inside and outside the community to share their ideas and feedback and lead engaging activities and collaborative sessions.

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Field Study Updates

We have two field study updates:

Crews have begun the Groundwater Clearing and Drilling program. This program, which installs ground water monitoring wells, will continue through October with potential for some work in early November. For details on all clearing and drilling locations, please see the [Field Notice](#).

The Waterfowl Aerial Surveys were completed on September 9, 2022. The work included the surveys of 12 lakes and two portions of the Ogoki and the Albany Rivers. Low concentrations of waterfowl were observed on the waterbodies and watercourses. Field crews will return to the area in late September to continue surveys.

Check out the related field program [notices](#), [watch videos](#) and fill out [Discussion Guides](#).

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Upcoming Field Studies

Our field crews are continuing field studies into the fall / winter seasons. Below is a high-level overview of upcoming field study programs and their approximate timelines*.

Groundwater and Geochemistry Program: Ongoing until November 10, 2022

Aerial Waterfowl Migration Survey: September 27 – 29, 2022

Physiography and Terrain Surveys: September 26 – October 8, 2022

Ungulates Remote Camera Check: October 21 – 28, 2022

Caribou Mortality Investigation: if needed

**Timelines and programs are approximate and may shift; we will provide updates as required.*

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Indigenous Blooming Program

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team works closely with AECOM. Did you know that AECOM has a program called Indigenous Blooming Program? It's a unique mentorship opportunity grounded in two-way learning and knowledge exchange. With a general focus in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Business and Economic Development, the Indigenous Blooming Program offers internships, career awareness and work experience for students interested in pursuing post-secondary education. In spirit, the Indigenous Blooming Program is shaped to help youth reach their full potential through personal and professional support and guidance. For details on the program or how to apply, please visit

<https://aecom.com/indigenous-engagement/>

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October 2022 update

Current and upcoming activities

Welcome to the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road October E-Blast with updates on current and upcoming activities.

This E-Blast features:

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Meet the MFFN Community Coordinator

Last month Susanna Baxter, a MFFN community member, was hired as the Community Coordinator for the MFFN Community Access Road Project! Susanna brings valuable experience working in the community and with MFFN community members and will help share Project updates and activities, collect data and help coordinate a wide range of engagement activities.

Susanna shared some background information on herself and some insights into how she sees her role having a positive impact on the community:

About Me

A little about me, my name is Susanna Baxter, I am 34 years old and live in Marten Falls with my three children, it is my home. I currently also work at the Health Centre as an Assistant to the Health Director. I completed high school and college in my 30's so my kids could see education as a very reachable achievement, and I always strive to do as much as I can with my life while I can.

What are you most excited about for the Community Access Road and being part of the Project?

Regarding the Community Access Road Project, I am most excited about the positive changes that it will provide. The road will provide access to a better quality of life in terms of accessing healthcare, emergency care and other travel for healthcare needs for our Community Members. It will help provide access to fresh food and give our community opportunities to build and bring materials for new homes, home improvements and upgrades to important buildings. A



road can help students access family and give MFFN high school students the chance to see family members regularly. One day we can build our very own high school, so they don't have to leave their parents at 13-14 years old for months at a time. The Community Access Road Project plays a pivotal role in the Marten Falls First Nations' social and economic development.

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Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Public Information Centre #4: Join us at our upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC #4) for updates and information on our upcoming Effects Assessment Methods Milestone. This will be an opportunity to meet the team in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, learn more about the planning process and share your feedback, ideas and values related to the proposed all season access road. Dates will be confirmed soon!

Community Access Road Webinar Series: Mark your calendars for a weekly Webinar Series beginning in November! The webinars will focus on valued components including, Animals and Wildlife, Water and Fish, and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests. Save the date for our first Webinar on November 15 at 4 p.m. EST!

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Timeline Extension Request for the Impact Statement

The Community Access Road Project is subject to a federal Impact Assessment, which requires an Impact Statement within three years of the Notice of Commencement of the Impact Assessment. The Project is requesting a 3.5-year extension, which would shift the dates from February 24, 2023 to July 24, 2026. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

will be notifying Indigenous communities and the public about this extension request and will provide an opportunity to review the request and provide comments.

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Field Studies Updates

Our field crews have completed most of the 2022 field studies. The Groundwater and Geochemistry Monitoring Testing and Sampling Program has been extended until December 2022 and is our last scheduled field study in 2022.

We have three field study updates:

Furbearer Aerial / Ground Track Surveys will take approximately four (4) field days and will occur between January and February 2023. This field program is weather dependent and requires a fresh snowfall.

The Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys consist of an approximately nine (9) day trip to setup hair snag stations before February 15, 2023, and then another six (6) day trip every month to re-bait the stations until the end of May 2023.

Ungulate Aerial Winter Surveys will occur in January or February 2023 for approximately two (2) weeks. Helicopter surveys will occur at the same time as the airplane surveys for an approximately one (1) week period.

Check out the related field program [notices](#), [watch videos](#) and [fill out Discussion Guides](#).

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New Valued Components Video

We are continuing to develop videos to showcase the valued components we are studying as part of the Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment. Our latest video on Cumulative Effects is now live, click the link to check it out!

[Click here to watch in full screen](#)

[View our full multimedia showcase!](#)

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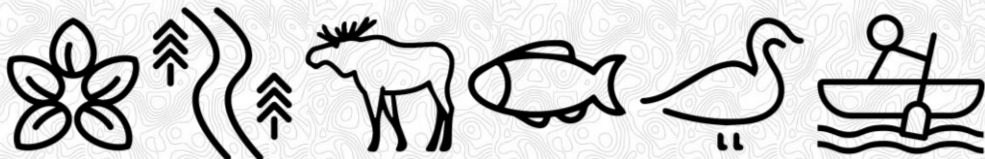
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Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road

November 2022 update
Current and upcoming activities

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This E-Blast features:

[Public Information Centre #4](#)
[Valued Components Webinar Series: Recording and Next Webinar](#)
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Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Best Western Plus Nor'Wester Hotel &
Conference Centre
2nd Floor (Room: Pointe Du Meuron)
2080 Hwy 61
Thunder Bay, Ontario
5:00* – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Geraldton Community Centre
200 Wardrope Avenue
Geraldton, Ontario
4:00* – 7:00 p.m.

**The first hour of each meeting is reserved for Indigenous community members only. The public, including Indigenous communities, are invited to join beginning one hour following the reserved time.*

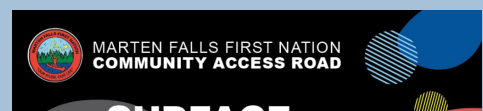
[View the notice with more details.](#)

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Community Access Road Webinar Series

Thank you to everyone who joined our first webinar on Animals and Wildlife (specifically moose (mooz), caribou (atik) and furbearers) on November 15. The recording is now available [here](#).

Our next webinar will be on Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat on Tuesday November 29 at 4 p.m. EST! Register [here](#).



Visit the Project Website regularly for updates on upcoming webinars:

<https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/#car-webinar>



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Furbearer Ground Tracking will take approximately 11 field days and is dependent on snowfall. The program is expected to take place from February to March 2023.

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This E-Blast features:

Message from Chief Bruce Achneepineskum

A Year in Review: Highlights of 2022

Upcoming Field Studies



Greetings on the Holidays!



As we gather with our families for the holidays, it is a good time to reflect on our progress to date on our projects and our hopes for the new year! Our team keeps on working on our Community Access Road and it is progressing well. It is with hope we can achieve another year of success and move along our long-term objectives of what the road project will eventually bring: access to better health care, a decrease in freight costs of goods, access to health care, and a chance for our members to return home, amongst other benefits of a Community Access Road.

We are also mindful of the ongoing important work that has to be done and look forward to working in the new year collaboratively with all parties.

On behalf of the Chief and Council of Marten Falls First Nation, we are wishing you a safe and joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Chief Bruce Achneepineskum

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2022 Highlights

2022 was a great year for the planning phase of the Community Access Road Project. There was a return to normalcy for many people and communities this year that allowed us to meet in person once again and progress the field study programs. As the year reaches a close, we'd like to thank you for your continued interest and involvement in the Community Access Road, and for the insights you have shared. We appreciate your perspectives and know that your feedback helps strengthen the decisions we make through the planning process.

A lot was accomplished this past year. Here are some key highlights:

Meetings and Discussions with
Indigenous communities,

government agencies and interested persons: We had multiple virtual meetings in 2022, but we also saw a return to in-person engagements with two Public Information Centres. The Project Team visited Marten Falls First Nation, Thunder Bay and Geraldton in June, November and December to share updates and milestones related to the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment process. This was also an opportunity to engage in face-to-face conversations, listen and receive direct feedback on the Community Access Road. We very much look forward to more opportunities to meet and continue discussions in the new year. Please visit our [Get Involved](#) page to learn more about these events.

Valued Component Webinars: We started a new Webinar Series this year to unpack the valued components we are studying in the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment. Live webinars on Animals and Wildlife (specifically moose (moozoog), caribou (atigwag) and furbearers) and on Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat have already taken place and can be viewed [here](#). Weekly webinars will return in the new year on January 10, 2023 and will discuss Archaeology and Cultural Heritage. Save the date and check out our [Get Involved](#) page to register.

Field Studies: Field programs studying existing conditions and effects assessments for the technical disciplines have taken place this past year including: Groundwater and Geochemistry; Aquatics (surface water, fish and fish habitat); Physiography, Terrain and Soils; Vegetation; Wildlife; Birds; and Ungulates (Atigwag and Moozoog; Caribou and Moose). In advance of each field study, we distributed Discussion Guides asking key questions for input to help shape our program plans. We also followed up with emails once dates were confirmed. Highlights of 2022 field programs can be found [here!](#)

Update on the Proposed Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Study Areas: Updates were made to the study areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests assessments that are to be completed for the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project. The proposed Project Development Area now considers potential aggregate sites, temporary construction camp locations, and construction access roads. Further details can be found here: [Indigenous Knowledge Program](#)

Community Coordinators Hired: Two Marten Falls First Nation Community Coordinators were hired this year. Susanna Baxter and Rowena Moonias both bring valuable experience working in and outside of the community and we're excited to work with them.

Timeline Extension Request for the Impact Statement: The Community Access Road Project is subject to a federal Impact Assessment, which requires an Impact Statement within three years of the Notice of Commencement of the Impact Assessment. The Project has requested a 3.5-year extension, which would shift the dates from February 24, 2023 to July 24, 2026. Information on this request can be found on the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada [website](#).

Valued Component Videos: We developed a number of videos in 2022 to showcase the valued components we are studying as part of the Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment. Videos on Furbearers, Air Quality, Cumulative Effects and others can be found on our Multimedia page [here](#).

Field Studies Updates

Field Studies will continue in 2023. The following programs will occur between January and May 2023, with exact dates being provided once confirmed:

Upcoming Winter Field Study Updates

Furbearer Winter Tracking Surveys: Field crews will fly in a helicopter to look for tracks of wildlife in the snow. Transects, or straight lines through the study area, will be walked to document the number of track sets, species, location and habitat type encountered.

Winter Ungulate Aerial Surveys: Surveys will be conducted using a fixed wing aircraft and helicopter to gather information on the population and distribution of caribou (atigwag), to search for collared and uncollared groups of caribou, and to identify number of calves with caribou groups in the study area.

Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Program: Field crews will collect the Autonomous Recording Units (ARU) that were deployed throughout the study area in March 2022.

Wolverine (wishkobishag, wiingwa'waake) Hair Snag Surveys: Wolverine hair snag traps will be baited in the study area to help understand wolverine (wishkobishag, wiingwa'waake) demographics (male / female). Remote cameras will monitor the baited hair snag traps to help confirm if a wolverine has visited the hair snag trap.

Collared Caribou Mortality Investigations: Field crews will conduct mortality investigations as needed associated with caribou (atigwag) that have been collared in the study area in February 2021. The mortality investigation includes determining the cause of death of the animal (e.g., predation, hunter, natural causes) and collecting the collar from the field.

Groundwater and Geochemistry Program: Field crews will continue drilling, installing and sampling ground water monitoring wells throughout the study area. The monitoring wells will continue to be sampled three times a year for two years.

Ungulate Remote Camera Program: Field crews will collect the remote cameras that were deployed throughout the study area in June 2021 to collect important information on the presence and seasonal patterns of caribou (atigwag), moose (moozoog), wolves (maihgan) and other wildlife.

Check out the related [field program notices](#) for more details, [watch videos and fill out Discussion Guides](#).

**Timelines and programs are approximate and may shift; we will provide updates as required.*

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Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road

January 2023 update

Current and upcoming activities

Welcome to the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road January 2023 E-Blast with updates on current and upcoming activities. This E-Blast features:

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Archaeological Assessment Report

The Stage 1 archaeological assessment report for the MFFN Community Access Road Project is complete. The objective of this report is to document the archaeological potential of the local study area based on its natural history, past and current land use and present-day environmental conditions. This information is used to support recommendations regarding cultural heritage values or interests as well as assessment and mitigation strategies.



The report will be shared with Indigenous communities, Provincial Territorial Organizations and Tribal Councils in early February. If you are interested in learning more about this document or the archaeology and cultural heritage program, please contact us.

If you know of any culturally significant areas, plants, water bodies or important fishing / hunting / gathering locations in the study area that our field teams should avoid in the remainder of our field programs, please let us know.

If you're interested in learning more, watch our recent webinar on the topic [here](#).

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2022 MFFN Field Support Staff Update

Earlier this month, Matt Bovin and Levi Baxter of MFFN joined field crew members for Wilderness Survival Training

as part of their role as MFFN Field Support Staff on field study programs. Wilderness survival training included building a shelter and sleeping in it overnight. Matt and Levi will accompany Project consultants on upcoming field studies.

Thank you for your support with the MFFN Community Access Road field studies; we're lucky to have you!

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Public Information Centre #4 – Deadline for feedback extended!

Public Information Centre #4 (PIC #4) was held in Thunder Bay and Geraldton in December. The PIC included updates and information on the Effects Assessment Methods Milestone. The meeting provided an opportunity for Indigenous community members and the public to learn more about the planning process and share feedback, ideas and values related to the proposed all season access road. Engagement materials are available [here](#). Please [share your feedback](#) by February 10, 2023.

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Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests

The Province of Ontario is hosting a 2-day forum on Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) in Thunder Bay on February 8 & 9, 2023. The focus of this forum is to create a respectful, culturally sensitive, and collaborative space to discuss potential

impacts to northern Indigenous communities' ATRI as they relate to the Community Access Road Project.

Representatives from the MFFN CAR Project Team will be available to meet with you one-on-one to discuss ATRI. In addition, we will be hosting a Cultural Heritage workshop for all communities who have identified interests within the Project study area.

For information on participant funding and to RSVP, please contact ea.participant.fund@ontario.ca or please contact Andrea Nokleby at anokleby@dillon.ca.

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Timeline Extension Approved for the Impact Statement

The Community Access Road Project is subject to a federal Impact Assessment, which requires an Impact Statement within three years of the Notice of Commencement of the Impact Assessment. The Community Access Road Project has been approved for a 3.5-year extension, shifting the submission date to July 24, 2026. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada has posted information on this approval here: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80184?culture=en-CA>

If you have any questions, please contact IAAC directly.

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Winter Field Study Updates and Upcoming Programs

Furbearer Winter Tracking Surveys
Now that the weather conditions are favourable,

field crews began this program on Sunday, January 29, 2023. Field crews will be out for five days, however, the program may be extended in the event of weather delays. If you are in the study area, you may notice an increase in air traffic as the study area will be accessed by helicopter during this program. See the [Field Notice](#) for more information on the Furbearer Winter Tracking surveys.

The Bird Autonomous Recording Unit (ARU) Program

The program is now complete and the ARUs were retrieved from the field January 8 to 11, 2023. We look forward to sharing results with you once the data is analyzed. See the [Field Notice](#) for more information on the Bird ARU program.

Wolverine (wishkobishag, wiingwa'waake) Hair Snag Surveys

The first trip for this program will be completed from January 31 to February 14, 2023. Field crews will be operating between Geraldton and Marten Falls First Nation via helicopter. Field crews will be returning monthly between deployment and June to rebait hair snag traps. See the [Field Notice](#) on our website for more information about the wolverine hair snag field program.

The following programs will occur between February and May 2023, with exact dates being provided once confirmed:

Winter Ungulate Aerial Surveys (anticipated February 2023)

Collared Caribou (atigwag) Mortality Investigations (as needed)

Ungulate Remote Camera Program

Groundwater and Geochemistry Program (as early as March)

The groundwater drilling could not be completed at all sites in 2022. Drilling of the remaining sites will be conducted as early as March 2023.

Check out the related [field program notices](#) for more details, [watch videos](#) and [fill out Discussion Guides](#).

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MFFN CAR Webinar Series

The MFFN CAR Webinar Series is well underway! We have held four webinars to date and there are more to come.

To learn about and register for upcoming webinars visit, the [Get Involved page](#). Our next webinar is on Peatlands and will take place on Tuesday January 31 at 4:00 PM EST. Join us live!

Recordings are available on the following topics: Animals & Wildlife, Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat, Archaeology and Cultural Heritage, and Vegetation and Physiography. Watch the recordings [here](#).

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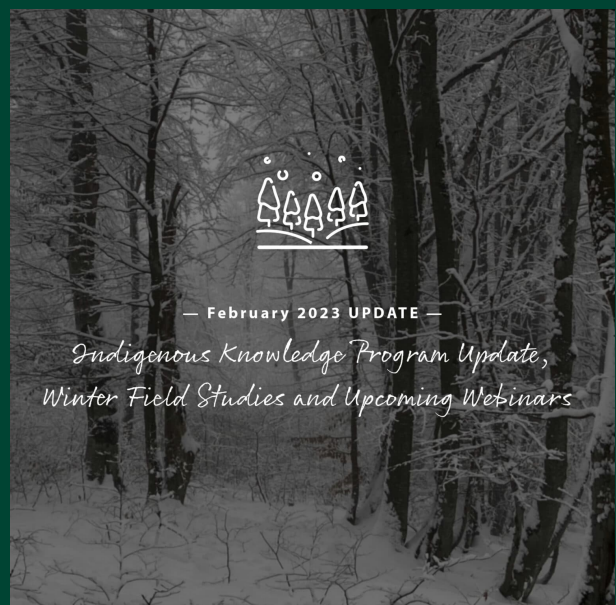
Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road

February 2023 update

Current and upcoming activities

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Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program Timeline Update

The Project Team first engaged Indigenous Communities in December 2019 about the IK Program. Project funding support to communities who expressed an interest in participating in the Program began in the summer of 2020 and is on-going.

IK received through the IK Program will allow for a more complete, robust, and accurate picture of the Community Access Road Project area to emerge. Our goal this year is to create a draft existing condition report that meaningfully includes IK. The report will be considered when selecting the preferred route for the Community Access Road.

To meet the study schedule and to help ensure the inclusion of IK in the draft existing condition report, it is critical that IK and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use be shared with the MFFN CAR Project Team by June 30, 2023.

If your community has IK or information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use related to the Community Access Road Project that you would like to share please do not hesitate to reach out to Bob Baxter at 1-807-628-7553 or bbaxter48@gmail.com or Andrea Nokleby at 1-604-417-5332 or anokleby@dillon.ca.

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MFFN Community Access Road at the ATRI Forum and Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Workshop

Earlier this month, the provincial government hosted the Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Forum in Thunder Bay. The purpose of the forum was to create a respectful, culturally sensitive, and collaborative space to develop an understanding of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests in any of the Project areas of the Webequie Supply Road, Northern Road Link and the MFFN Community Access Road.

Members of the Cultural Heritage and Archaeology teams for the Community Access Road were also present for all communities who have identified interests within the

Project study area.

Thank you to all who were able to participate in the forum. If your community or organization is interested in a meeting to talk about ATRI, please reach out to Andrea Nokleby at 1-604-417-5332 or anokleby@dillon.ca.

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Winter Field Study Updates and Upcoming Programs

Wolverine (wishkobishag, wiingwa'waake) Hair Snag Surveys

The first trip for this program was completed earlier this month. Field crews deployed 54 hair snag stations during their five days in the field. The next hair snag rebait is currently scheduled for March.

See the [Field Notice](#) on our website for more information about the wolverine hair snag field program.

Winter Ungulate Aerial Surveys were completed in February

The following programs will occur between March and May 2023, with exact dates being provided once confirmed:

Groundwater and Geochemistry Program

The groundwater drilling could not be completed at all sites in 2022. Drilling of the remaining sites will be conducted as early as March 2023.

Field crews will be conducting wolverine denning reconnaissance in advance of the groundwater and geochemistry drilling. Wolverine denning reconnaissance will occur in March; a Field Notice will be distributed shortly with more information.

Collared Caribou (atigwag) Mortality Investigations (as needed)
Ungulate Remote Camera Program

Check out the related [field program notices](#) for more details, [watch videos and fill out Discussion Guides](#).

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Field Study Spotlight: Use of Traditional Snowshoes

The 2020/2021 field season had greater than normal snow falls and periods of extreme freezing. A loosely packed snow base resulted in team members sinking waist deep in the snow. These challenges were shared with the Project Team and Senior Community Member Advisor Bob Baxter suggested the use of traditional snowshoes in the field. Traditional snowshoes have a wider base and, in his experience, are better suited for these challenging conditions. The snowshoe design is an Ojibway tear drop with sinew base.

In preparation for the 2022/2023 furbearer tracking program, we solicited Bob's support in finding traditional snowshoes for our team to use. Although we couldn't source traditional snowshoes for the entire team, Bob was able to bring his. While the snow conditions were different from 2021/2022, Bob's use of the traditional snowshoes did bring benefits to the field crew team. With the younger crew member leading and Bob in the middle, our rear crew member appreciated the large footprint with the minimal sinkage created by Bob's traditional snowshoes.

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MFFN CAR Webinar Series

The MFFN CAR Webinar Series on the Project's various studies is well underway! We've held seven webinars to date and there are more to come!

To learn about and register for upcoming webinars visit, the [Get Involved page](#).

Our next webinar covers the Project's Socio-Economic studies including Socio-Community, Human Health and Community Safety and will take place on Tuesday February 28 at 4:00 PM EST. [Join us live!](#)

Unable to attend webinars live? Recordings of all past webinars are available [here](#).

If your community or organization is interested in a meeting to talk about our studies, reach out to book a meeting.

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March 2023 update

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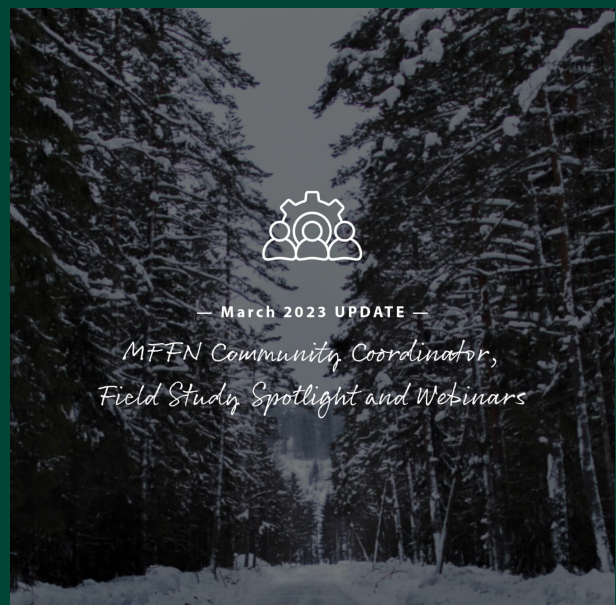
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Meet a MFFN Community Coordinator

Rowena Moonias, a MFFN community member, is a Community Coordinator for the MFFN Community Access Road Project! Rowena joined the team in November 2022 and has already brought her enthusiasm, insights and work ethic to help with the coordination of the recent Public Information Centre #4 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton. She also helps share Community Access Road updates and activities, collect data and help coordinate a wide range of other engagement activities.



Rowena shared a bit about herself below.

About Me

"My name is Rowena Moonias and I am excited to be a part of the Marten Falls Access Road team as a Community Coordinator. I am from Marten Falls First Nation and have served in many different positions for the community since 2005. I have a diverse education background having attended college for flight training and receiving my Commercial Pilots License and Ratings. I am always interested in new projects, people and experiences and have a deep love for my community and family. Miigwetch."

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Field Study Spotlight: Wishkobish / Wolverine Denning Program

The wolverine denning survey, associated with the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program, is now complete. The field crew, including the MFFN Field Assistant, completed the program this month. The purpose of this field program was to confirm the presence / absence of active wolverine dens within 4 km of groundwater monitoring well

locations, located along both route alternatives. The crew found potential denning activity within 4 km of two groundwater drilling sites near Geraldton. The drilling contractor mobilized in Geraldton following this survey to complete reconnaissance (visual inspections) and avoided these sites. Additional denning surveys may take place in the spring. No drilling will take place until all necessary survey work is complete.

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Winter Field Updates

The following programs have or will occur between March and May 2023, with exact dates being provided once confirmed:

Wolverine (wishkobishag, wiingwa'waake) Hair Snag Surveys — Hair snag rebaits took place from March 10 to March 12, 2023. The next rebaiting may take place in the Geraldton area as early as April, pending weather and could take 6 to 10 days to complete. See the [Field Notice](#) on our website for more information about the wolverine hair snag field program.

Groundwater and Geochemistry Program — The groundwater drilling could not be completed at all sites in 2022. Drilling of the remaining sites are anticipated to be conducted in April 2023. Sampling the monitoring wells will continue in spring.

Collared Caribou (atigwag) Mortality Investigations — A mortality investigation was completed the week of March 20. Mortality investigations will continue as needed.

Ungulate Remote Camera Program (Spring) — Field crews will be retrieving the remote cameras that were deployed in 2021.

Vegetation and Peatlands Aerial and Ground Surveys (Late May 2023)

Cultural Heritage (May) — Field crews will be surveying built heritage and cultural heritage resources in the study area. A field notice with more information will be issued in the coming days.

Check out the related [field program notices](#) for more details, [watch videos and fill out Discussion Guides](#).

**Timelines and programs are approximate and may shift; we will provide updates as required.*

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MFFN CAR Webinar Series

The MFFN CAR Webinar Series on the Project's valued components (study areas) is coming to an end! We've hosted 11 webinars to date covering topics from wildlife, climate change and socio-economics. If you missed a live webinar, recordings of all past sessions are available [here](#).

Our last webinar covers Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests and will take place on Tuesday April 4 at 4:00 PM EST. Join us live and [register here](#).

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Farewell to one of our MFFN Community

Coordinators

In 2022, we were happy to welcome Susanna Baxter as one of the MFFN Community Access Road Community Coordinators. Susanna brought her insights and experience as a MFFN community member to the team and helped share updates on the planning and outreach activities for the access road. Susanna accepted a new position elsewhere but still actively working in the community as Education Director and we wish her all the best.

Susanna shared some parting words:

"I have enjoyed my time working with the MFFN Community Access Road project. I feel it's very important work and I was happy to be part of it.



I would have worked at this job for longer, I felt a pull in a different direction. I have always been passionate about education and my community. I am now working as the Education Director for my community of Marten Falls, so I won't be too far away.

Thank you all for your kind words of encouragement and support while I was in this role. I'll miss you all, but I'll see you around, I'm sure. I'm not going anywhere. You have a wonderful team to work with that I know will continue to grow."

Thank you, Susanna, for your hard work and best of luck in your new endeavors! We look forward to collaborating with you again in the future as the Community Access Road progresses through the Environmental Assessment Process.

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Indigenous Knowledge Program

Indigenous Knowledge is an important part of the assessment processes for the Community Access Road. Indigenous Knowledge received through the Indigenous Knowledge Program will allow for a more complete, robust, and accurate picture of the Project area to emerge. Our goal is to create an existing conditions report that meaningfully includes Indigenous Knowledge which is also considered in the selection of the preferred route for the Community Access Road this fall.

To help ensure the inclusion of this information in the draft existing conditions report, it is critical that Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use be shared with the MFFN CAR Project Team by June 2023.

If your community has Indigenous Knowledge or information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use related to the Community Access Road Project that you would like to share please do not hesitate to reach out to Bob Baxter at 1-807-628-7553 or bbaxter48@gmail.com or Andrea Nokleby at 1-604-417-5332 or anokleby@dillon.ca.

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Spring Field Studies

A reminder that spring 2023 field studies for the MFFN Community Access Road Project are continuing.

See the [Field Notice](#) on our website for more information the spring field studies.

Upcoming field studies include:

Cultural Heritage (May) — Field crews will be surveying built heritage and cultural heritage resources in the study area. Surveys will be non-invasive and consist of photographic and written documentation, and community-based interviews.

Vegetation and Peatlands Aerial and Ground Surveys (June) — Field crews will be visually observing and documenting plant communities and wetland areas throughout the study area. Observations will be made from the air in helicopters and on the ground.

Ungulate Remote Camera Program (May) — Remote cameras for the ungulate remote camera program will be retrieved from the field this spring. Cameras have

been in the field for two years documenting presence, distribution and seasonal patterns of wolves (maihganang), moose (moozoog) and other wildlife.

Groundwater and Geochemistry Program (late May / early June) — Groundwater drilling started on April 10 and activities are expected to be completed by April 30. The groundwater sampling program is also expected to start in late May / early June. Due to the presence of wolverine in the study area, a second round of groundwater drilling will be completed outside of the wolverine denning period. Drilling is required for two sites and is planned to start in early June. A schedule will be provided once confirmed.

Wolverine (wishkobishag, wiingwa'waake) Hair Snag Surveys (Ongoing as needed) — Hair snag rebaits took place in April, staged out of Geraldton took 6 to 10 days to complete. This program is ongoing as needed until late spring.

Socio-Economic and Human Health (May / June) — The socio-economic and human health team will be conducting interviews and focus groups in MFFN and Thunder Bay with MFFN members in May and June 2023.

Field crews will include MFFN community member Field Assistants or Community Member Advisors.

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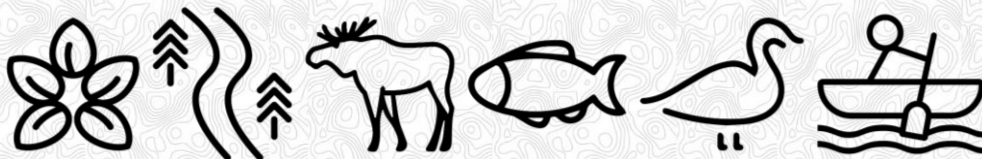
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A3.1 Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program Notice





Field Notice

Groundwater and Geochemistry Program

Issued: July 2022

What's Happening?

The Groundwater and Geochemistry Program is beginning for the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and the federal Impact Assessment (IA) for Marten Falls First Nation's (MFFN) proposed Community Access Road. The Early Spring 2022 Discussion Guide asked questions for your input on this program. [Watch our video to learn more about Groundwater and Geochemistry and why it's important.](#)

To better understand the current groundwater conditions in the study area, MFFN is installing 20 monitoring stations, each containing 3 to 4 wells, along both route alternatives to sample groundwater quantity and quality. The wells will be sampled three times a year for two years. When the wells are no longer required, they will be filled in and sealed. We will also be sampling soil and areas where potential construction material may be sourced to identify minerals or chemicals that could affect water quality if used or disturbed. This is the first time we are specifically looking at groundwater and geochemistry for the Community Access Road.

When?

The Groundwater and Geochemistry Program is expected to start early September and continue to November 2022. We will provide an update once dates are confirmed or if scheduling changes due to weather or other conditions. The field crews will identify monitoring well locations and clear brush and trees to allow helicopter and drill rig access. Once tree clearing is complete, the monitoring wells will be installed. Clearing and installation is anticipated to take approximately six weeks. Field technicians will then monitor, test, and sample each monitoring well. Groundwater monitoring, sampling, and testing will continue in 2023 and 2024.

Field crews will be travelling by helicopter and conducting studies on the ground, so you may see helicopters in the area from September to November.

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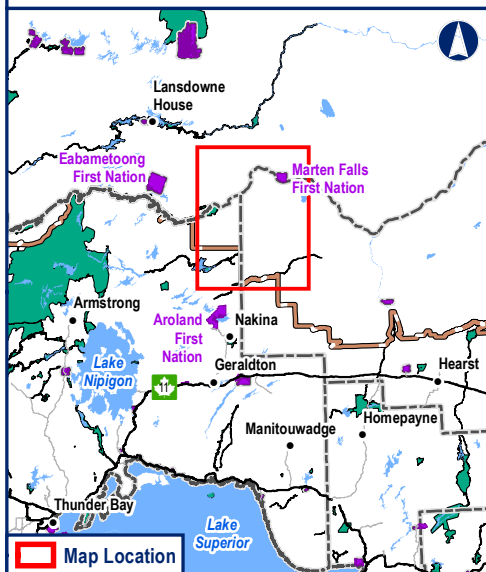
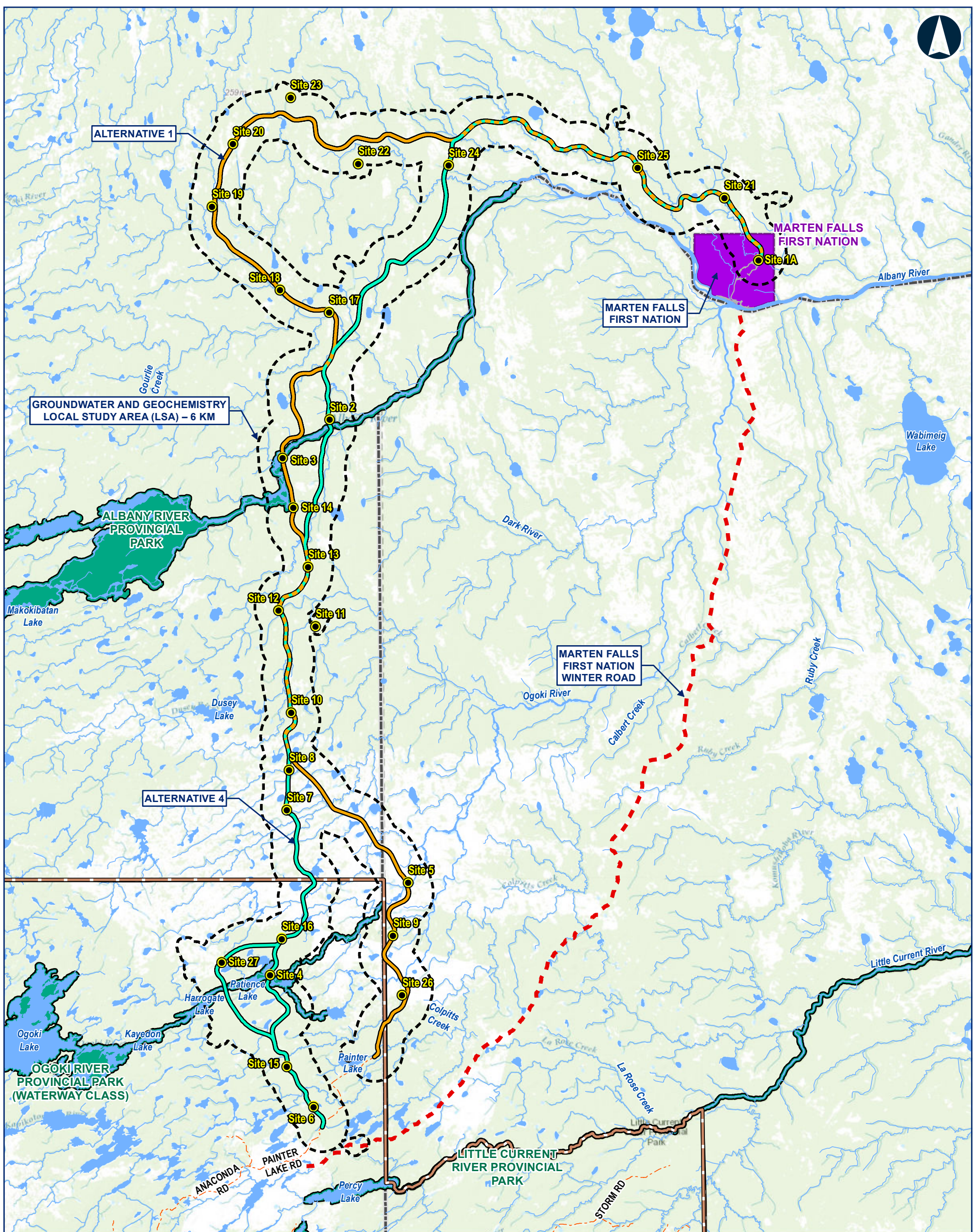
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Legend

- Proposed Clearing and Drilling Locations
- Groundwater Local Study Area (LSA) - 6 km
- Route Alternatives
 - Alternative 1
 - Alternative 4
- General Features**
 - Local Road
 - Resource / Recreation Road
 - MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
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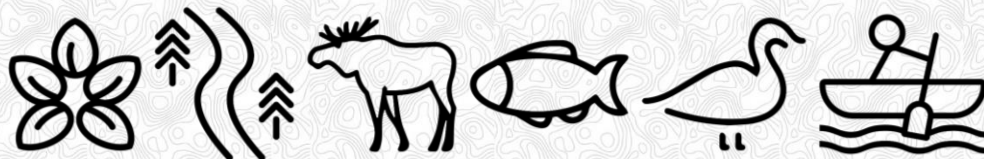
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A3.2 September Field Programs Update



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:39 PM
Subject: Current and Upcoming Fall Field Programs

Good afternoon,

The 2022 field season for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road is beginning to wind down. With the upcoming hunting season and other project's conducting field programs, we wanted to remind you that if you are in the Community Access Road study area you may notice an increase in helicopters in the area and field crews accessing sites.

As noted in the [August E-Blast](#), the following remaining programs will be completed this fall:

Aerial Waterfowl Migration Survey: September 27 – 29, 2022
Physiography and Terrain Surveys: September 26 – October 8, 2022
Groundwater and Geochemistry Program: Ongoing until November 10, 2022
Ungulates Remote Camera Check: October 21 – 28, 2022
Caribou Mortality Investigation: if needed

The Field Notices for [Groundwater and Geochemistry](#) (July 2022), [Physiography & Terrain](#) (May 2022) and [Aerial Waterfowl Migration](#) (March 2022) provide additional information on what these field programs are studying. Field programs will continue in 2023 and we'll continue to provide updates.

To learn more about what we are studying and why for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road, [check out our videos](#).

If you have any insights you would like to share based on your knowledge of Groundwater and Geochemistry, Waterfowl or Physiography, Terrain and Soils within the study area, insights can be shared through the [Spring](#) & [Birds](#) Discussion Guides available on our website

If you have any questions or comments about the program, please reply to this email or give us a call at 1-800-764-9114.

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A3.3 Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 2:54 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: MFFN CAR Winter / Spring 2023 Field Programs
Attachments: 2022-11-MFFN CAR 223 Winter Spring Field Notice.pdf

Good afternoon,

Field studies for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road are continuing in 2023.

The following winter and spring field programs will occur between January and May 2023 and a field notice is attached (and on our [website](#)) with more information. We will send out an update when exact dates are confirmed by the field crew, either in a separate email or in an upcoming monthly E-Blast.

Furbearer winter tracking surveys (four field days between January and February): Field crews will fly in a helicopter and walk straight lines through the study area to look for tracks of wildlife in the snow. Timing will be related to optimal snow conditions.

Winter ungulate aerial surveys (approximately two weeks in January and February): Surveys will be conducted using a fixed wing aircraft and helicopter to gather information on the population and distribution of caribou (atigwag). Timing will be related to optimal snow conditions.

Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Program (one week in January): Field crews will collect the Autonomous Recording Units that were deployed throughout the study area in March 2022.

Wolverine (wishkobishag, wiingwa'waake) hair snag surveys (monthly trips from February to May): Wolverine hair snag traps will be baited in the study area to help understand wolverine (wishkobishag, wiingwa'waake) demographics (male / female). Field crews will return monthly to re-bait hair snag traps.

Caribou (atigwag) Collaring / Mortality Investigation Program (As needed): Field crews will conduct mortality investigations associated with caribou (atigwag) collars that were deployed in the study area in February 2021.

Groundwater and Geochemistry (Spring): Field crews will sample groundwater monitoring stations installed throughout the study area.

Ungulate Remote Camera Program (Spring): Field crews will collect remote cameras that were deployed throughout the study area in June 2021.

To learn more about what we are studying and why for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road, check out our videos on [ungulates](#), [furbearers](#), [groundwater](#) and [more!](#)

If you have any questions or comments about the program, please reply to this email or give us a call at 1-800-764-9114.

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Field Notice



Winter / Spring 2023 Field Programs

Issued: November 2022

What's Happening and When?

Field studies are continuing for the Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Assessment (IA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed All Season Community Access Road.

The following winter field programs will occur between January and May 2023, with exact dates being provided once confirmed:

- **Furbearer winter tracking surveys** (four field days between January and February): Field crews will fly in a helicopter to look for tracks of wildlife in the snow. Transects, or straight lines through the study area, will be walked to document the number of track sets crossing the transect, species, location and habitat type encountered. Surveys will be conducted by track specialists. Timing will be related to optimal snow conditions.
- **Winter ungulate aerial surveys** (approximately two weeks in January and February): Surveys will be conducted using a fixed wing aircraft and helicopter to gather information on the population and distribution of caribou (atigwag), to search for collared and uncollared groups of caribou, to identify number of calves with caribou groups in the study area, and to observe signs of other wildlife in the study area. Timing will be related to optimal snow conditions.
- **Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Program** (one week in January): Field crews will collect the Autonomous Recording Units (ARU) that were deployed throughout the study area in March 2022.
- **Wolverine (wishkobishag, wiingwa'waake) hair snag surveys** (monthly trips from February to May): Wolverine hair snag traps will be baited in the study area to help understand wolverine (wishkobishag, wiingwa'waake) demographics (male / female). Remote cameras will monitor the baited hair snag traps to help confirm if a wolverine has visited the hair snag trap. Field crews will return monthly to re-bait hair snag traps.





Field Notice



- **Collared Caribou Mortality Investigations** (As needed): Field crews will conduct mortality investigations associated with caribou (atigwag) collars that were deployed in the study area in February 2021. The mortality investigation includes determining the cause of death of the animal (e.g., predation, hunter, natural causes) and collecting the collar from the field.
- **Groundwater and Geochemistry Program** (Spring): Field crews will sample groundwater monitoring stations installed throughout the study area in October and November 2022. The monitoring well will continue to be sampled three times a year for two years. When the wells are no longer required, they will be filled in and sealed.
- **Ungulate Remote Camera Program** (Spring): Field crews will collect the remote cameras that were deployed throughout the study area in June 2021 to collect important information on the presence and seasonal patterns of caribou (atigwag), moose (moozoog), wolves (maihgan) and other wildlife.

See the next page for a map.

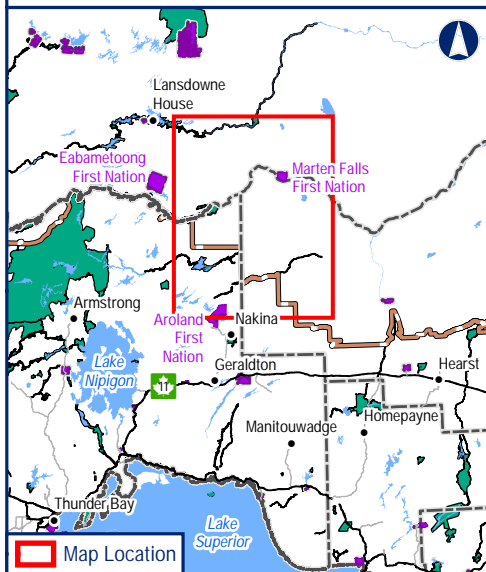
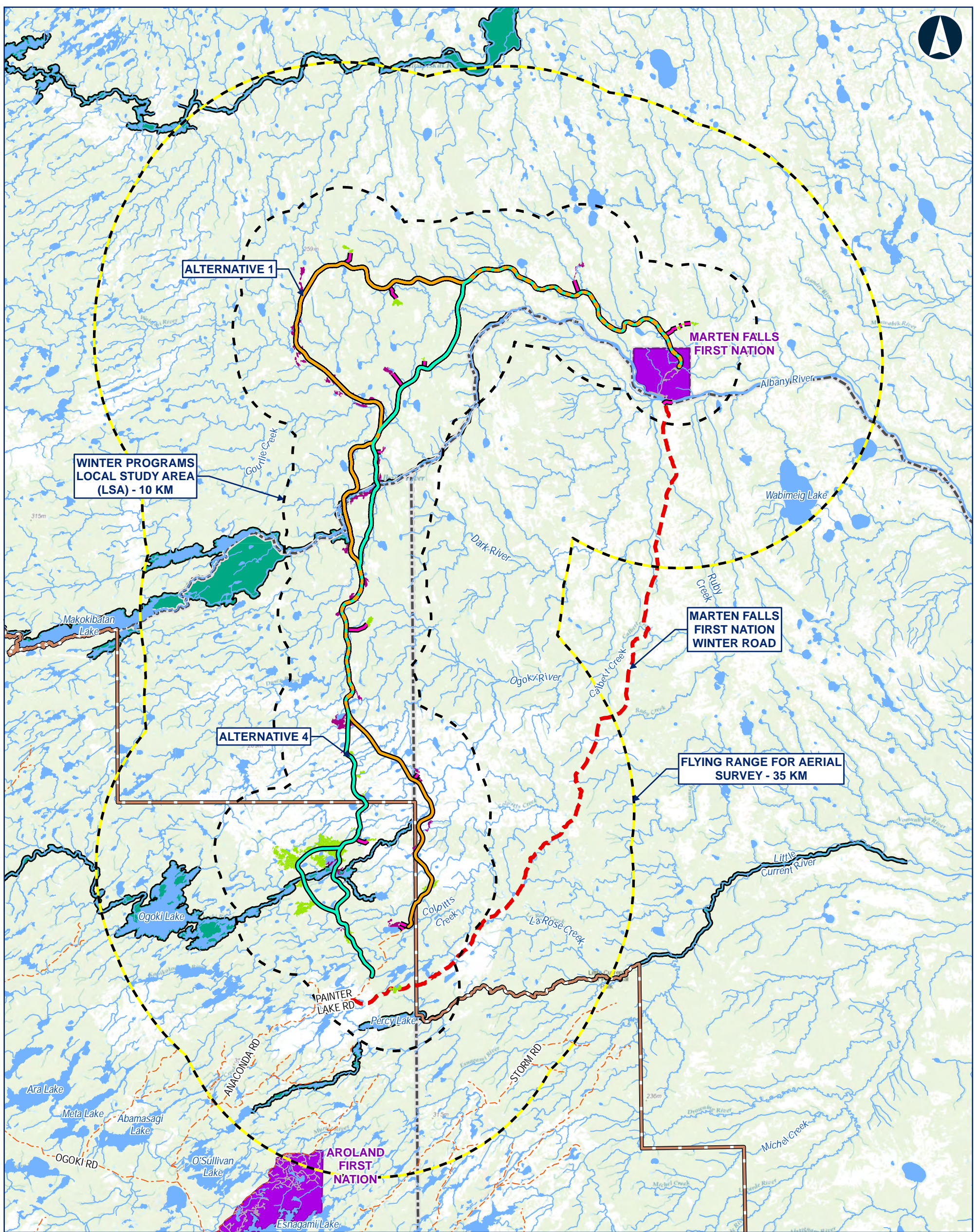
Field crews will be travelling by fixed wing aircraft and helicopter, you may notice aircrafts in the are during these field programs.

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Legend

Potential Aggregate Source

- Bedrock
- Sand and gravel
- Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site

Route Alternatives

- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4
- Winter Programs Local Study Area (LSA) - 10 km
- Flying Range for Aerial Survey - 35 km

Notes:
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General Features

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- Waterbody
- First Nation Reserve
- Provincial Park
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A3.4 Winter 2023 Field Notice Follow-up



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Subject: Winter Field Notice - Furbearer Ground Track Surveys
Attachments: 2022-11-MFFN-CAR-2023-Winter-Spring-Field-Notice.pdf

Hello,

In the Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice that was issued in December 2022, we shared tentative dates for the furbearer winter tracking field program for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. Now that the weather conditions are favourable, field crews are mobilizing to begin this program starting Sunday, January 29, 2023. Field crews will be out for five days, however, the program may be extended in the event of weather delays. For more information on this field program, read the field notice on our website at <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices>.

If you are located in the study area, you may notice an increase in air traffic as the study area will be accessed by helicopter during this program.

[Learn more about furbearers in our video here.](#)

[You can also watch our webinar on animals and wildlife including furbearers here.](#)

If you have any questions or comments, please reply to this email or give us a call at 1-800-764-9114.

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A3.5 Winter 2023 Field Notice Update



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
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Subject: Winter Field Notice – Ungulate Aerial Surveys
Attachments: 2022-11-MFFN-CAR-223-Winter-Spring-Field-Notice .pdf

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Good afternoon,

In the Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice that was issued in December 2022, we shared tentative dates for the ungulate aerial surveys for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. Now that the weather conditions are favourable, field crews are mobilizing to begin this program starting Thursday, February 16, 2023. Field crews will be in the field for eight days, however, the program may be extended in the event of weather delays.

The objectives of these surveys is to determine survival of calves from caribou (atigwag) collared during the caribou collaring program in 2021, to gather caribou population and distribution data in the study area and to observe signs of other wildlife such as moose (moozoog), wolves (maihganang) and wolverine (wishkobishag).

For more information on this field program, read the field notice on our website at <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices>.

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A3.6 Field Programs Update





Field Notice

Wolverine Den Surveys in Support of the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program

Issued: March 2023

What's Happening?

Wolverine den surveys will be starting in advance of drilling activities for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program for the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and federal Impact Assessment (IA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed Community Access Road

The purpose of this field program is to confirm the presence / absence of active wolverine dens within 4 km of groundwater monitoring well locations, located along both route alternatives. Field crews will fly parallel transects, or straight lines, within a 4 km radius around each groundwater monitoring well location and observe for wolverine tracks. If conditions are favourable, the field crew will land to verify observed tracks. Surveys will be completed prior to the commencement of groundwater drilling at remaining sites that were not drilled in the fall of 2022 for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program. If denning is confirmed, mitigation measures will be employed to avoid disturbance to denning wolverines during the sensitive period for wolverine (January 15 to May 31).

When?

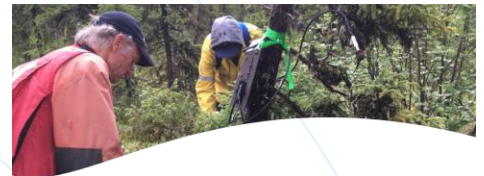
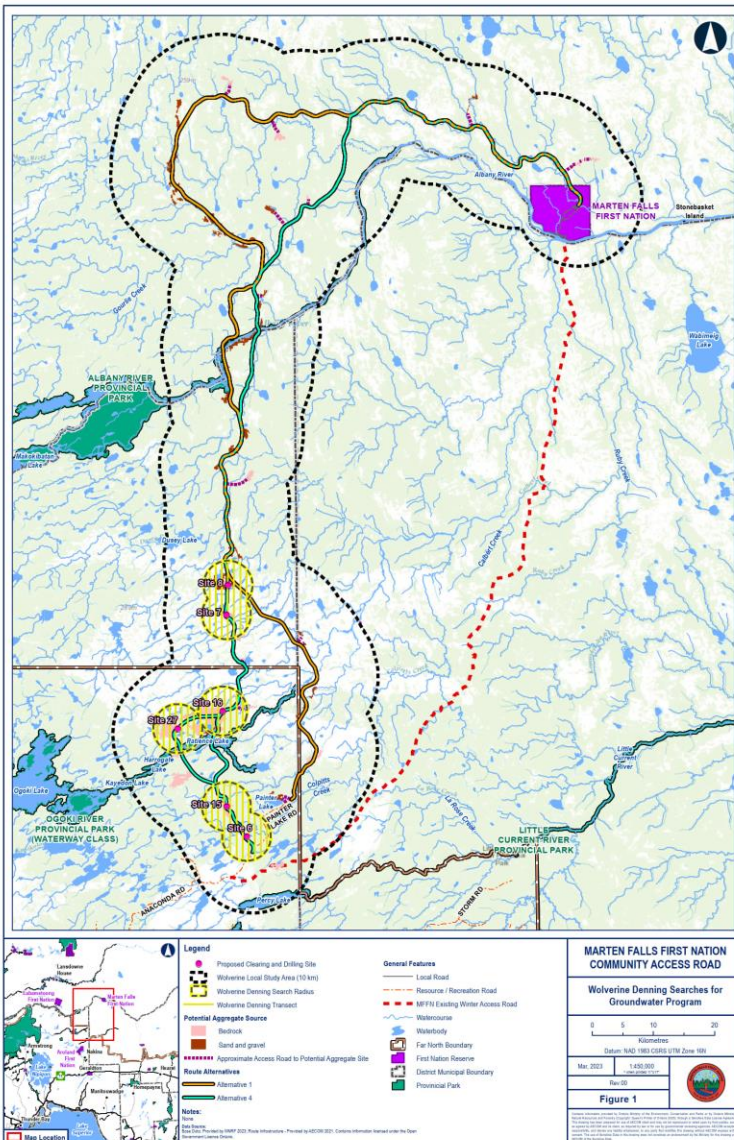
- Wolverine den surveys will be starting in March 2023, but exact dates aren't confirmed yet. We will provide updates once dates are confirmed.
- The field crews will be conducting the surveys by helicopter, so you may see helicopters in the area.

If wolverine den surveys are not required due to the Groundwater and Geochemistry field program timing, an update will be provided.





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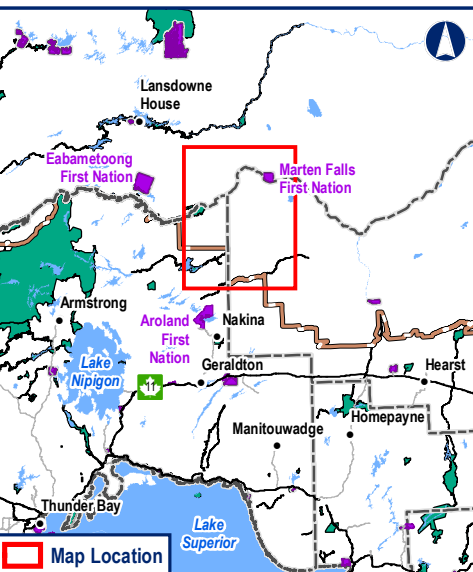
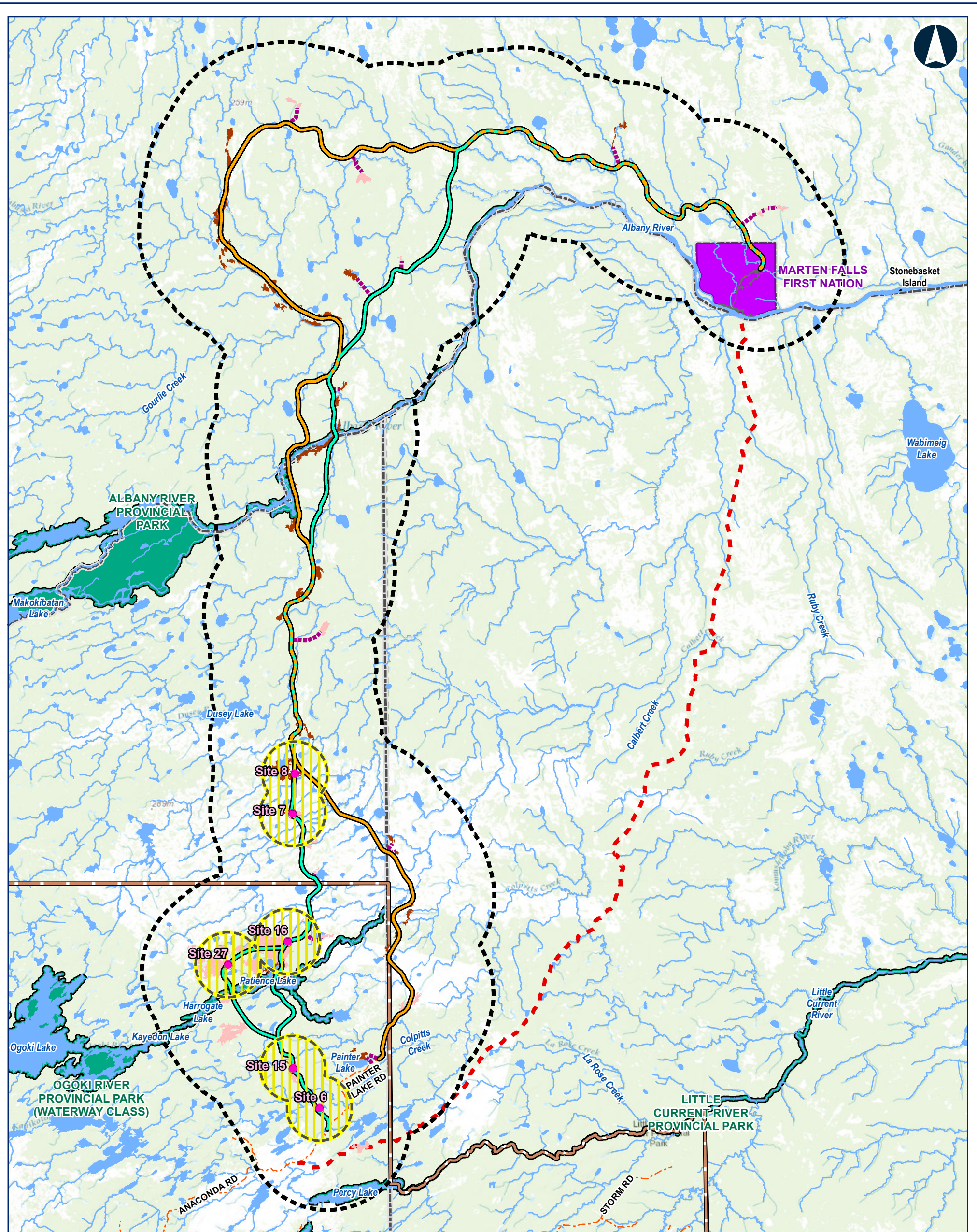
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Legend

- Proposed Clearing and Drilling Site
- Wolverine Local Study Area (10 km)
- Wolverine Denning Search Radius
- Wolverine Denning Transect

Potential Aggregate Source

- Bedrock
- Sand and gravel
- Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site

Route Alternatives

- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4

Notes:
None

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General Features

- Local Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- Far North Boundary
- First Nation Reserve
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- Provincial Park

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**Wolverine Denning Searches for
Groundwater Program**

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Hello,

Spring 2023 field studies for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project are continuing. Field studies and anticipate timing will include:

- Vegetation and Peatlands (June)
- Cultural heritage (May)
- Wildlife Remote Camera (May)
- Groundwater and Geochemistry (April - June)
- Wolverine Hair Snag (Ongoing until late spring)
- Socio-Economic and Human Health (May – June)

The 2023 Spring Field Notice is attached (and on our [website](#)) with more information. These programs were also referenced in the [March E-Blast](#).

To learn more about Vegetation, Peatlands, Cultural Heritage, Wildlife, Groundwater and Socio-Economic studies our webinars can be [viewed online](#).

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Field Notice



Spring 2023 Field Notice

Vegetation and Peatlands, Cultural Heritage, Ungulate Remote Camera, Groundwater and Geochemistry, Wolverine Hair Snag, Socio-Economics and Human Health

Issued: April 2023

What's Happening?

The following field programs are continuing for the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and the federal Impact Assessment (IA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed Community Access Road:

Vegetation and Peatlands

To better understand potential effects that the proposed Community Access Road may have on plants, such as reindeer lichen (wabakamik), goose berry (oshabomin) and speckled alder (wadopatik), and peatlands in the area, field crews will be visually observing and documenting plant communities and wetland areas throughout the study area. Field crews will observe areas from the air in helicopters and on the ground. Field surveys will be non-invasive with equipment limited to hand-operated soil augers or peat probes. Vegetation studies will focus on areas associated with potential aggregate resources and access roads. These are a continuation of field studies that took place in 2019, 2021 and 2022.

The vegetation and peatlands programs are expected to begin in June 2023.

Cultural Heritage

The cultural heritage field program will include surveys from the air of built heritage and cultural heritage resources in the study area. Field surveys will be non-invasive and will consist of photographic and written documentation, and community-based interviews. Field crews will be in the Marten Falls First Nation community for the first part of this field program and will stage out of Geraldton for the second portion.

The cultural heritage program is expected to begin in May 2023.





Field Notice



Ungulate Remote Camera

Remote cameras for the ungulate remote camera program will be retrieved from the field this spring. Cameras have been in the field for two years documenting presence, distribution and seasonal patterns of wolves (maihganang), moose (moozoog) and other wildlife.

The ungulate remote camera program is expected to begin in May 2023.

Groundwater and Geochemistry

The groundwater and geochemistry program is continuing. Drilling of sites not completed in 2022 will continue in spring 2023. Monitoring wells will be sampled three times a year until they are decommissioned in spring 2024.

- Groundwater drilling started on April 10 and are anticipated to be completed by April 30.
- Due to the presence of wolverine in the study area, a second round of groundwater drilling will be completed outside of the wolverine denning period. This second round is required for two sites, and is planned to start in early June.
- A groundwater sampling program is also expected to start in late May / early June.

Wolverine (wishkobishag) Hair Snag

The wolverine (wishkobishag) hair snag program is continuing, hair snag traps will continue to be baited monthly and traps will be retrieved from the field in late spring.

The wolverine hair snag program will continue to rebait traps monthly until decommissioning in June 2023.

Field crews will include Marten Falls First Nation community member Field Assistants or Community Member Advisors.





Field Notice



Socio-Economic and Human Health

The socio-economic and human health team will be conducting interviews and focus groups in Marten Falls First Nation and Thunder Bay with Marten Falls First Nation members in May and June 2023.

To learn more about vegetation, peatlands, cultural heritage, groundwater, ungulates and furbearers including wolverine, view [webinars recordings](#) and [educational videos](#) on our website.

An update will be provided once dates are confirmed or if scheduling changes due to weather or other conditions. The field crews will be accessing sites across the study area by helicopter, you may see helicopters in the area.

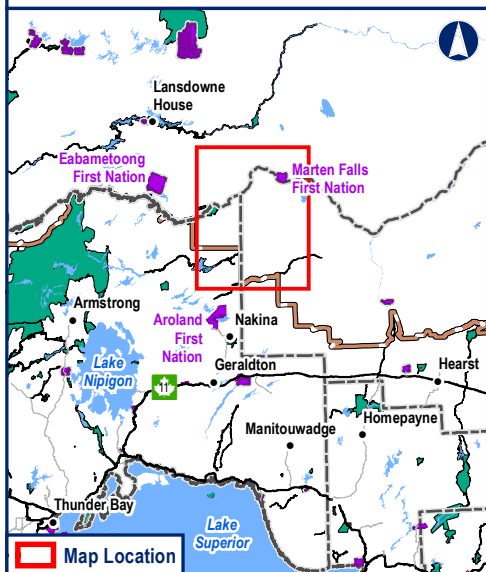
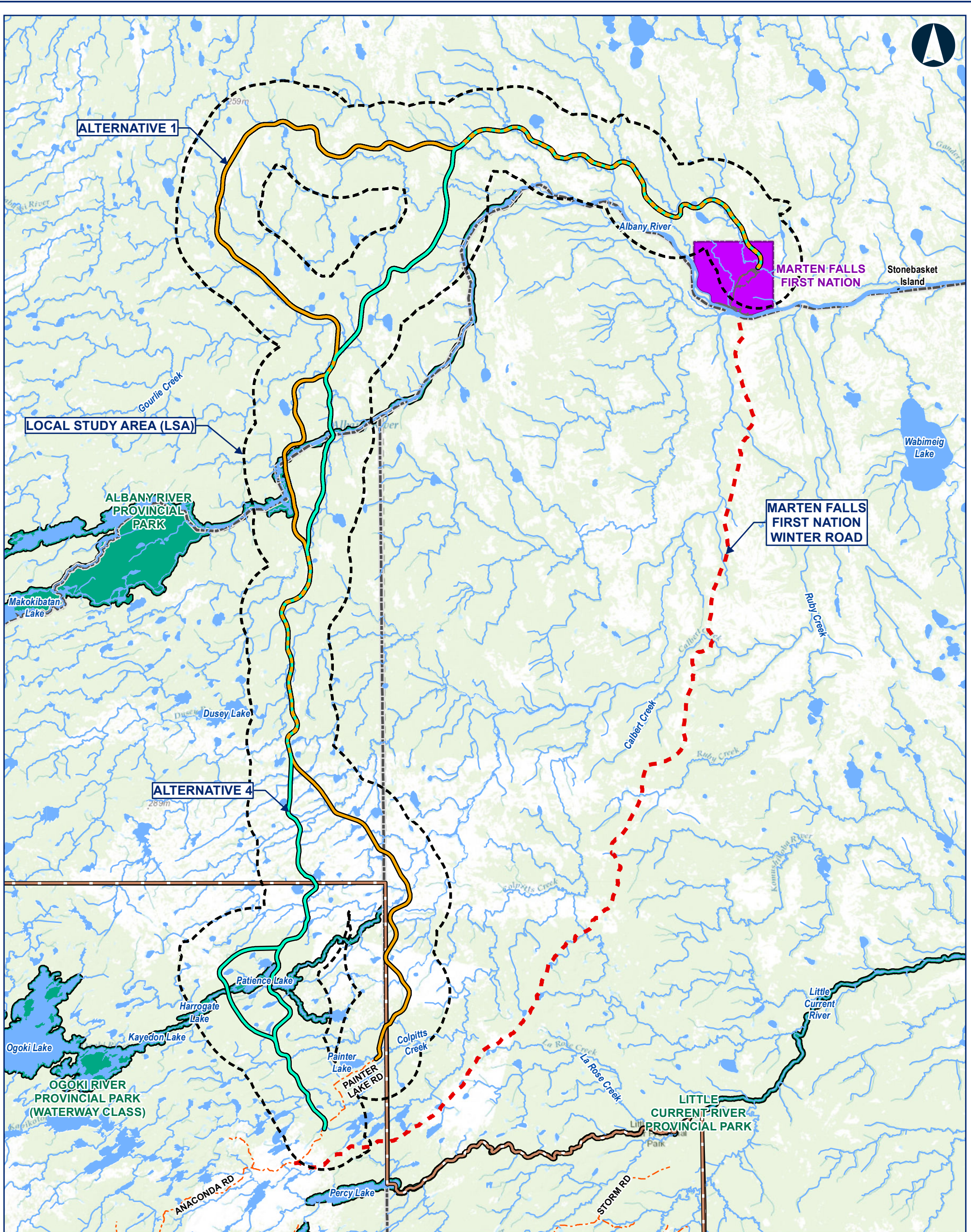
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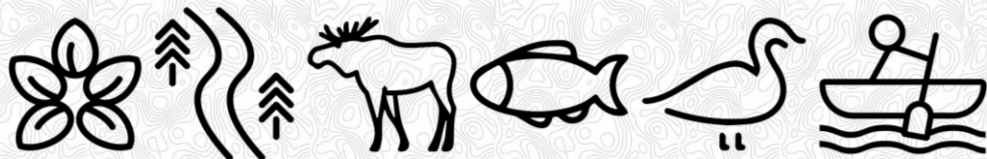
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A4. IK Program

A4.1 IK Program Update

A4.2 IK Program Timeline and Update

A4.3 IK Program Update



A4.1 IK Program Update





Update on the Proposed Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Study Areas

August 2022

The purpose of this memo is to share further updates on the study areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests assessments that are to be completed for the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project. The Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests environmental discipline includes the following valued components:

- Indigenous Current Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes (hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering, cultural and spiritual sites, quantity and quality of resources, etc.); and
- Cultural Continuity – ability to practice and transmit cultural traditions (experience of being on the land, ability to access preferred sites and resources, etc.).

The study areas outlined below should inform Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land and Resource Use Studies that may be completed by participating Indigenous communities in terms of defining the geographic extents for information collection.

What is a Study Area?

Study areas identify the geographic areas within which potential effects of the Project may or are likely to occur. These study areas are used to guide the data collection and assessment processes. To capture the range of potential effects, the following study areas are typically used in environmental assessment processes:

- Project Development Area (previously referred to as the Project Study Area): area of direct disturbance (the physical area required for Project construction and operation);
- Local Study Area: the area where the potential direct effects of the Project (e.g., direct effects on wildlife, vegetation and surface water associated with noise and vehicle emissions) may occur; and
- Regional Study Area: the area where the potential indirect effects of the Project (e.g., effects to Indigenous land and resource use as a result of changes in wildlife and fish and their habitats) may occur. It is also the area in which cumulative effects could occur.

Timeline of the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights & Interests (ATRI) Study Areas Development

- August 2020 - Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) shared the Preliminary Aboriginal and Treaty Rights & Interests (ATRI) Study Areas Memo with Indigenous communities for review and comment.
- September 2020 - Indigenous communities provided valuable feedback on the preliminary ATRI Study Areas.
- January 2021 - The MFFN Project Team revised the ATRI Study Areas based on Indigenous community feedback and distributed an updated ATRI Study Area Memo outlining the changes.





Revised ATRI Study Areas

Since the last update, the MFFN Project Team has been hard at work planning for the Project and has further defined the Project Development Area. The proposed Project Development Area now takes into account potential aggregate sites, temporary construction camp locations, and construction access roads. With the updated Project Development Area comes updates to the ATRI Local Study Area as highlighted in Table 1 Revised Geographic Extent of the Local Study Area based on the PDA and illustrated in Figure 1: Revised ATRI Local Study Area below and Figure 2 ATRI Regional Study Area attached. The proposed Project Development Area did not result in any changes to the ATRI Regional Study Area. We are pleased to also provide you with the revised ATRI LSA and RSA shapefiles.

Table 1: Revised Geographic Extent of the Local Study Areas based on the PDA

Proposed Study Area	Original Geographic Extent	Revised Geographic Extent Based on the PDA
Project Development Area	Not previously defined.	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100m road right-of-way (ROW) centered on the latest Route Alternative(s)• 10m ROW along potential access roads to the aggregate sites centred on the routes• Potential aggregate sites mapped to their full extent• Temporary construction camps
Local Study Area	5 km of the centreline of the Route Alternatives and 5 km buffer around other project components (e.g., aggregate sources) and temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas).	5 km buffer from the Route Alternatives PDA boundary, and 5km buffer around the other project components and temporary infrastructure PDA Boundary (e.g., aggregates sources, access roads, construction camps, staging areas, and stockpile areas).





Regional Study Area	Combined area of the quaternary watersheds crossed by each of the road alignments. In January 2021, based on comments received by Indigenous communities, the RSA was updated to include four additional quaternary watersheds that interact with the potential route alignments and the LSA. One of these additional watersheds is located at the southern terminus of Alternative 4 and the RSA now includes a larger portion of Painter Lake Road.	n.a.
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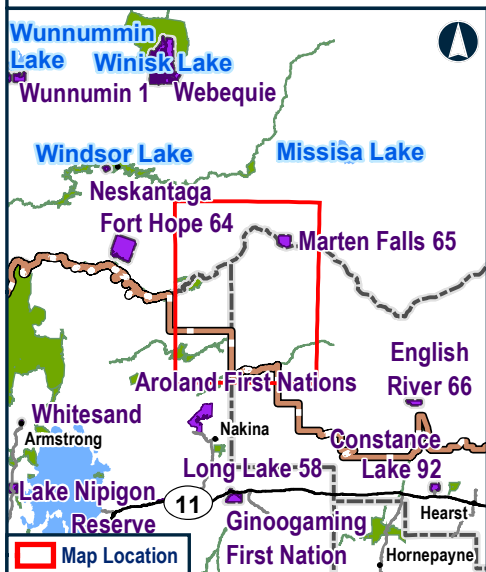
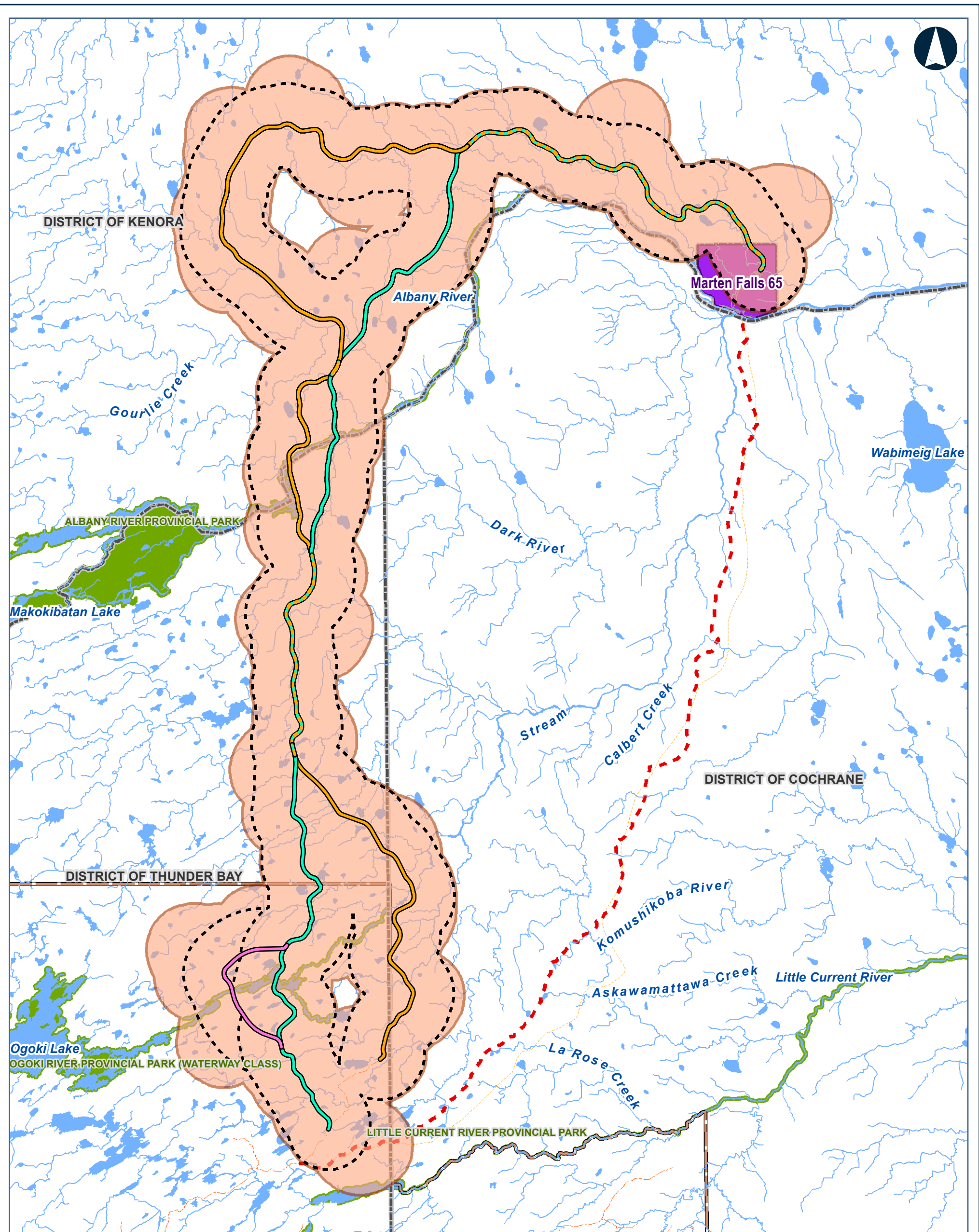
Your Knowledge is Important to Us!

The Project Team wants to understand Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests related to the project. Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use will help us to better understand and appreciate the environment with respect to the identity, culture, and heritage of Indigenous Communities. If your community has Indigenous Knowledge or information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use related to the Project that you would like to share or if you would like to learn more about the Indigenous Knowledge Program and/or share information on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests please do not hesitate to reach out to Bob Baxter at 1-807-628-7553 or bbaxter48@gmail.com or Andrea Nokleby at 1-604-417-5332 or anokleby@dillon.ca.

We hope you and your community are safe and well.

- Encl. Figure 1: Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Revised Local Study Area
 Figure 2: Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Regional Study Area
 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interest Study Area Shapefiles





Legend

- ATR Local Study Area (Revised)
- ATR Local Study Area (August 2020)
- Route Label**
 - Alternative 1
 - Alternative 4
 - Alternative 4 West
 - Alternative 1 and Alternative 4
- General Features**
 - Highway
 - Major Road
 - Local Road
 - Winter Road
 - Resource / Recreation Road
 - Service Road
 - Rapid Transit
 - Alleyway
 - Existing Winter Access Road
 - Railway
 - Watercourse
 - First Nation Reserve
- Far North Boundary
- District Municipal Boundary
- Waterbody
- Provincial Park

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Local Study Area for Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interest (May 2022)

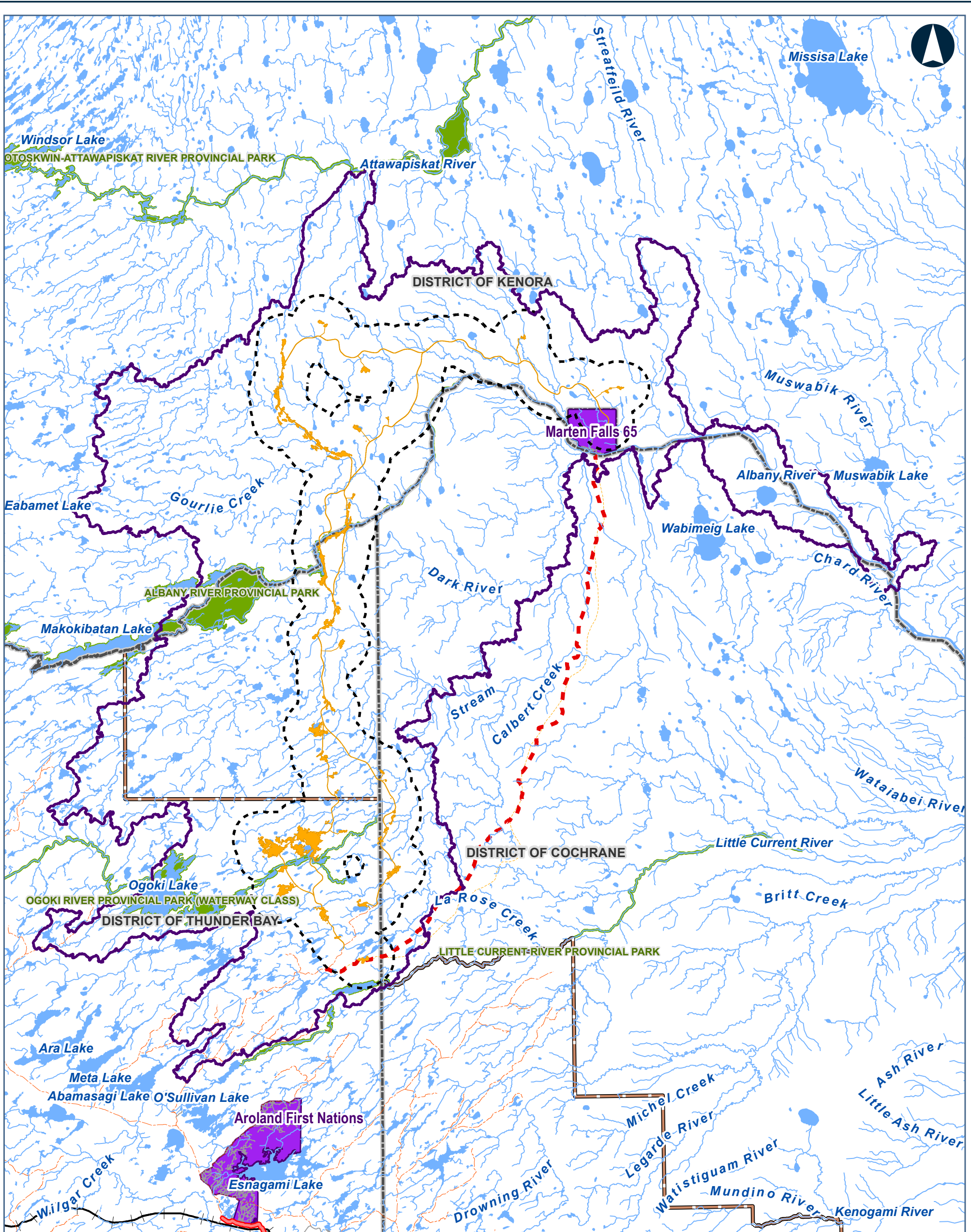
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Legend

Project Development Area	Rapid Transit	Provincial Park
Local Study Area	Alleyway	
Regional Study Area	Existing Winter Access Road	
General Features		
Highway	Railway	
Major Road	Watercourse	
Local Road	First Nation Reserve	
Winter Road	Far North Boundary	
Resource / Recreation Road	District Municipal Boundary	
Service Road	Waterbody	

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Study Areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Discipline

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A4.2 IK Program Timeline and Update



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 1:22 PM
Subject: IK Schedule Update and Key Dates
Attachments: MFFN Community Access Road Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline Update - March 2023.pdf

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We hope this email finds you well.

On behalf of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team, please find attached a letter outlining some key dates related to the Indigenous Knowledge Program. If you have any questions on the IK Program or information contained in the letter please do not hesitate to contact Bob Baxter at 1-807-628-7553 or bbaxter48@gmail.com or Andrea Nokleby at 1-604-417-5332 or anokleby@dillon.ca.or other members of the Project Team.

Thank you and have a great day,
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Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline Update & Key Dates

March 22, 2023

In December 2019, the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) Project Team first introduced an Indigenous Knowledge Program to potentially impacted northern Indigenous communities to support the federal and provincial assessments for the MFFN CAR Project.

The Indigenous Knowledge Program is a critical component for assessing potential project impacts including impacts to Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests. The information generated through the Indigenous Knowledge Program will be used and considered equally alongside scientific approaches to:

- Describe existing environmental, social, and cultural conditions in the MFFN CAR Project area;
- Predict potential impacts on the physical and social environment, and Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests in the MFFN CAR Project area; and
- Determine appropriate ways to avoid, minimize, and monitor potential impacts on the physical and social environment, Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests.

As noted above, the MFFN CAR Project Team began communicating with Indigenous Communities in December 2019, and funding support for those communities who have expressed an interest in participating in the Indigenous Program Knowledge began in the summer of 2020 and is on-going.

The federal government has recently granted a timeline extension for the completion and submission of the Impact Statement due to study delays resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and other considerations (e.g. forest fires that resulted in delays to field studies etc.). Under the extended study timeline existing conditions reporting is to be largely completed by mid-2023 for environmental (e.g., fish and fish habitat) and social (e.g., visual) disciplines. Furthermore, the evaluation of the alternative routes to select a preferred route is to be completed by the end of this year (2023).

Indigenous Knowledge received through the Indigenous Knowledge Program will allow for a more complete, robust, and accurate picture of the Project area to emerge. Our goal is to create existing condition reports that meaningfully includes Indigenous Knowledge which is also considered in the selection of the preferred route for the project. In order to meet the study schedule, it is critical that Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use be shared with the MFFN CAR Project Team by June 2023 so that this information is included in the draft existing conditions reporting and is available for consideration in route selection which will begin in September 2023.

We will continue to support communities in sharing Indigenous Knowledge beyond this date and to incorporate this information in subsequent steps of the assessment process (e.g. updates to the existing conditions, effects assessment, impact management, and project design). We are here to work with your community to support





you in your efforts. Please contact us if you would like to discuss this schedule further and how we can work with you on upcoming milestones.

If your community has Indigenous Knowledge or information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use related to the Project that you would like to share or if you would like to learn more about the Indigenous Knowledge Program please do not hesitate to reach out to Bob Baxter at 1-807-628-7553 or bbaxter48@gmail.com or Andrea Nokleby at 1-604-417-5332 or anokleby@dillon.ca.

We hope you and your community are well, and we look forward to hearing from you.



A5. Valued Components Webinar

A5.1 Webinar Series Notice

A5.2 Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Webinar Reminder

A5.3 Vegetation & Physiography Webinar Reminder

A5.4 Socio-Economic Studies Part I

A5.5 Groundwater and Geochemistry Webinar Reminder

A5.6 Birds Webinar Reminder

A5.7 Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats Webinar Reminder



A5.1 Webinar Series Notice



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 11:55 AM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Webinar Series starts November 15!
Attachments: MFFN-Webinar-Poster-November.pdf

Mark your calendars for our Webinar Series!

The Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project is hosting a webinar series about what we're studying (also known as 'valued components'), how they are being studied, what we've learned so far and why they are important to the planning of the Community Access Road.

Join us live for the first webinar on Tuesday November 15 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. The topic will be Animals and Wildlife (moose / mooz, caribou / atik and animals with fur).

You can register for the webinar here in advance and respond to this email with any questions you'd like answered: <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/>

You can also join by telephone by clicking the link above and dialing the call-in number. If you are unable to attend the webinar live, a recording will be available online.

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New Webinar Series!

The webinar series will focus on what is being studied (also known as 'valued components'), how they are being studied and why they are important to the planning of the road.

Join us live to learn about valued components including, Animals and Wildlife, Water and Fish, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests and more!

Join us:

- Animals and Wildlife
(moose / mooz, caribou / atik and animals with fur)
Tuesday November 15 at 4:00 p.m. EST
- Water and Fish
Tuesday November 29 at 4:00 p.m. EST

Recordings of the webinars will be available online.

You can register for the webinar in advance here:

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A5.2 Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Webinar Reminder



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Join us live for the third webinar in our series on Archaeology and Cultural Heritage today, Tuesday January 10 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

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Coming Up Next:

Our next webinar will be on Tuesday January 17 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST and will explore Vegetation and Physiography. [Register today!](#)

Recordings will be shared afterwards, including an updated schedule for the remaining webinars.

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A5.3 Vegetation & Physiography Webinar Reminder



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Coming Up Next:

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A5.4 Socio-Economic Studies Part I Webinar Reminder



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Next up:

Join us every Tuesday until the end of March to learn more about the studies we are conducting. Check out the [Get Involved](#) page to view the schedule and register today!

Our next webinar will be on Tuesday February 28 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST and will explore Human Health and Community Safety. [Register today!](#)

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A5.5 Groundwater and Geochemistry Webinar Reminder



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A5.7 Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats Webinar Reminder



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Only 1 webinar left!

Our last webinar in the series is on Aboriginal and / or Rights and Interests on Tuesday April 4. Register [here](#).

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A7. PIC #4

A7.1 Invitations

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- A7.1.3 PIC Notice - Cree
- A7.1.4 PIC Notice - Ojibway
- A7.1.5 PIC Notice - Oji-Cree
- A7.1.6 PIC #4 Notice Email
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A7.1 Invitations



A7.1.1 PIC Notice - English





MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Date issued: November 22, 2022

Join us for the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All-Season Community Access Road Public Information Centre: Effects Assessment Methods Milestone (Public Information Centre #4)

Join us to learn about and provide feedback on:

- ➔ The Community Access Road's history and updates since the ToR and latest virtual meetings;
- ➔ Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests;
- ➔ The EA / IA Indigenous Knowledge Program and Community Coordinator Program;
- ➔ The EA processes, study areas and schedules, including Project phases and milestones;
- ➔ Approach to consultation and engagement;
- ➔ How we're assessing impacts and comparing route alternatives; and
- ➔ Preliminary results of field studies, and information on upcoming field studies.

Importantly, it's also an opportunity to share your feedback, ideas and values related to the proposed all-season access road.

About the Project

MFFN is a remote First Nation community in northern Ontario, located at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki rivers, approximately 170 km northeast of Nakina, Ontario.

MFFN has a winter access road but it is not reliable and makes transportation of goods and people difficult. All season road access connecting MFFN to the existing provincial highway network is needed to improve the well-being of the community. The Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment will assess the potential impacts and benefits related to the proposed Community Access Road.

When and Where?

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Best Western Plus Nor'Wester
Hotel & Conference Centre
2080 Hwy 61, 2nd Floor (Room:
Pointe Du Meuron)
Thunder Bay, Ontario
5:00* – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Geraldton Community Centre
200 Wardrope Avenue
Geraldton, Ontario
4:00* – 7:00 p.m.

*The first hour of each meeting is reserved for Indigenous community members only. The public, including Indigenous communities, are invited to join beginning one hour following the reserved time.

Light refreshments will be served.

Information panels will be available for review, along with maps, fact sheets and feedback forms. Project Team members will be available to answer questions and receive comments.

If you cannot make the in-person session, you can find the information posted on our website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca). Public Information Centres are wheelchair accessible; contact us if you require other accessibility accommodations.



MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

What is the Process

MFFN is preparing an Individual Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement for the proposed Community Access Road. On October 8, 2021, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) with amendments, and MFFN published a Notice of Commencement of the Environmental Assessment on October 29, 2021.

The federal Government published a Notice of Commencement of the Impact Assessment on February 24, 2020 and the Project is now in the Impact Statement phase. This is the fourth Public Information Centre held to support the Effects Assessment phase of the environmental assessment processes.

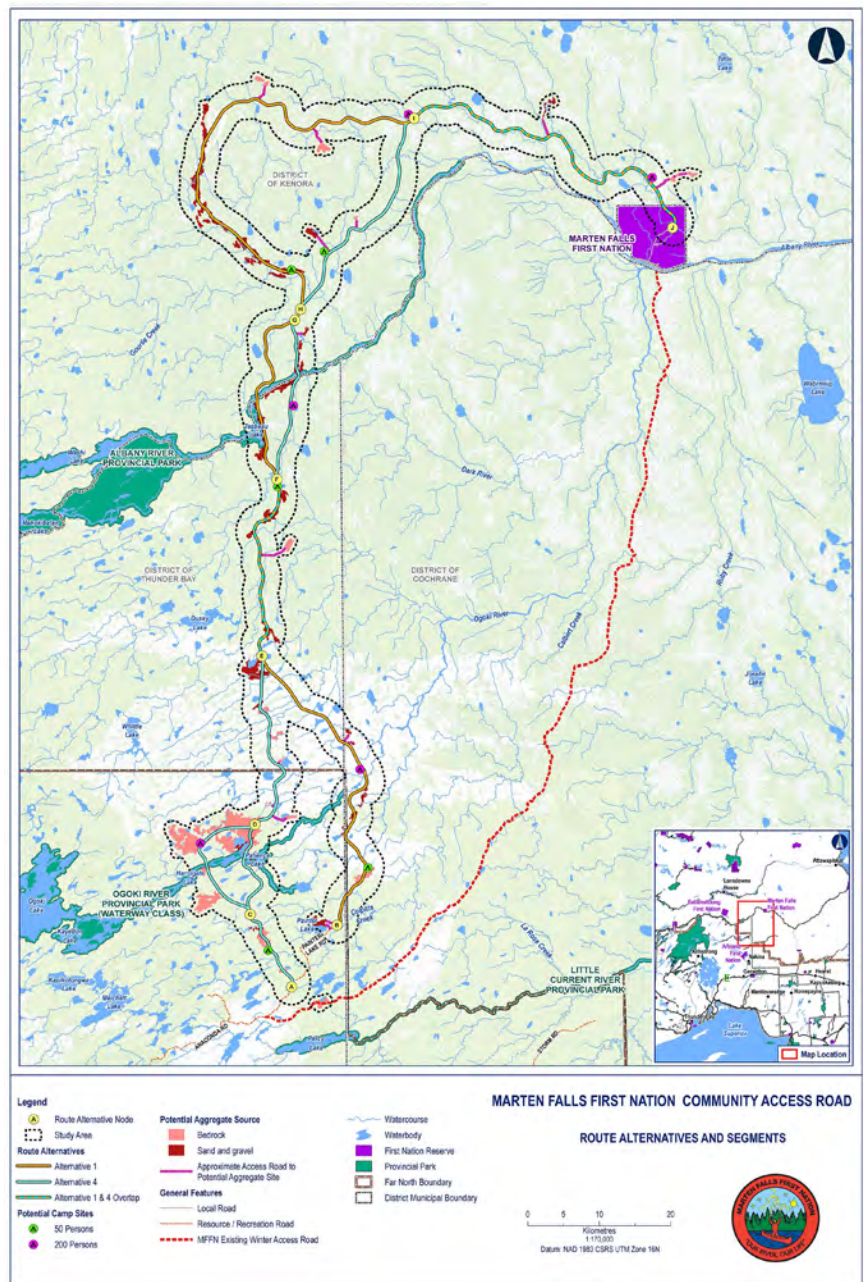
Contact

For information on the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment process and progress related to this Project, please visit <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

If you are unable to attend the event, or have any comments or questions regarding the Project, you are welcome to contact the Project Team at any time during the process at 1-800-764-9114 or info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Thank you for your participation.

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A7.1.2 PIC Notice - French





ROUTE D'ACCÈS TOUTES SAISONS À LA PREMIÈRE NATION DE MARTEN FALLS

Soyez des nôtres au Centre d'information sur le projet de route d'accès toutes saisons à la Première Nation de Marten Falls (PNMF) : étape sur les méthodes d'évaluation des effets (4e centre d'information)

Joignez-vous à nous pour en savoir plus sur :

- ➔ le processus de l'évaluation environnementale et de l'étude d'impact;
- ➔ les dernières nouvelles depuis le 3e centre d'information, notamment les commentaires reçus et la façon dont ils sont pris en compte;
- ➔ la façon dont les différentes options de tracés seront évaluées et recommandées, et la façon dont le trajet privilégié sera choisi;
- ➔ les résultats préliminaires des études de terrain de 2022, et les études de terrain à venir;
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- ➔ le programme de connaissances autochtones;
- ➔ les prochaines étapes et les occasions futures de participer.

Il s'agit également d'une importante occasion de faire connaître vos commentaires, vos idées et vos valeurs en ce qui concerne le projet de route d'accès toutes saisons.

À propos du projet

La PNMF est une communauté autochtone éloignée du Nord de l'Ontario, dont le territoire se situe au confluent des rivières Albany et Ogoki, environ 170 km au nord-est de Nakina (Ontario).

La PNMF est accessible par une route d'hiver dont la fiabilité déficiente rend le transport des biens et des personnes difficile. La construction d'une route toutes saisons reliant la PNMF au réseau routier de la province améliorerait la qualité de vie des habitants de la communauté. L'évaluation environnementale et l'étude d'impact évalueront les incidences et les avantages potentiels du projet de route d'accès à la communauté.

Où et quand?

Mercredi 7 décembre 2022

Best Western Plus Nor'Wester
Hotel & Conference Centre

2080 Hwy 61, 2e étage (salle : Pointe
Du Meuron)

Thunder Bay, Ontario

De 17 h* à 20 h

Jeudi 8 décembre 2022

Geraldton Community Centre

200 Wardrope Avenue

Geraldton, Ontario

De 16 h* à 19 h

* La première heure de chaque séance est réservée aux membres de la communauté autochtone. Les membres du public, y compris les communautés autochtones, sont invités à se joindre à la séance après l'heure réservée.

Des rafraîchissements seront servis.

Des panneaux d'information seront mis à la disposition du public, ainsi que des cartes, des fiches de renseignements et des formulaires de commentaires. Des membres de l'équipe du projet seront présents pour répondre aux questions et recevoir les commentaires.

S'il vous est impossible de vous rendre sur les lieux, consultez l'information sur notre site Web (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca). Les Centres d'information sont accessibles en fauteuil roulant; communiquez avec nous si vous avez besoin d'autres accommodements d'accessibilité.



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Le processus

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À l'échelon fédéral, le gouvernement a publié un avis de lancement de l'étude d'impact le 24 février 2020 et le projet en est à la phase d'étude d'impact environnemental. Il s'agit du 4e centre d'information tenu dans le cadre de la phase d'évaluation des effets, qui fait partie du processus d'évaluation environnementale.

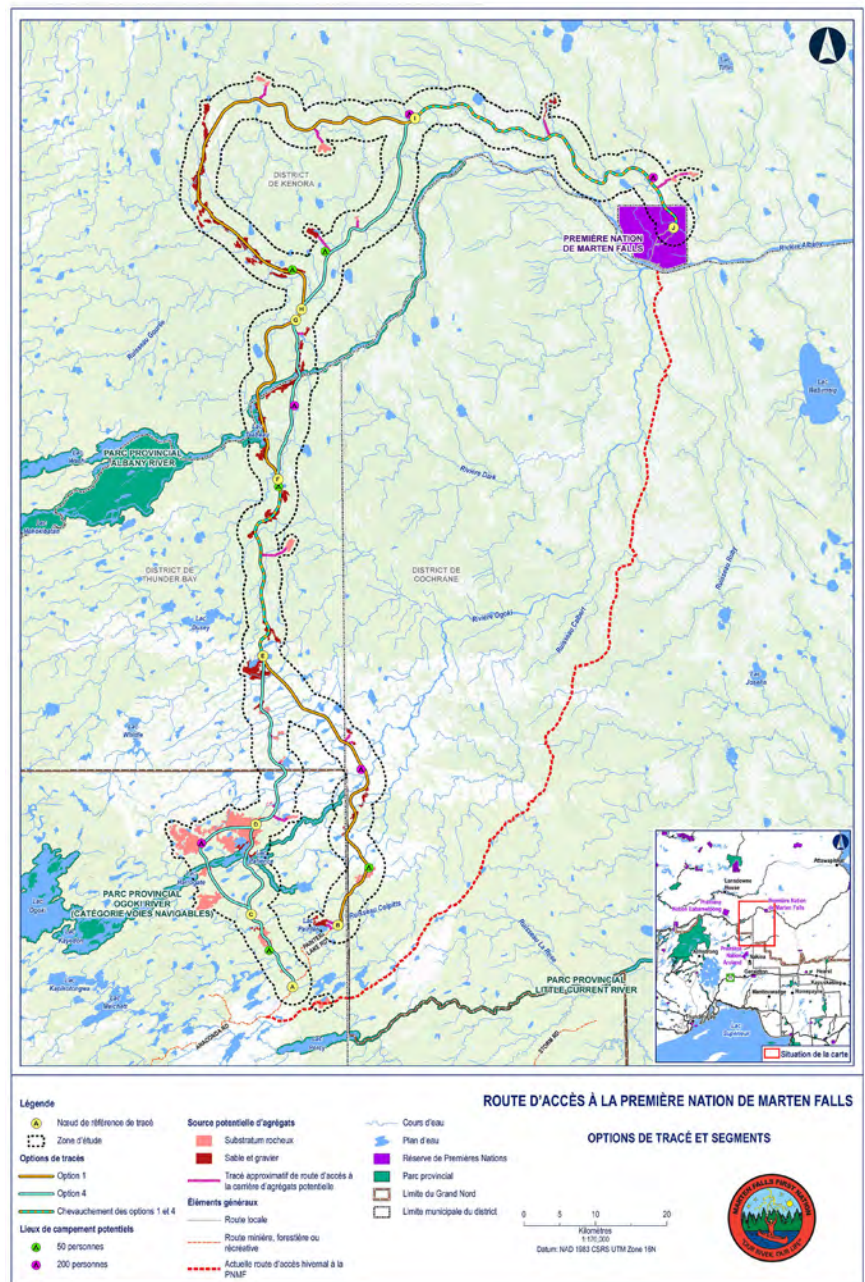
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A7.1.3 PIC Notice - Cree



A7.1.4 PIC Notice - Ojibway



A7.1.5 PIC Notice - Oji-Cree



A7.1.6 PIC #4 Notice Email



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 4:00 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Join us at the Public Information Centre #4 December 7 - 8
Attachments: 2022-11-22- MFFN CAR PIC 4 Notice-English.pdf

Good afternoon,

The Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team is hosting its fourth Public Information Centre on December 7 and December 8. The notice for the Public Information Centre is attached in English, with Ojibway, Oji-Cree, Cree and French versions [on our website](#).

Join us in an open house format to learn more about what's happened since the last Public Information Centre, including what we've heard and how feedback is being considered, how Route Alternatives will be assessed, recommended and a preferred route chosen and early finding from our field studies. This is an opportunity to share your feedback, ideas and values related to the proposed all season access road.

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A7.1.7 PIC # 4 Reminder Email



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Subject: Reminder! Public Information Centre #4 Tonight and Tomorrow
Attachments: MFFN CAR PIC 4 Notice-English (1).pdf

Good afternoon,

This is a reminder about two opportunities to attend the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Public Information Centre #4 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, we hope to see you there!

Public Information Centre #4

This event is for the Effects Assessment Methodology Milestone. Please join us to learn the latest updates on the Community Access Road and share your feedback with team members. The notice is attached in English, with Ojibway, Oji-Cree, Cree and French versions [on our website](#).

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Medical clinic's approval tied to Neebing official plan

BY JOHN NAGY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER
THE CHRONICLE-JOURNAL

Joseph Zawada's plans for a medical clinic on his property in the Municipality of Neebing hinge on the province approving Neebing's official plan.

Neebing's official plan, which was adopted this year on Aug. 22 at a special council meeting, is in the process of being forwarded to the provincial government by Neebing's municipal office.

Zawada, who owns a 27 1/2-acre piece of property at the corner of Boundary Drive and Highway 61, went before Neebing council twice in 2019 asking for zoning and

official plan amendments to have his land zoned rural/general commercial rather than agricultural which council approved in August of that year.

Neebing clerk-treasurer Erika Kromm said the municipal office has to provide the province with more information before the municipality can get the official plan approved.

"(Zawada) still has to get the official plan amendment approved by the province," said Kromm, who is in the process of filing more official plan paperwork to be sent to the province. "The official plan overrides the rezoning. If the official plan does not get approved by the province, then (Zawada) can't proceed. "The province could come back and say

'We're OK with all these pieces in the official plan, but we don't like this and we don't like this.' So we just have to wait and see what their feedback is."

In September 2019, Thunder Bay Co-op Farm Supplies general manager Darren Fisk sent a rezoning appeal to the Neebing municipal office that Zawada's land should continue to be designated agricultural and the appeal would then be forwarded to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (now Ontario Land Tribunal).

"If the (official plan) gets approved, we can just keep appealing," said Fisk on Monday.

On Thursday, a land tribunal spokesperson said that they never received the appeal in question and on Monday said they

have received no correspondence from Fisk, Zawada or the Neebing municipal office as to how the appeal process was going over the past three-plus years.

Kromm said she was going to look into why the appeal was not sent to the Ontario Land Tribunal by the municipal office, but did not have an answer by press time.

Zawada's plans are to bring a medical clinic to Neebing that includes doctors, X-ray apparatus, physiotherapy, dentistry and a pharmacy.

Zawada has indicated to the municipal office that he would like to build the clinic where the existing garage is situated on the property due to the quality of the well water.



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From left, Donna Norstrom, chief executive officer at Northstream Safety and Rehab (a drug testing service in Northern Ontario) is pictured with Rosalind Lockyer, founder and CEO, Paro Centre for Women's Enterprise.

Women share pandemic struggles at Paro's Thrive conference

BY SANDI KRASOWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE
THE CHRONICLE-JOURNAL

Women entrepreneurs will have an opportunity to learn how to focus on what's next, post-pandemic at the annual Thrive; Prospering Paro Women conference.

Hosted by Paro Centre for Women's Enterprise, conference will bring people together this Thursday to share the teachings and successes that come with navigating the business world, post-COVID. Featured keynote speakers include Deborah Kimmett, a comic and storyteller, and Cheekbone Beauty founder Jenn Harper.

Paro founder and chief executive officer Rosalind Lockyer says the conference serves as a good opportunity for business women to meet face-to-face and talk about the barriers and enablers facing women entrepreneurs throughout the lifecycle of their businesses.

"This year, it's more important than ever because the women have worked really, really hard through COVID just to keep their businesses going, and fortunately have been able to thrive," said Lockyer. "We want to look at what it means to thrive and how they did that. We also want to know what are the main elements that make a business survive despite going through the complete chaos of the pandemic."

Lockyer says everyone had to "pivot" to change things so that they could operate in this hybrid world.

"So now, we're looking at that. This event is called Thrive and it's showcasing, recognizing, supporting and encouraging women entrepreneurs and helping them make the next steps moving ahead," she said.

Jen Harper, a young, Indigenous woman who owns a business called Cheekbone Beauty, has an inspirational story about thriving through the pandemic that she will share with the participants.

"Deborah Kimmett, who is a comic, a storyteller and a mentor will help us all lighten up — because we need to lighten up a little bit after we've been working so hard," said Lockyer. "The event will also feature a meditation workshop with Erin Mae, and a workshop around mindset with Kimberly Morrow, to learn how to cut through the confusion and find time to relax."

The number one challenge for women operating their business is

access to financing.

"We were able to help a lot of women very fast with our Circle Funding (program) during COVID because some of the other funding that was coming didn't quite fit the criteria," said Lockyer. "We provide grants and loans up to \$5,000 then they can get more. They also get the support of the women in the circle group — and we have more than 200 circles around Ontario because this became a really supportive environment for us getting the grants and loans to move forward."

Lockyer said they also have a program called Biz Growth. Women are provided between 50 to 90 per cent of money towards a \$5,000 project to help them grow their business.

This year, Paro is able to connect women entrepreneurs to the Women's Enterprise Organizations of Canada where Paro will be able to initiate loans up to \$50,000.

"It's a national loan fund and Paro is the organization pushing out those loans, helping the women do their business plans and their applications to be able to apply for these loans. We're the conduit for the loans for Ontario," she said.

The conference will also examine how men can better support women in business.

For women, Lockyer says time is their biggest asset and they always have so many things to do. From keeping organized, finding ways to organize themselves in their business to driving the kids to hockey, and preparing meals, time management is always a challenge for women.

"We're always working on that while encouraging them to be healthy and well and find some time for themselves to relax," she said. "I think that women struggling with mental health is also a big issue across the world coming out of the pandemic. So we have to be very mindful of that."

The conference will also examine what Indigenous women, Francophone women, 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, women who identify with a disability, and those who are new to Canada need to succeed in business in Ontario.

The Thrive; Prospering Paro Women conference will take place at the Valhalla Inn on Thursday with vendor booths and an option to participate virtually. Visit the Paro website at paro.ca for registration and more information.

Police make arrests in home takeover

THE CHRONICLE-JOURNAL

Two people have been charged with drug-trafficking after city police responded to a report of unwanted individuals in a south-side home on Friday.

Thunder Bay police were dispatched to a residence in the 200 block of Cumming Street around 11 a.m. Officers learned unwanted individuals may have been in the home while the legitimate resident was away.

Multiple people were found inside the home. Through further investigation, two individuals had allegedly been involved in drug-trafficking activity.

A quantity of suspected crack cocaine, fentanyl, cash and paraphernalia consistent with drug trafficking were seized.

Jah-Vaun McPherson-Williams, 20, of Pickering, Ont., is charged with possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, possession of fentanyl for the purpose of trafficking and possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

Kevin Douglas Sakanee, 38, of Thunder Bay, is charged with possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking and failure to comply with a probation order.

Both accused appeared in bail court on Saturday and remain in custody with future court appearance dates.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

— Filed from Jodi Lundmark

Sioux Lookout links with Ukraine

BY ERIC SHIH, LOCAL
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THUNDER BAY SOURCE

SIoux LOOKOUT — Sioux Lookout has its first official sister city.

Sioux Lookout officially signed a sister city agreement with Vashkivtsi, a town in Ukraine, with representatives from both communities having met in an introductory meeting on Zoom earlier this month.

Sioux Lookout Mayor Doug Lawrance said the meeting was very friendly and convivial, noting it was conducted with the help of excellent translators.

"A great introduction learning a

little bit about our sister city and them learning a little bit about us," he said. We compared some life stories about the weather and seasons, and cultural activities and we also talked a little bit about the heavy stuff that's going on in Ukraine now and how it's impacting their city."

Brian MacKinnon, the municipality's manager for corporate services, said they got the idea from Kenora MP Eric Melillo's office. Another MP, Larry Brock, told the House of Commons about a sister city agreement in his riding signed in April between Brantford, Ont., with Kamianets-Podilskyi as a way to show support for Ukraine.

Melillo's office said "with Russia's illegal war in Ukraine, it is

absolutely critical that Canada shows its support for Ukraine, and sister city agreements provide the opportunity for municipalities to show their support as well."

MacKinnon said the MP's office helped narrow down the choices to five communities, all located in western Ukraine. From the five, municipal staff recommended the town of Vashkivtsi because it has almost the same population as Sioux Lookout, it is holds the Malanka Festival, a famous event with a legacy like Sioux Lookout's Blueberry Festival, and it houses Bukovinian State Medical University, a medical institute renowned in Ukraine, which mirrors Sioux Lookout's role as a medical hub for the area.

Hunter fined after shooting at decoy

NORTH SHORE BUREAU

A Thunder Bay man has been fined \$7,500 and banned from hunting for two years for firing a rifle at a fake moose.

Provincial investigators said Jesse Fairservice was hunting on Whitesand Lake Road west of Schreiber on Oct. 23, 2021 when he "shot at (a) moose decoy with a high-powered rifle down and across the road into a blind corner, while standing on the road."

In Ontario, it's illegal to shoot down or across a

roadway while hunting.

Moose decoys used by conservation officers are realistic-looking and can be made to move by remote control.

In the case last fall near Schreiber, a decoy was set up "in response to historical unsafe hunting practices documented in the same area," a provincial news release said Friday.

Fairservice pleaded guilty to careless use of a firearm in Nipigon court in September, the release said.

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

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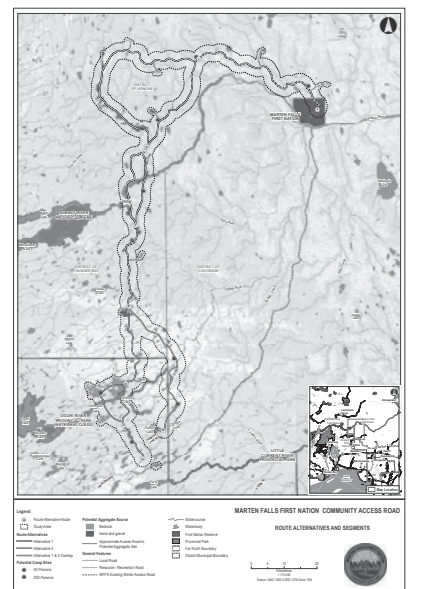
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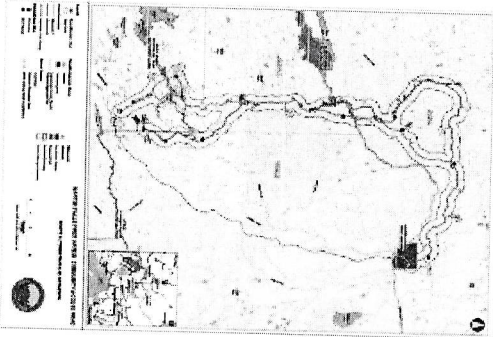
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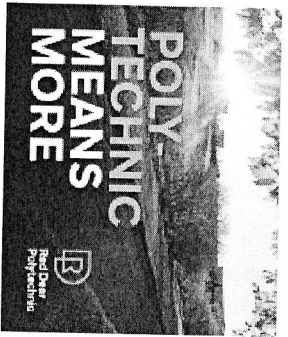
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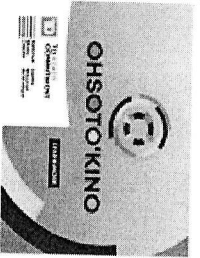
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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE - THIS EVENT HAS ALREADY OCCURRED

Dates & Times

December 8, 2022
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Location:

200 Wardrobe Avenue, Geraldton, Ontario

EVENT DETAILS:

The Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team will be hosting a Public Information Centre for the Effects Assessment Methods Milestone. Join us to learn more about the processes and progress made to-date. Importantly, this is an opportunity to share your feedback, ideas and values related to the proposed all-season road.

*The first hour is reserved for Indigenous community members. The public is invited to join after.

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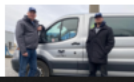
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Join us for the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All-Season Community Access Road Public Information Centre: Effects Assessment Methods Milestone (Public Information Centre #4)

Join us to learn about and provide feedback on:

- The Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment process;
- Updates since Public Information Centre #3, including what we've heard and how feedback is being considered;
- How route alternatives will be assessed, recommended and a preferred route chosen;
- Preliminary results of 2022 field studies and upcoming field studies;
- Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests;
- The Indigenous Knowledge Program; and
- Next steps and future opportunities to get involved.

Importantly, it's also an opportunity to share your feedback, ideas and values related to the

Contact Marten Falls All Season Community Access Road

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When and Where?

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Best Western Plus Nor'Wester
Hotel & Conference Centre
2080 Hwy 61, 2nd Floor (Room: Pointe Du Meuron), Thunder Bay, Ontario
5:00* – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Geraldton Community Centre
200 Wardrope Avenue, Geraldton, Ontario
4:00* – 7:00 p.m.

*The first hour of each meeting is reserved for Indigenous community members only. The public, including Indigenous communities, are invited to join beginning one hour following the reserved time.

Light refreshments will be served.

Information panels will be available for review, along with maps, fact sheets and feedback forms. Project Team members will be available to answer questions and receive comments. If you cannot make the in-person session, you can find the information posted on our website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca). Public Information Centres are wheelchair accessible; contact us if you require other accessibility accommodations.

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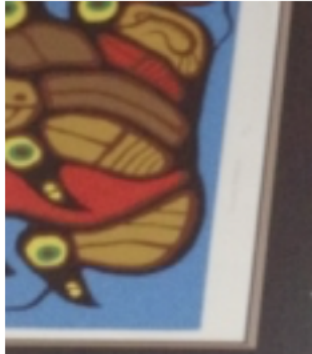
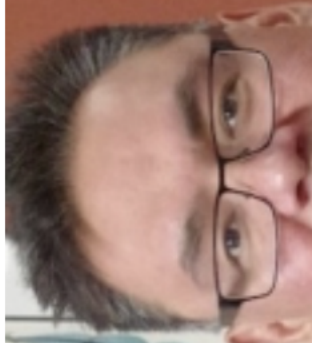
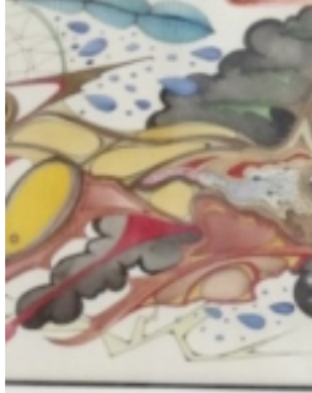
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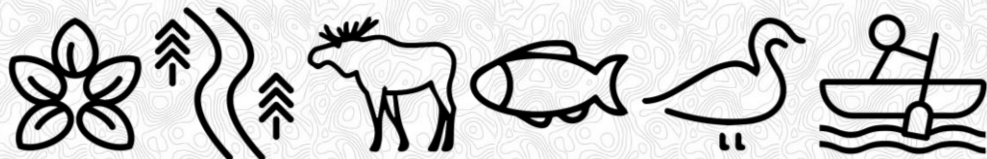
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PIC#4: Effects Assessment Methods

Hello! Boozhoo!

Marten Falls First Nation All Season Community Access Road

Public Information Centre (PIC) #4: Effects Assessment Methods

December 2022





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Planning for an All Season Community Access Road to Marten Falls First Nation is progressing well.

Thanks for joining us today to learn about:

- The Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment process;
- Effects Assessment Methodology;
- Updates since Public Information Centre #3, including what we've heard and how feedback is being considered;
- How Route Alternatives will be assessed, recommended and a preferred route chosen;
- Early Findings related to 2022 field studies and upcoming field studies;
- Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests;
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- Next steps and future opportunities to get involved.

Have your say. Share your comments, ideas and values with the Project Team.





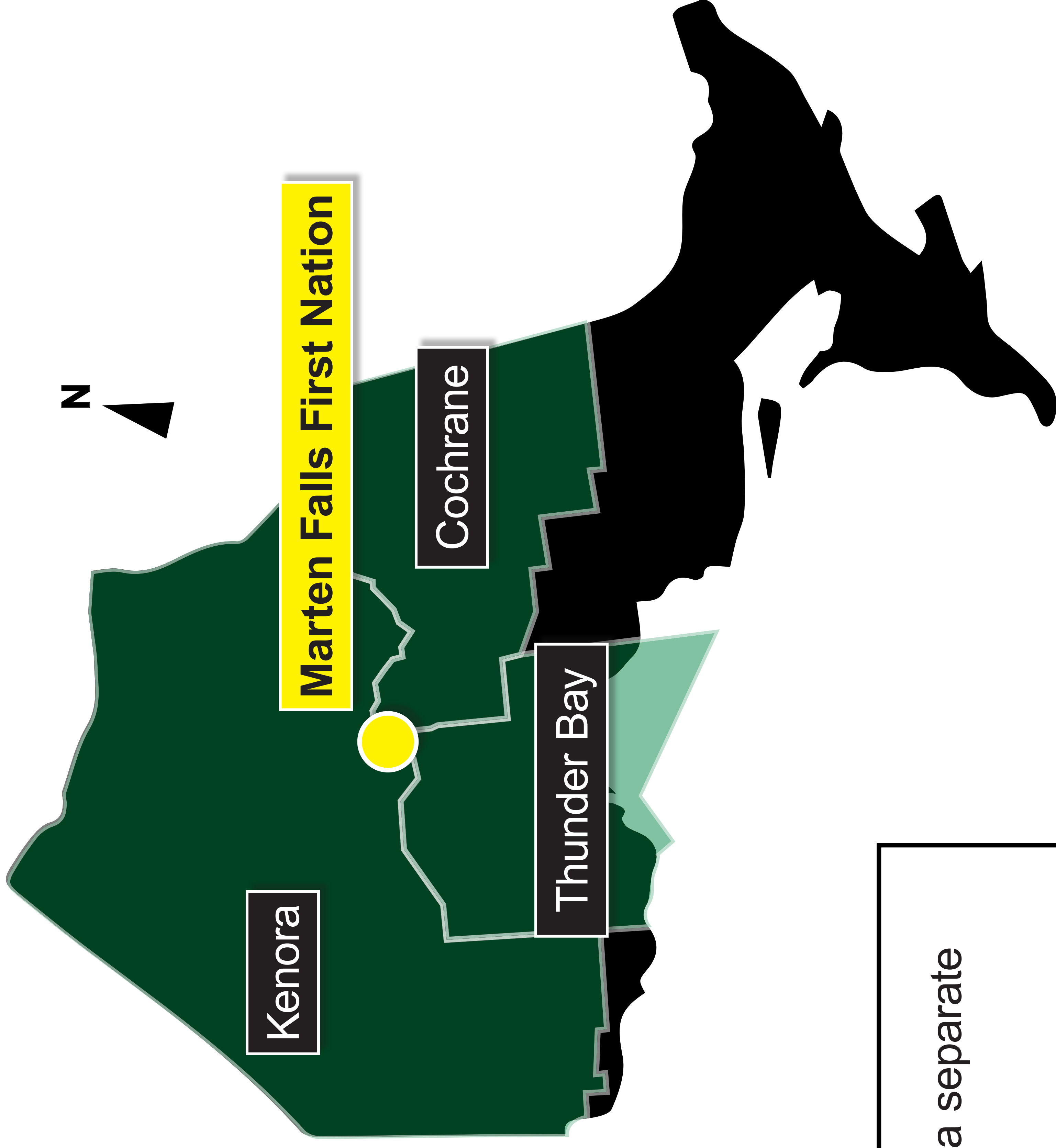
Introduction to the Community Access Road Project

Marten Falls First Nation has a winter access road but it is not reliable and makes transportation of goods and people difficult. All season road access connecting Marten Falls First Nation to the existing provincial highway network is needed to improve the well-being of the community.

Components of the Community Access Road

- 190 km to 230 km of two-lane gravel road;
- Quarries, borrow areas and aggregate sources;
- Bridges for river and stream crossings; and
- Temporary construction access roads, work areas and camps.

While planning for the Northern Road Link is ongoing it is a separate project from the Community Access Road.





Why is the Community Access Road Needed?

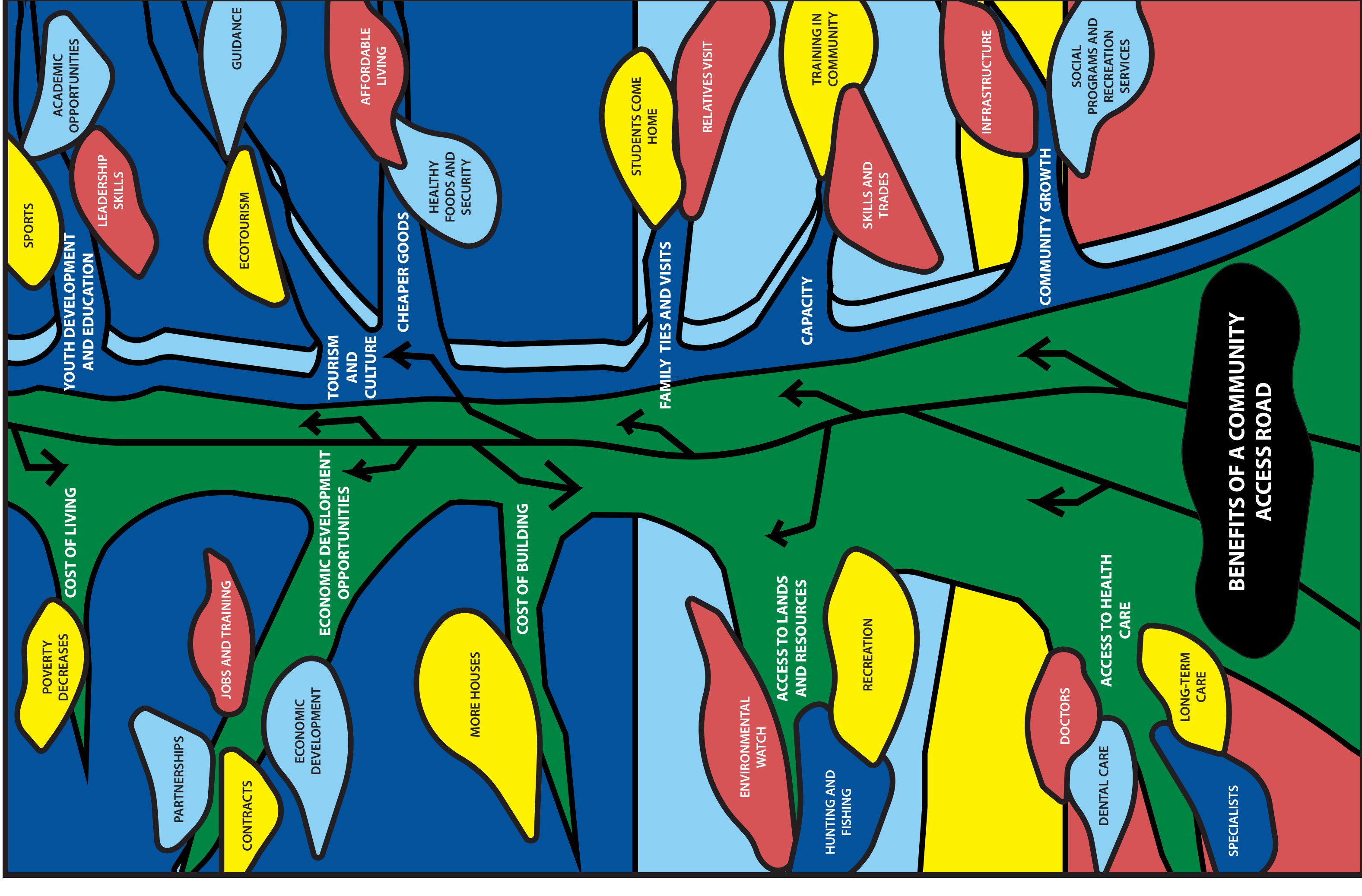
Better access would allow increased opportunities for:

- Social interaction with other communities;
- Access to emergency, health and social services;
- Training and jobs during planning and construction;
- Local economic development; and
- Increased ability for families to be together in the community.

A Community Access Road would reduce reliance on winter roads which have become increasingly unreliable due to climate change, and would also reduce transportation costs for goods and services; meaning more affordable food, fuel and other vital supplies and services.

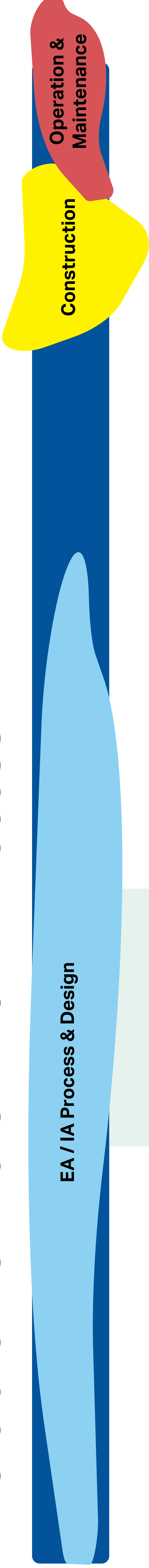


Do you have any concerns or feedback you would like to share?



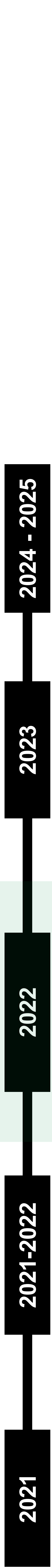


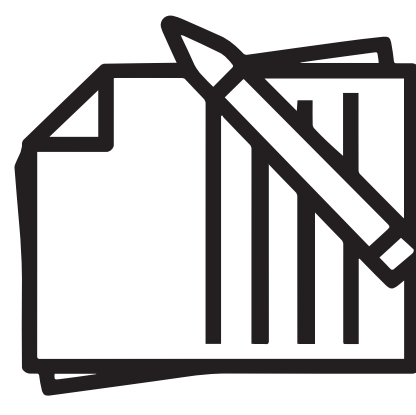




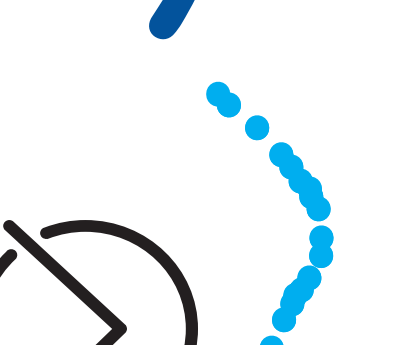

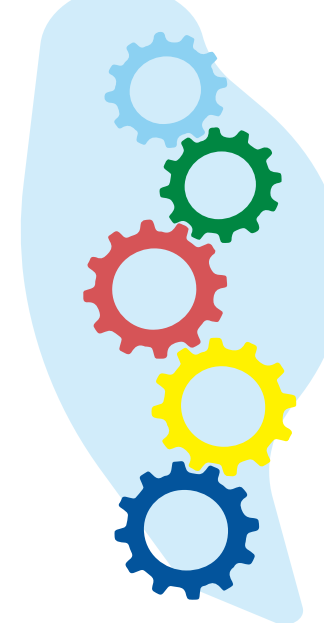
Where are we in the EA / IA Process?



EA / IA Process & Design

Construction
Operation & Maintenance



 Step 1: Define the Community Access Road	 Step 2: Terms of Reference Identify alternative routes (i.e., #1, #2, #3, #4)	 Step 3: Effects Assessment Methods Evaluate alternative routes #1 and #4, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources against a set of criteria and indicators	 Step 4: Identification of Preferred Alternatives Select the preferred route and related infrastructure	 Step 5: Review of draft and final EA / IS update Submit the combined draft (2024) and final (2025) EA Report and the Federal Impact Statement (IS)	 Federal and provincial decisions made to approve or not. If approved, Project moves forward	 Timeline for detail design and construction will be available after the conclusion of the EA process	 Operation & Maintenance
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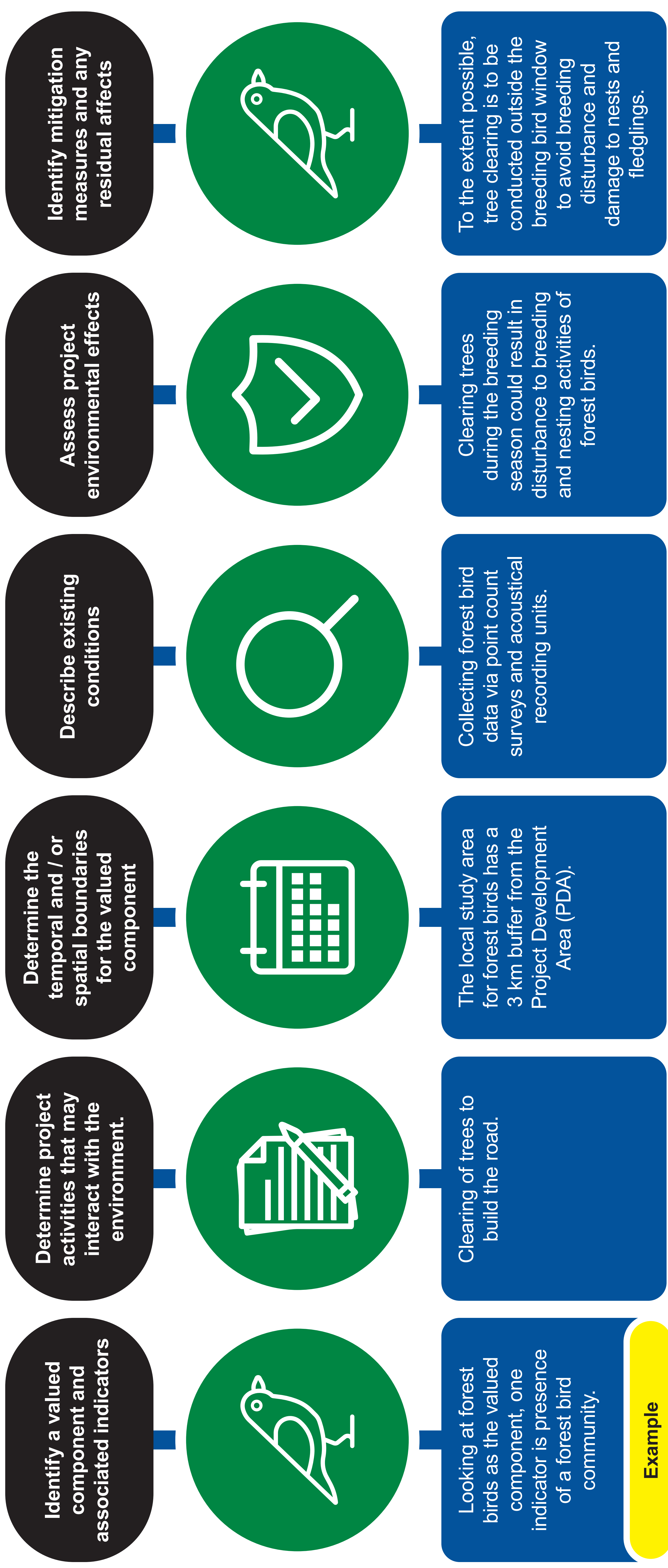
Marten Falls First Nation made a community decision to move forward with #1 and #4

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IS extension timeline submitted November 2022



How we will assess potential effects of the Community Access Road



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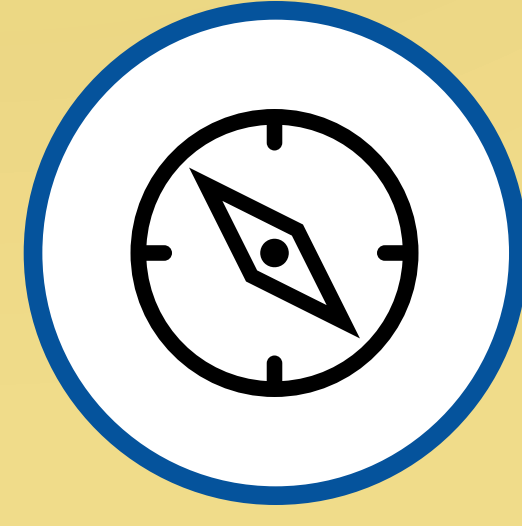
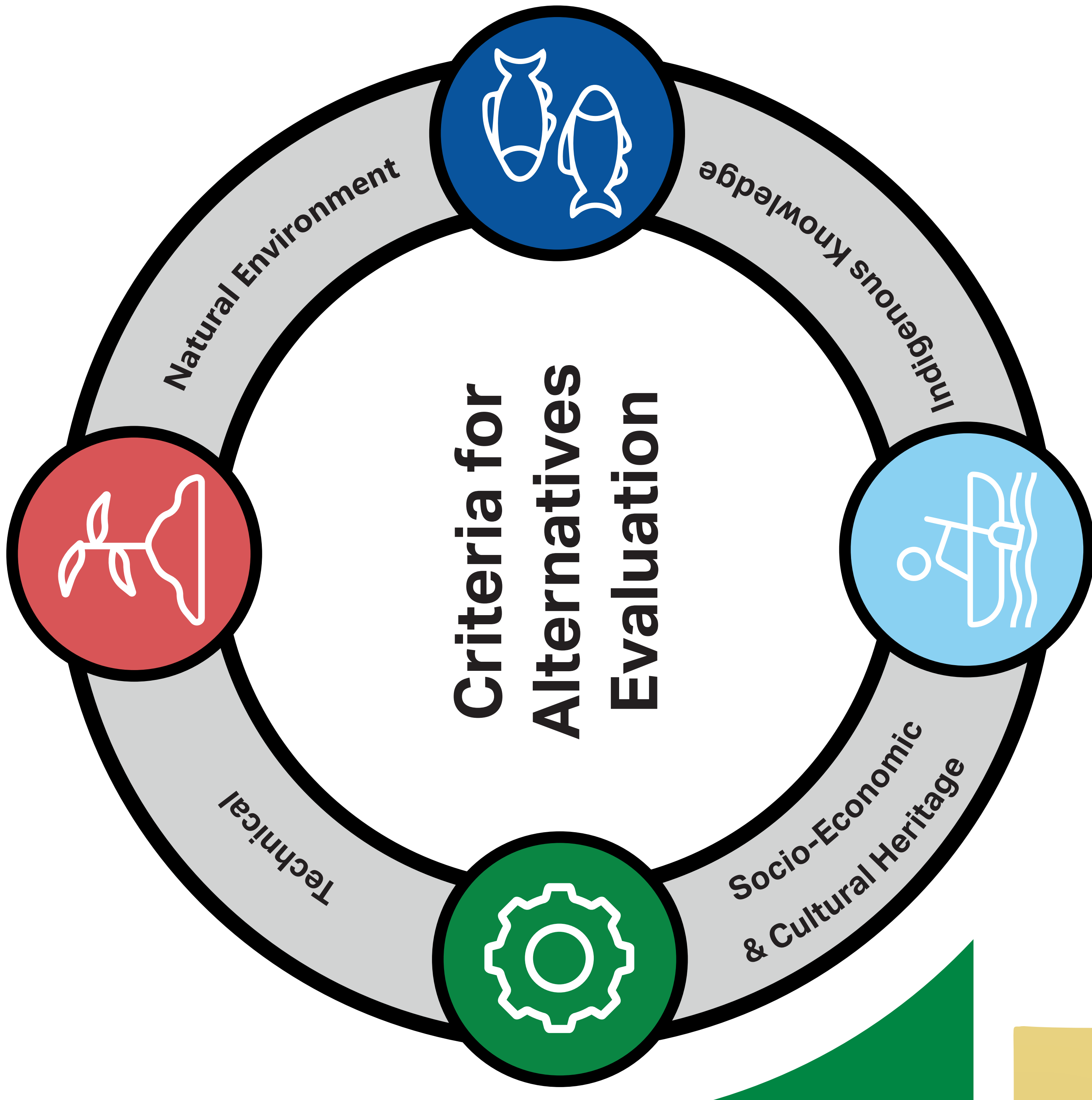
To understand cumulative effects, identify other projects and activities that might overlap in time and space.



How we will select the route

When we evaluate the Alternative Routes we will consider the pros and cons of each alternative route with the intent of selecting the best route possible.

Alternatives 1 and 4 will be evaluated based on effects to the **natural, socio-economic and cultural environments**, and in consideration of **Indigenous Knowledge, technical criteria / requirements and cost.**



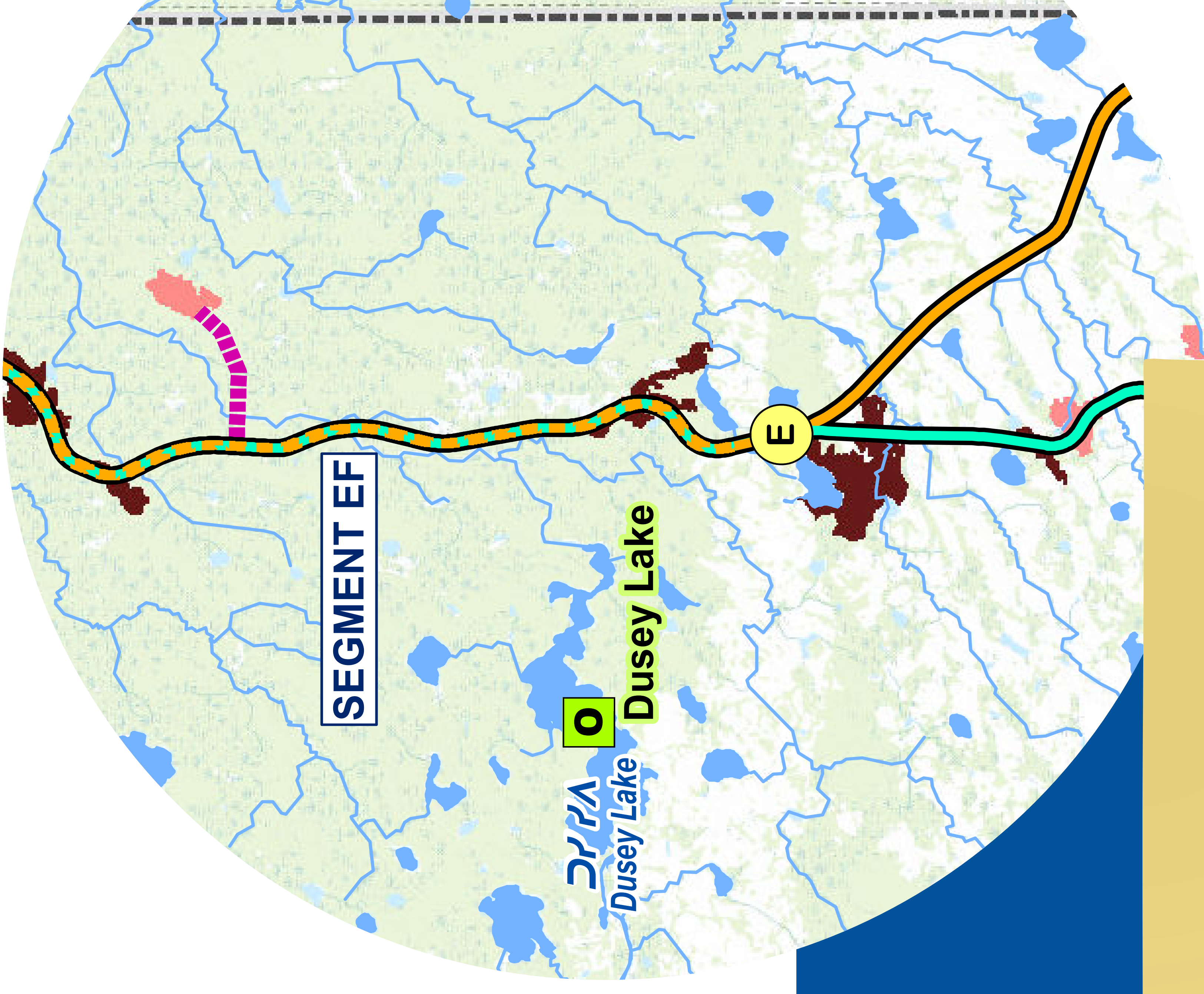
Your input today will help us select the route!



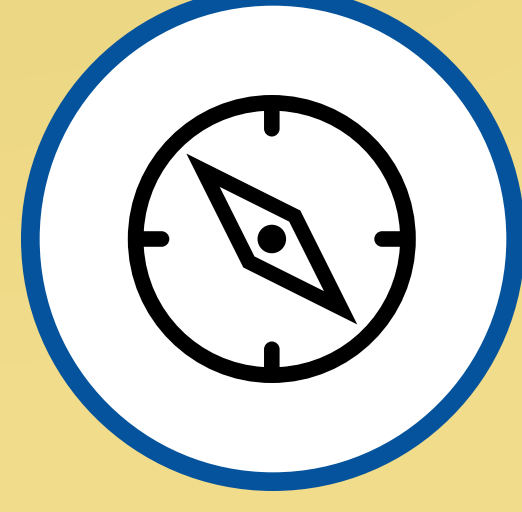
How we will select the route

During the route evaluation, there are segments that are set or confirmed and others that have options to choose from.

Where there are options to choose between, the evaluation criteria will be used to determine the best option for each segment.



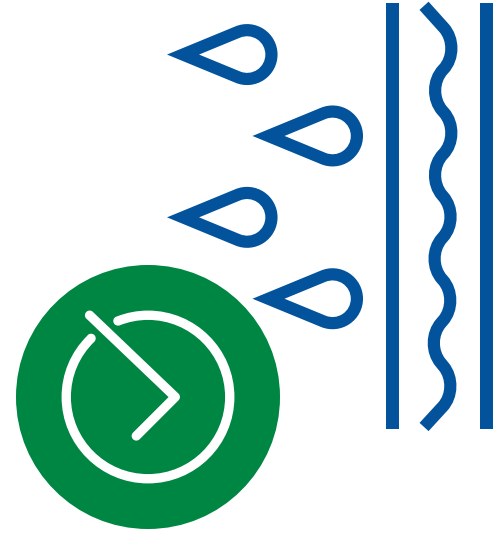
No route will be perfect, but the goal is to reduce or avoid negative effects with mitigation and enhance or add to the positive effects.



Visit the maps to leave your feedback. This will help inform the route selection.



2022 Field Studies



Groundwater

Winter aerial reconnaissance, well drilling and installation, groundwater well sampling



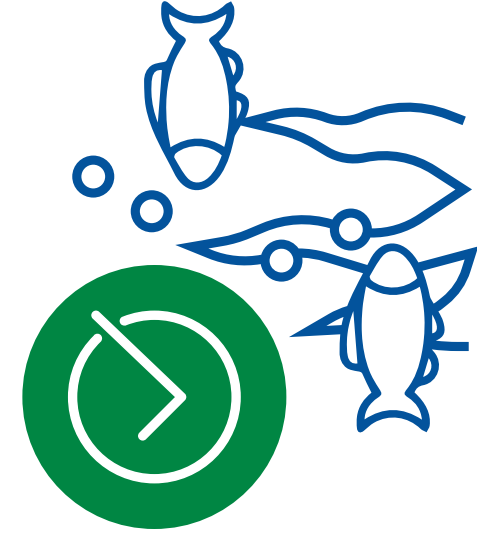
Vegetation

Spring / Summer ecosite verification and ground inspections



Ungulates

(caribou and moose)
Winter two stage aerial survey, remote camera monitoring survey, mortality investigations



Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat

Spring & Summer water sampling, fish collection and habitat surveys



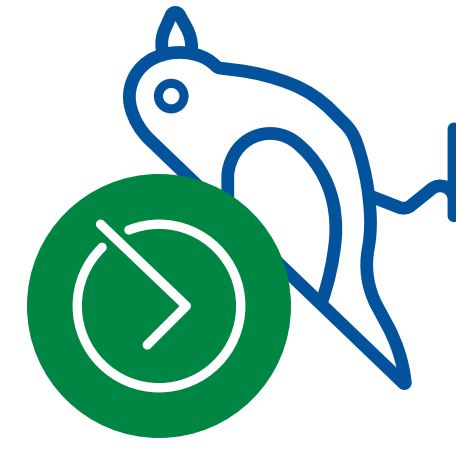
Physiography, Terrain and Soils

Spring & Fall terrain verification and soil sampling



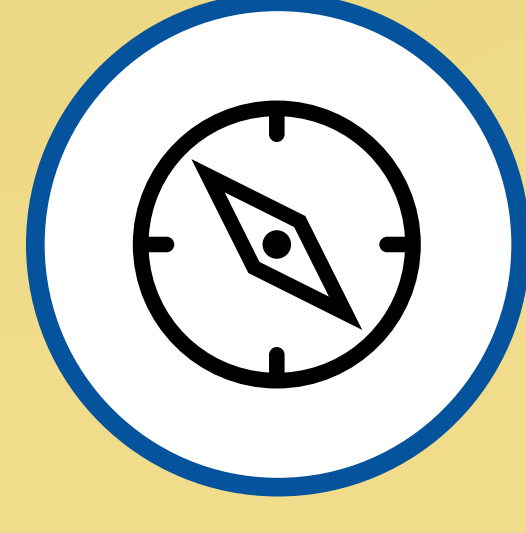
Wildlife

Furbearer snow tracking program; wolverine hair snag deployments and inspections, wolverine denning aerial survey



Birds

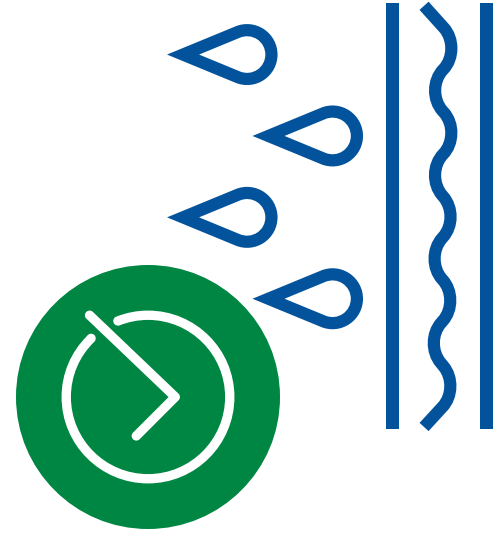
Spring & Fall migration aerial surveys, Breeding Bird Point Count, Marsh Bird Call Playback, and Breeding Season Aerial Surveys



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Upcoming Field Studies



Groundwater

Groundwater Well
Monitoring, Testing and
Sampling

Up to 3 trips in 2023



Physiography and Vegetation

Spring/Summer 2023



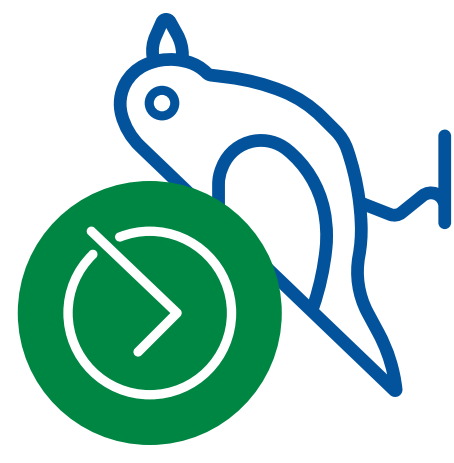
Ungulates

(caribou and moose)

Winter Two-Stage Aerial
Winter 2023

Remote Camera Monitoring
and Mortality Investigations

Spring/Summer 20233



Birds

Autonomous Recording Unit (ARU)
Program

Ongoing through Winter 2023



Wildlife

Wolverine Hair Snag Study

Up to 5 trips in 2023

Furbearer Winter Track Survey

Up to 2 trips in 2023



Check out the
latest Discussion
Guides and share
your feedback.

**Timelines and programs are approximate and may shift; we will provide updates as needed.*



Highlights – Ungulates (Atik and Mooz; Caribou and Moose)

Aerial Surveys

- Flew over 6,000 km and found sightings of caribou and moose



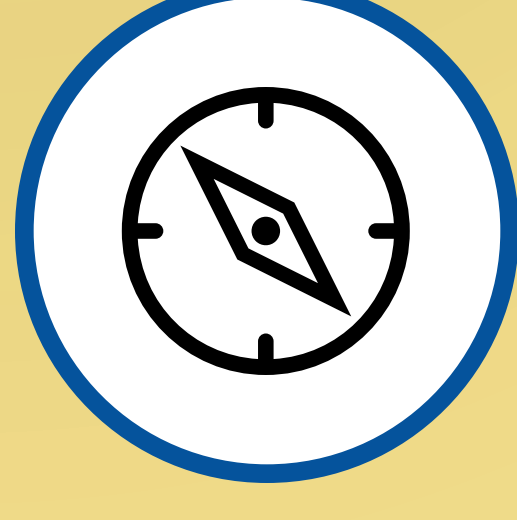
Aerial
Surveys
and Mortality
Investigations
will take place
in 2023.

Early Atik / Caribou Findings

- Blood work collected during the collar deployment confirmed that a high percentage of the females collared were pregnant
- Aerial surveys documented females with calves in the winter of 2022
- Group sizes of up to 12 individuals were observed

Early Mooz / Moose Findings

- Moose were observed throughout the study area in a range of habitats
- Data collection is ongoing



Visit the maps to view the Project Study Areas and pick up a Field Study handout to learn about early findings.



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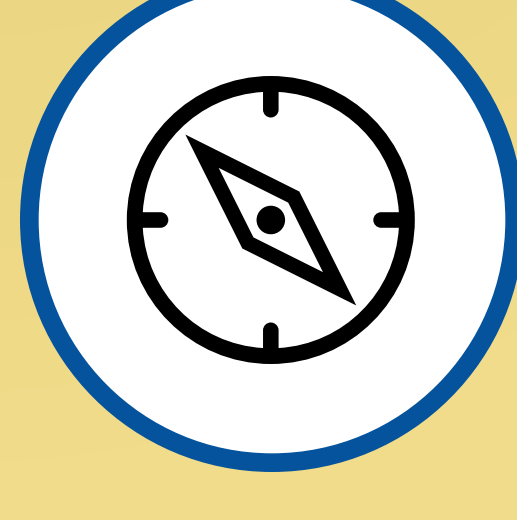
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Highlights – Wolverine Hair Snag (Wishkobish / Wiingwa'waake)

- 5 field programs in 2022
- 54 wolverine hair snag traps - bait was strung above the trap, and two remote cameras were set up at each station.

- The hair snags were revisited once a month in March, April and May 2022 to collect hair samples and replace bait.
- Hair samples have been submitted to Trent University for DNA analysis

An additional wolverine program is planned in 2023



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Highlights – Wildlife Species in the Study Area

From February to June, 2022, 27 different species visited the stations.

More field study findings will be available in 2023.



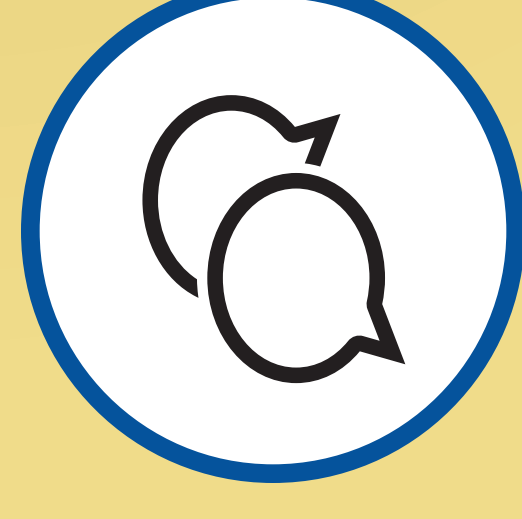
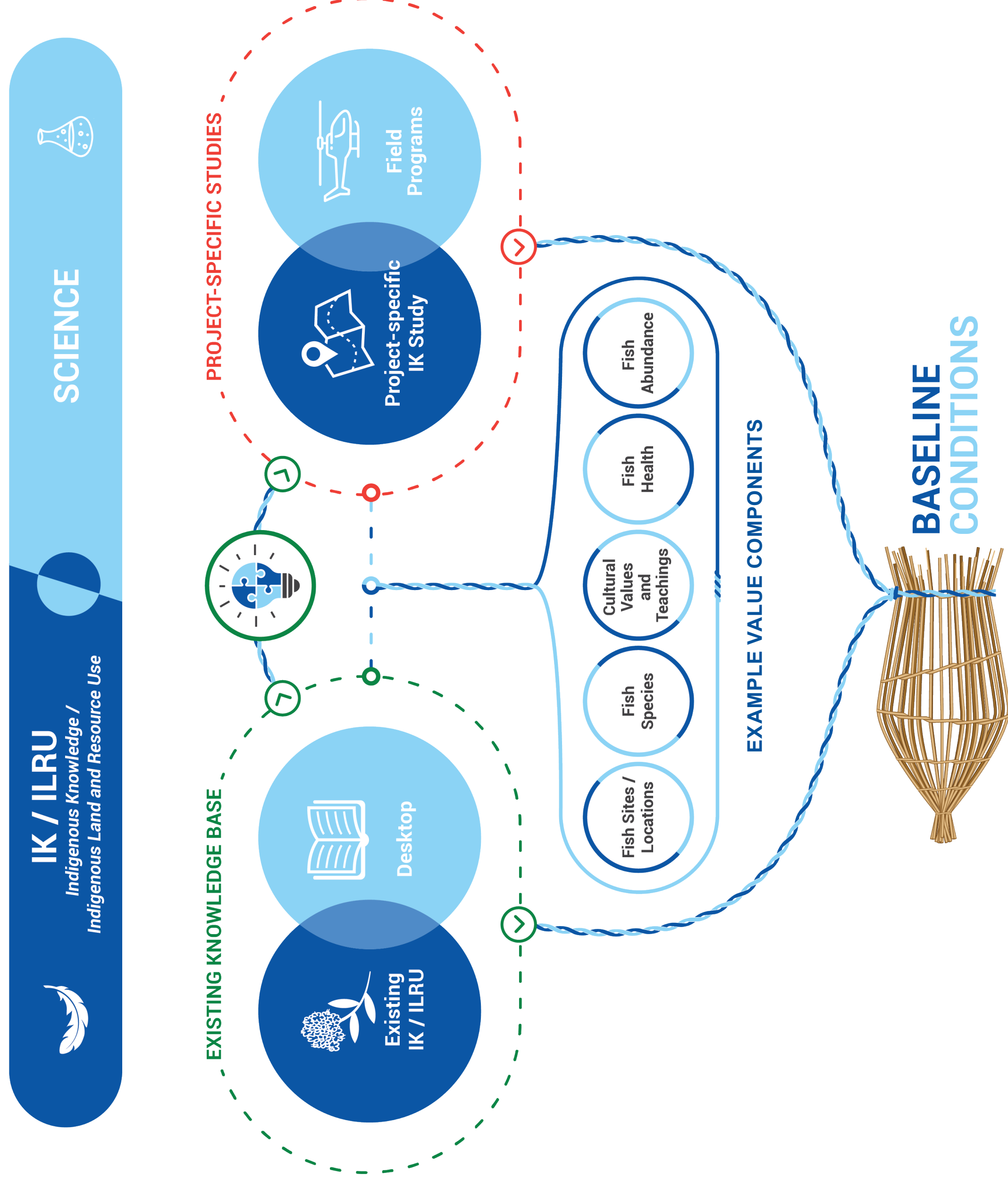
Legend: ● = February / March ● = March / April ● = April / May ● = May / June



Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land & Resource Use

Understanding Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge (IK) and Indigenous Land and Resource Use (ILRU) are critical for avoiding and minimizing potential harms to Indigenous Peoples' culture and territories

- Indigenous Knowledge will be given equal weight with science in the environmental assessment
- The IK Program can help to inform the design of the MFFN CAR and create strategies to protect culturally valuable areas and species
- Members of the Project Team would like to meet with potentially impacted Indigenous communities to understand their Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests, as well as their knowledge and use of the MFFN CAR Project area



To learn more contact:
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You asked about ...

Design features
of the Community
Access Road

Route Alignment
and community
effects

The EA / IA
Process – why is it
taking so long?

Route Alignment
and social /
ceremonial spaces

Construction and
maintenance of the
road

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Do you have specific concerns or feedback you would like to share? View the “You Asked About” handout and share your comments in the feedback form.



Six Month Look-Ahead

- Field Studies and Socio-Economic Studies will continue
- Upcoming IK Workshops and Webinar Series this winter
- Ongoing engagement with Marten Falls First Nation members (via meetings, updated communications and Indigenous Knowledge Program participation)
- Continue consultation and engagement with neighbouring Indigenous communities, interested persons, organizations and groups
- Issue community-specific Progress Milestone Report to Indigenous communities
- Preparing for next milestone: Identification of Preferred Alternatives





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Thank you for joining us! Meegwetch!

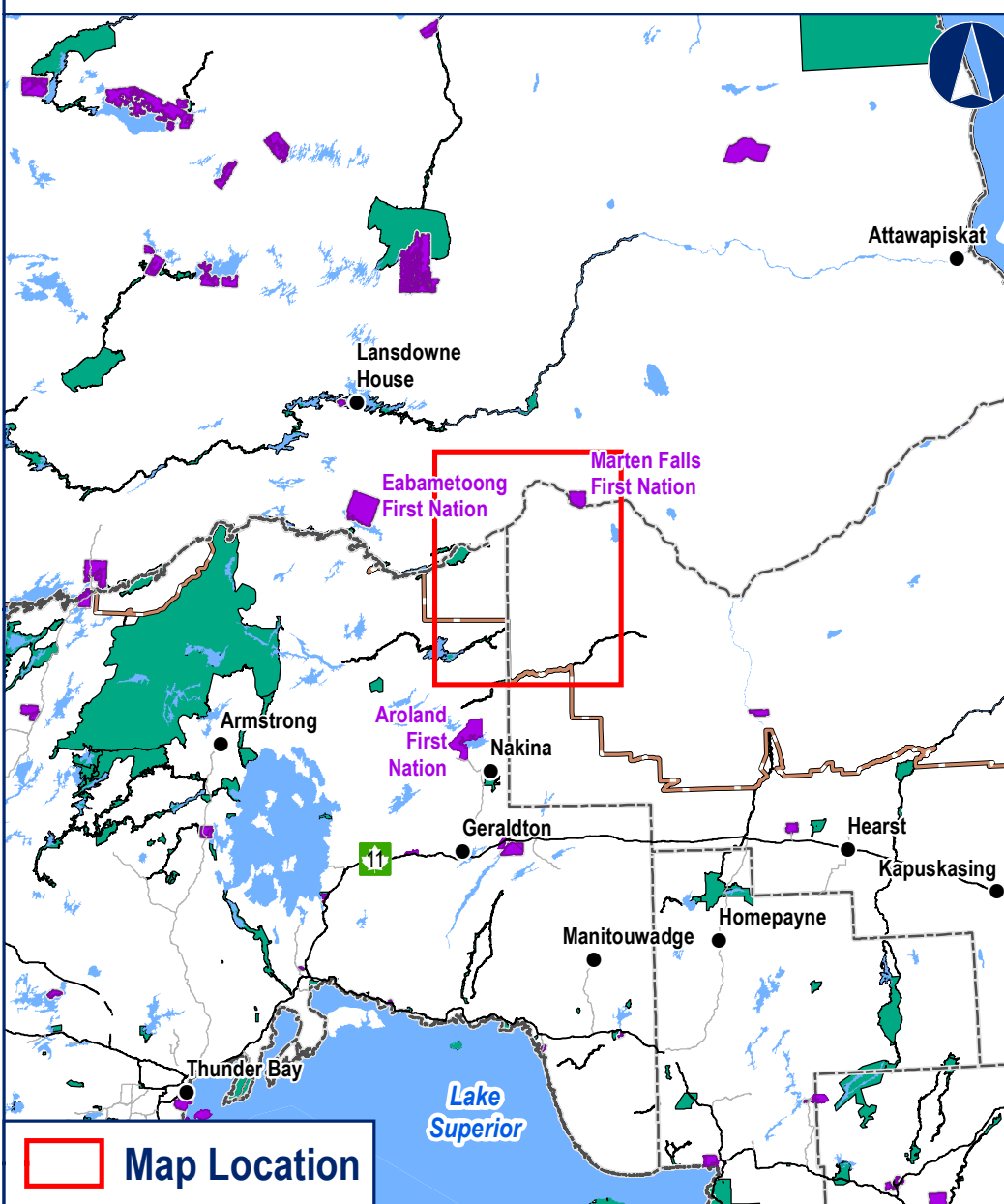
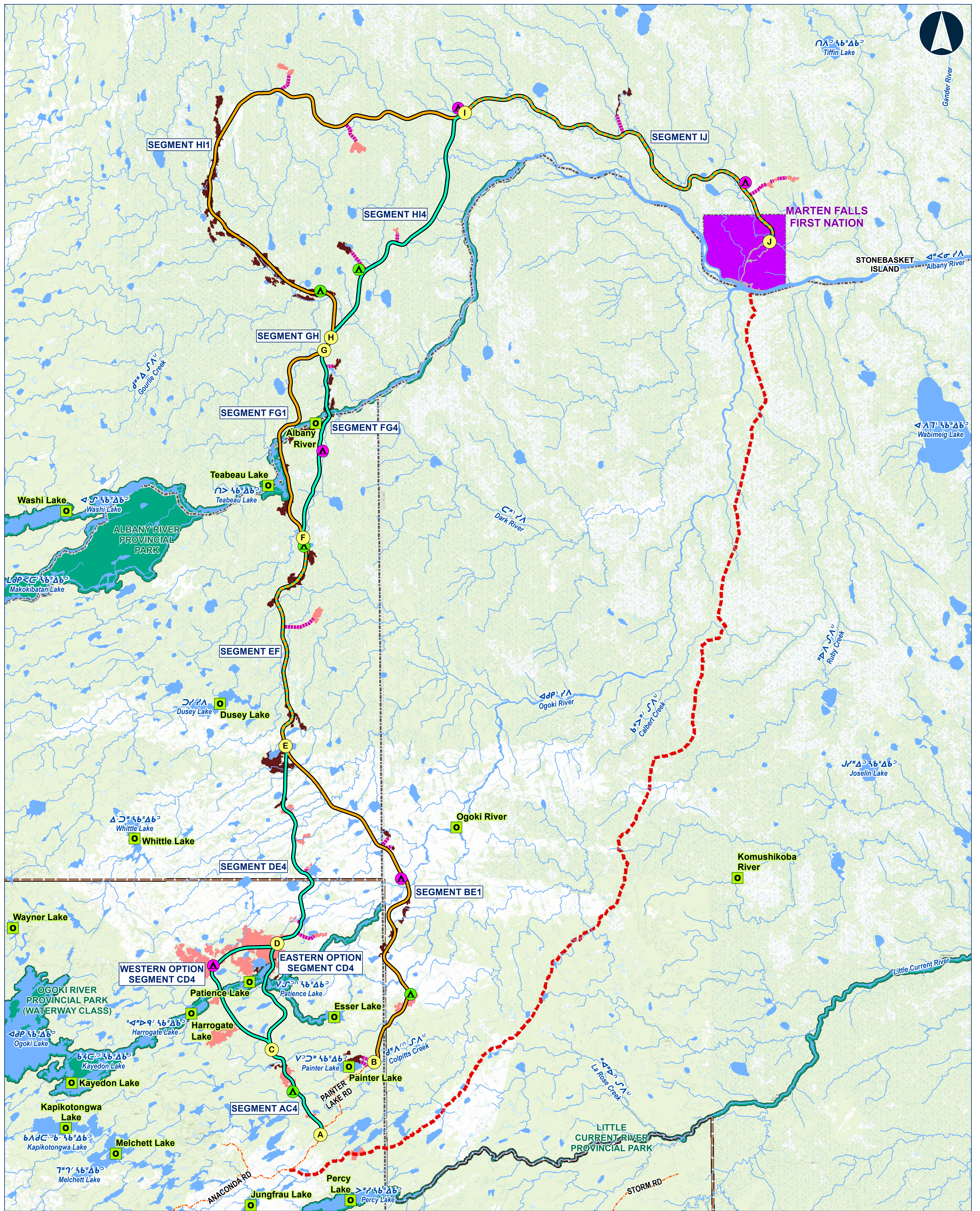
Stay Involved

- Your feedback is important. Fill out the survey by December 23.
- Schedule a meeting with us; reach out any time and we can discuss your feedback and answer questions.
- Join our Mailing List for updates
- Email us at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca or call us at [1-800-764-9114](tel:1-800-764-9114)
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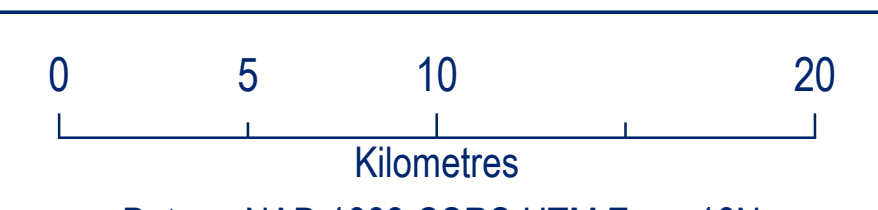


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 - Tourism Outfitter Location
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- Alternative 1
 - Alternative 4
 - Alternative 1 and 4 Overlap
- Potential Camp Sites**
- ▲ 50 Persons
 - ▲ 200 Persons
- Potential Aggregate Source**
- Bedrock
 - Sand and gravel
 - Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site

- General Features**
- Local Road
 - Resource / Recreation Road
 - MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
 - Watercourse
 - Waterbody
 - Far North Boundary
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**MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD**

Alternative Routes and Segments



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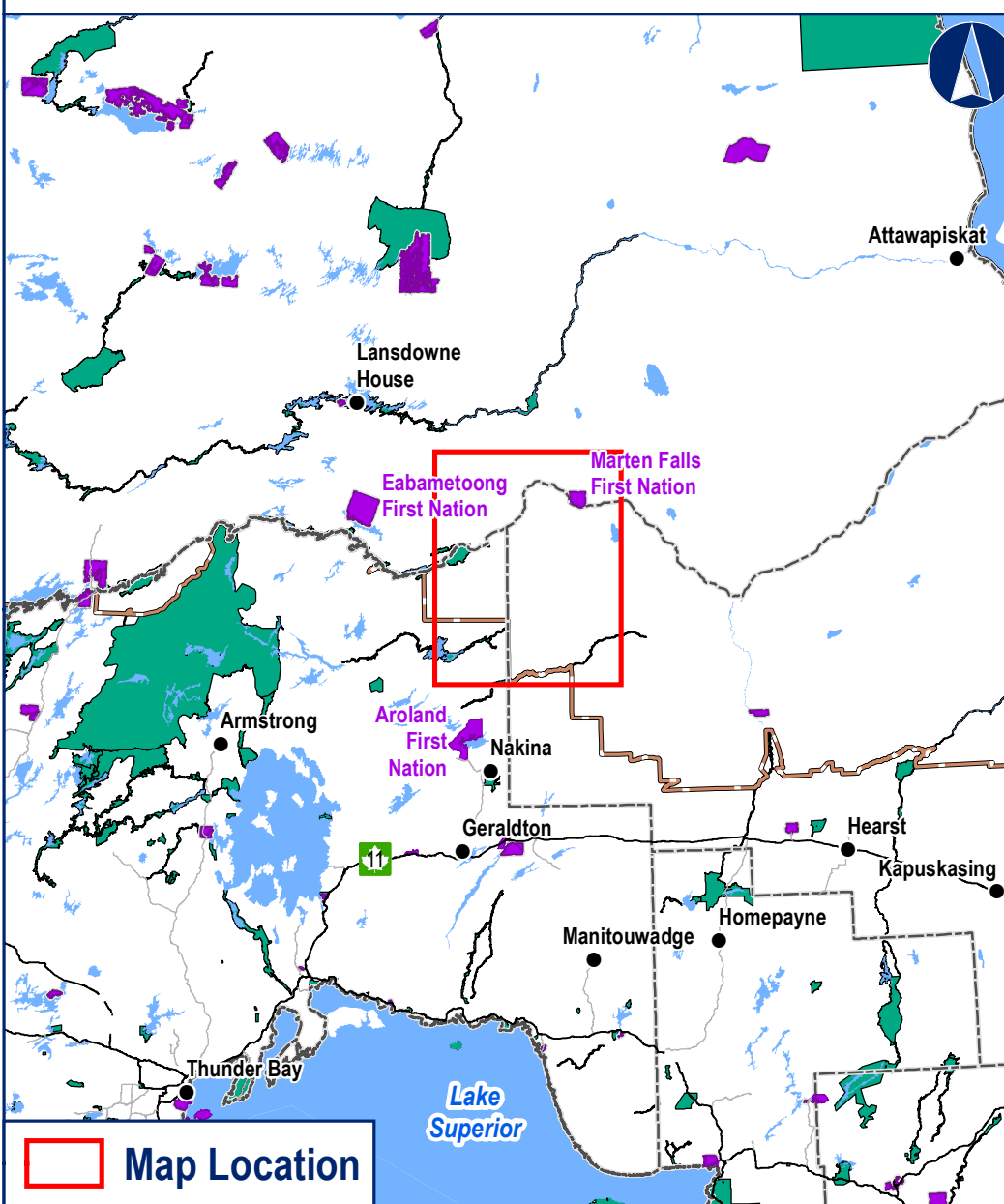
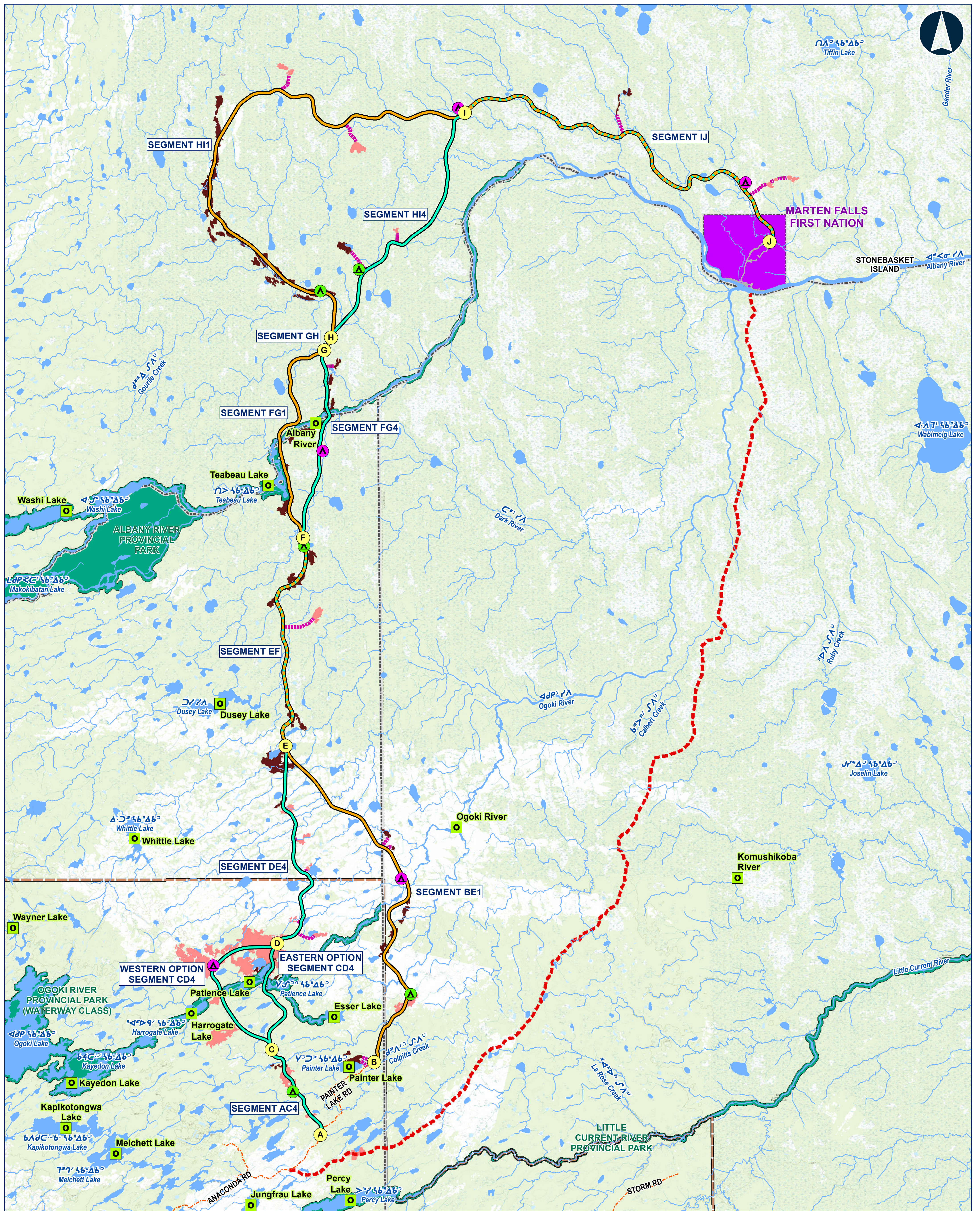
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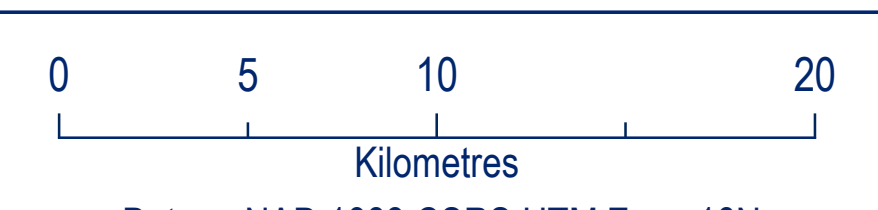


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- Route Alternative Node
 - Tourism Outfitter Location
- Route Alternatives**
- Alternative 1
 - Alternative 4
 - Alternative 1 and 4 Overlap
- Potential Camp Sites**
- ▲ 50 Persons
 - ▲ 200 Persons
- Potential Aggregate Source**
- Bedrock
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COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD**

Alternative Routes and Segments



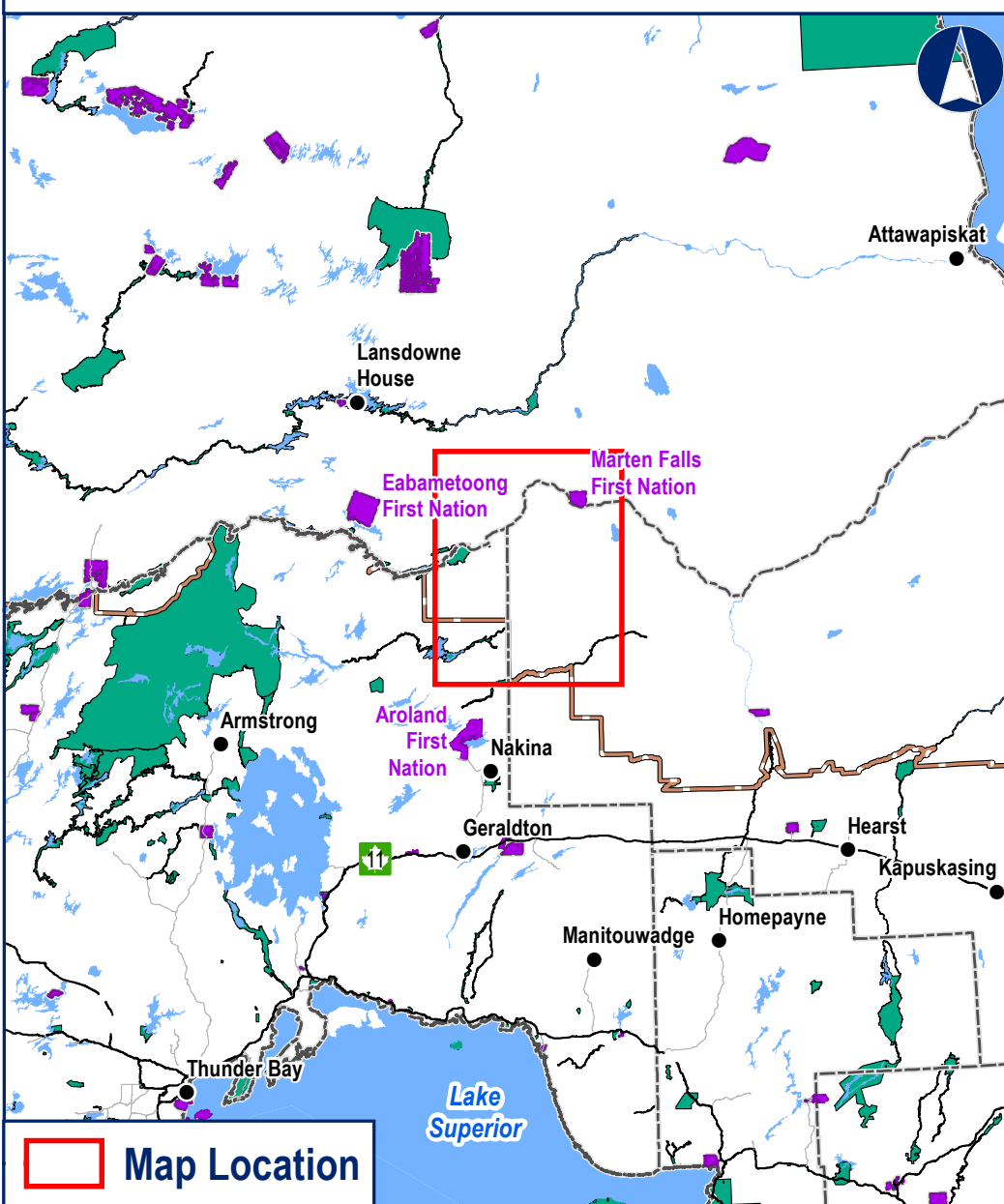
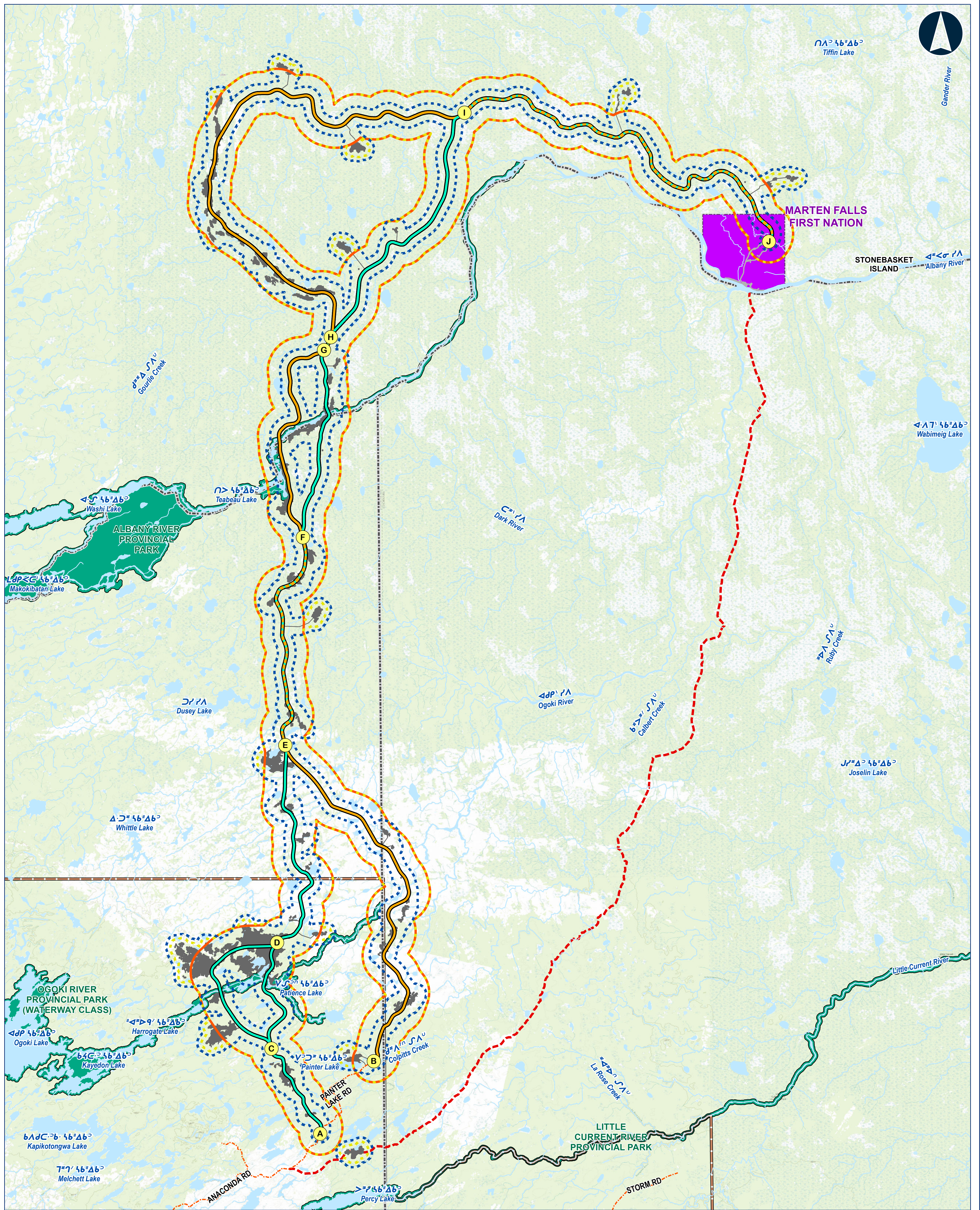
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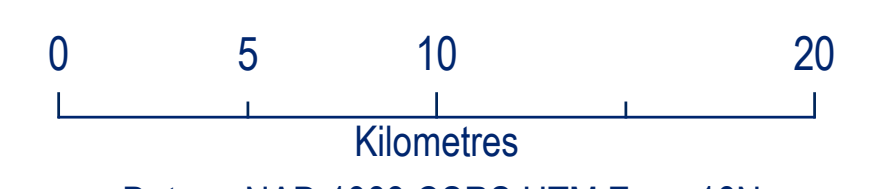


- Legend**
- A Route Alternative Node
 - Project Development Area
 - Local Study Areas (LSA)**
 - Groundwater & Geochemistry LSA
 - Surface Water LSA
 - Fish & Fish Habitat LSA
 - Route Alternatives**
 - Alternative 1
 - Alternative 4
 - Alternative 1 and 4 Overlap

- General Features**
- Local Road
 - Resource / Recreation Road
 - MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
 - Watercourse
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COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD**

**Surface Water, Groundwater & Geochemistry
and Fish & Fish Habitat Local Study Areas**



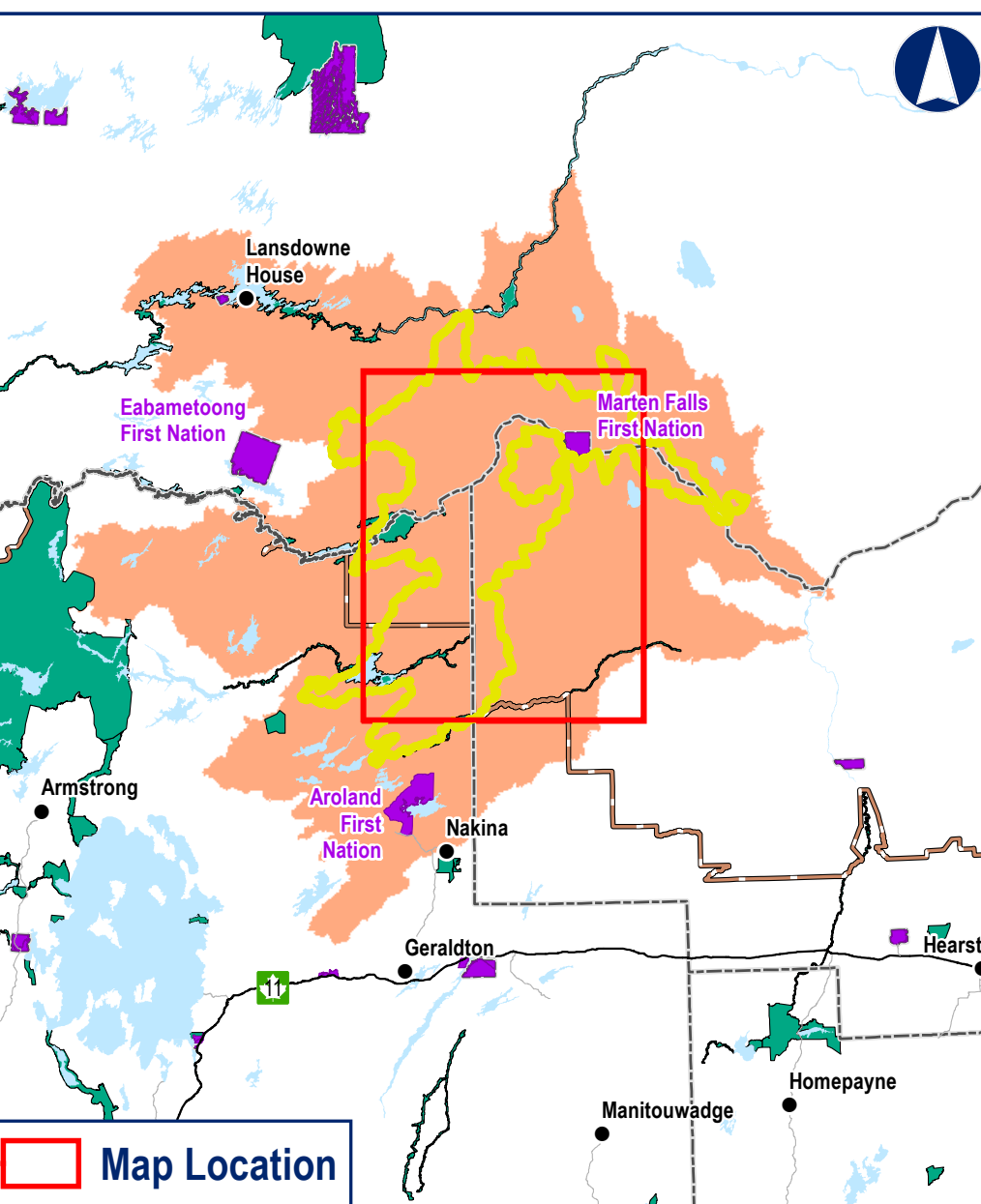
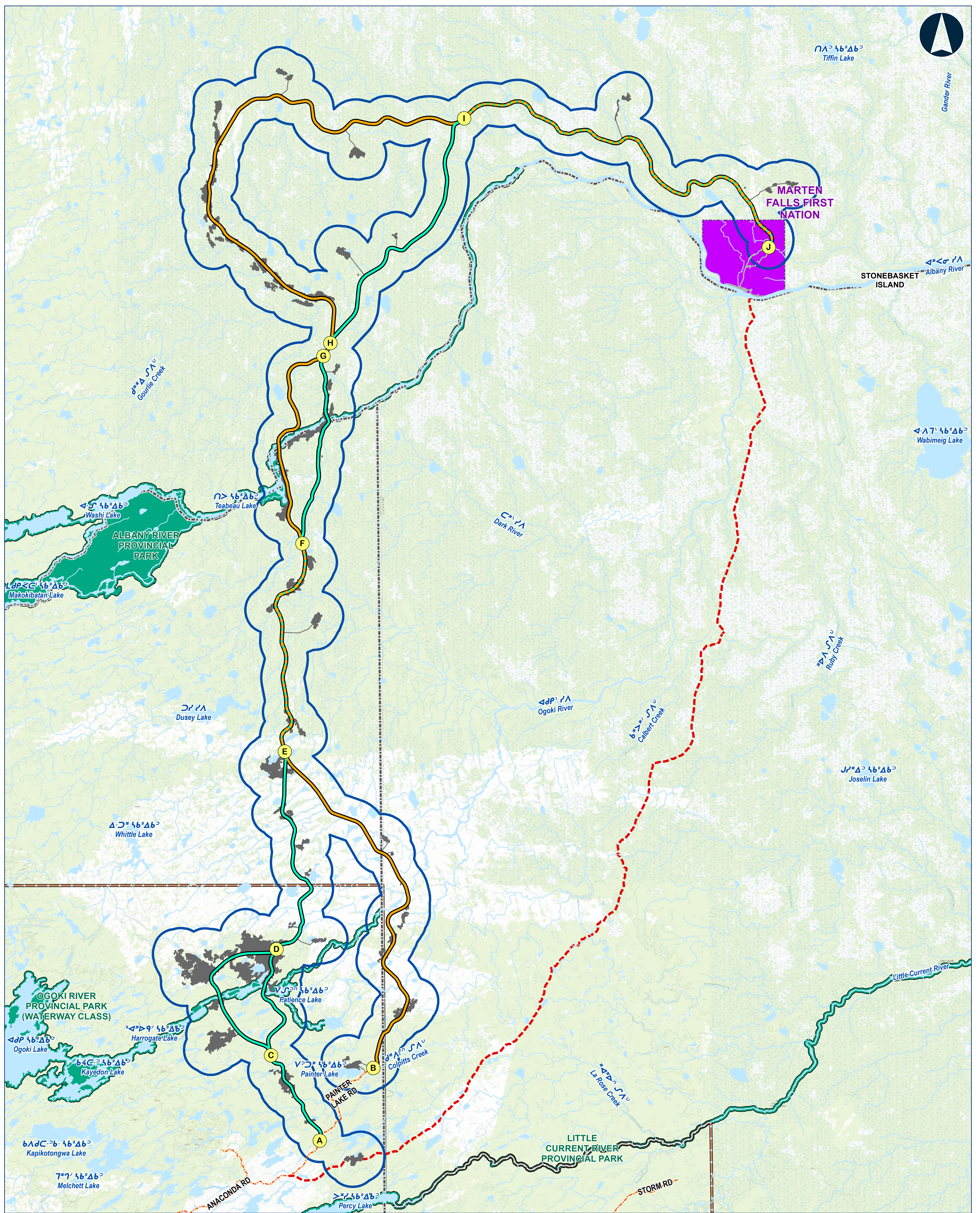
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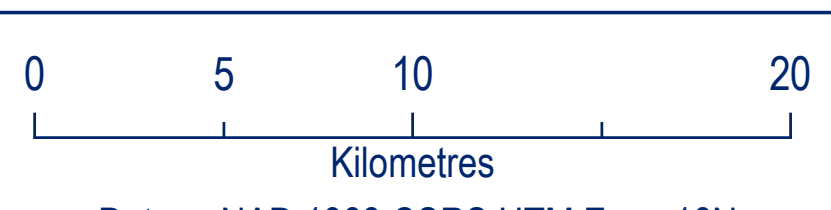


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 - Project Development Area
- Regional Study Areas (RSA)**
- Groundwater & Geochemistry RSA
 - Surface Water RSA (See Key Map for Full Extent)
 - Fish & Fish Habitat RSA (See Key Map for Full Extent)
- Route Alternatives**
- Alternative 1
 - Alternative 4
 - Alternative 1 and 4 Overlap

- General Features**
- Local Road
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**Surface Water, Groundwater & Geochemistry
and Fish & Fish Habitat Regional Study Areas**



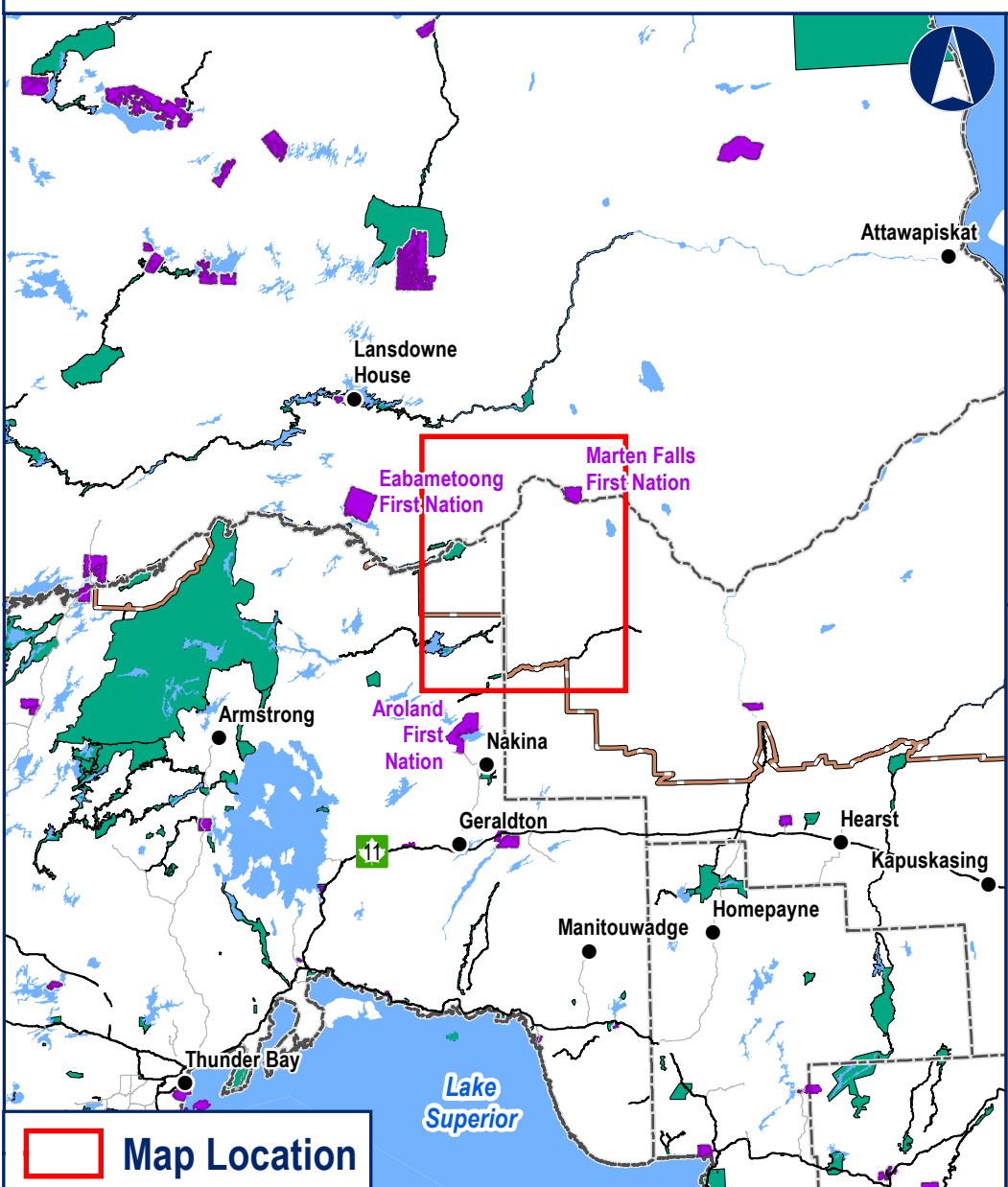
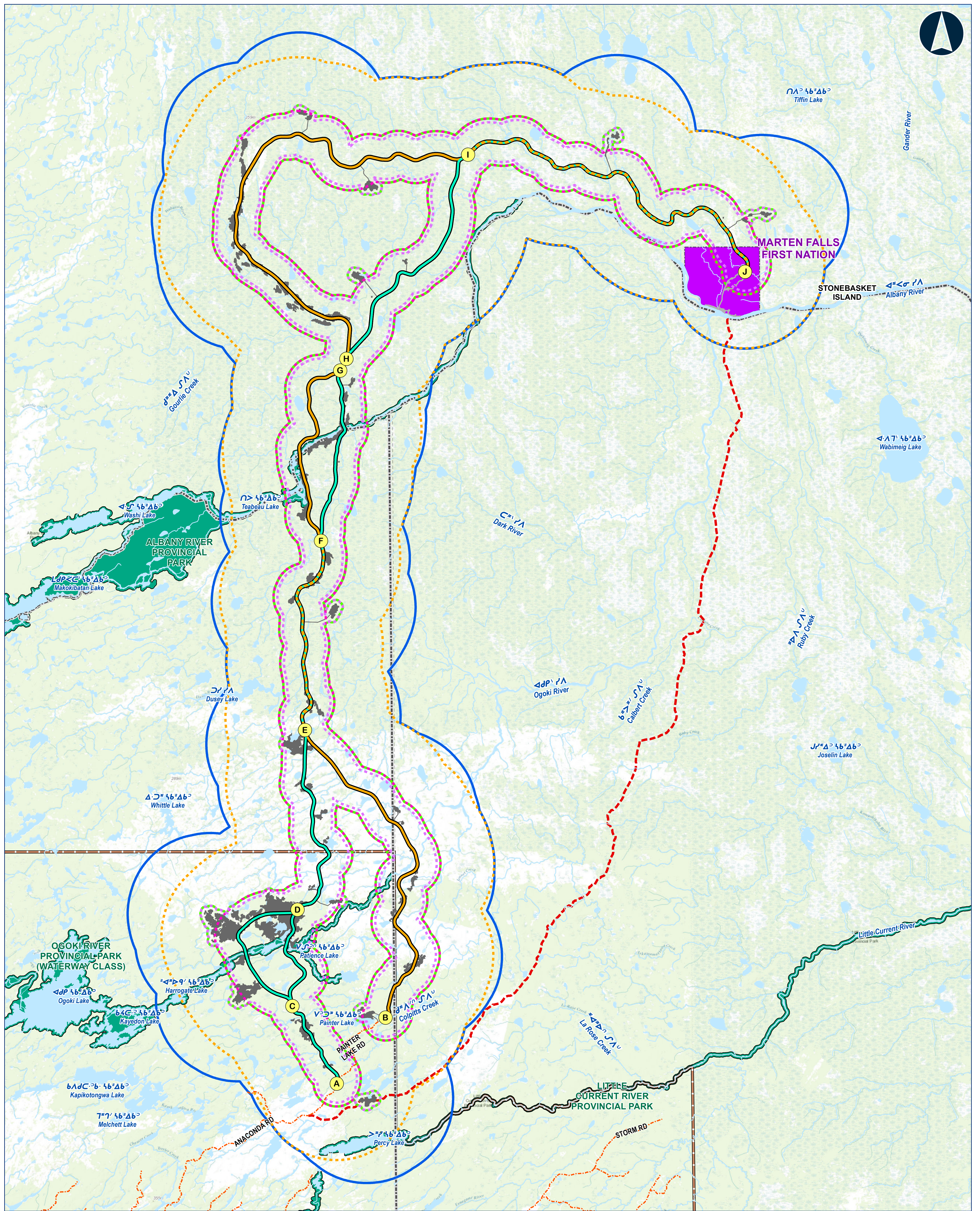
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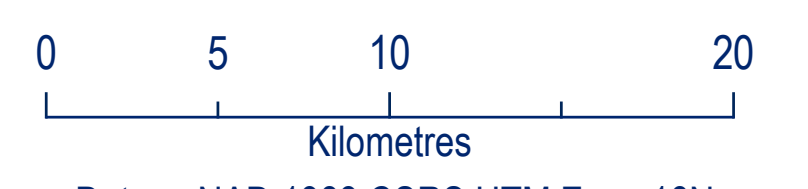


- Legend**
- A Route Alternative Node
 - Project Development Area
- Local Study Areas (LSA)**
- Peatlands LSA
 - Birds and Wildlife LSA
 - Wolverine LSA
 - Physiography, Geology, Terrain, Soils and Vegetation LSA
 - Ungulates LSA
- Route Alternatives**
- Alternative 1
 - Alternative 4
 - Alternative 1 and 4 Overlap

- General Features**
- Local Road
 - Resource / Recreation Road
 - MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
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**MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD**

**Physiography, Geology, Terrain & Soils,
Vegetation, Peatlands, Wildlife, Wolverine, Birds
and Ungulate Local Study Areas**



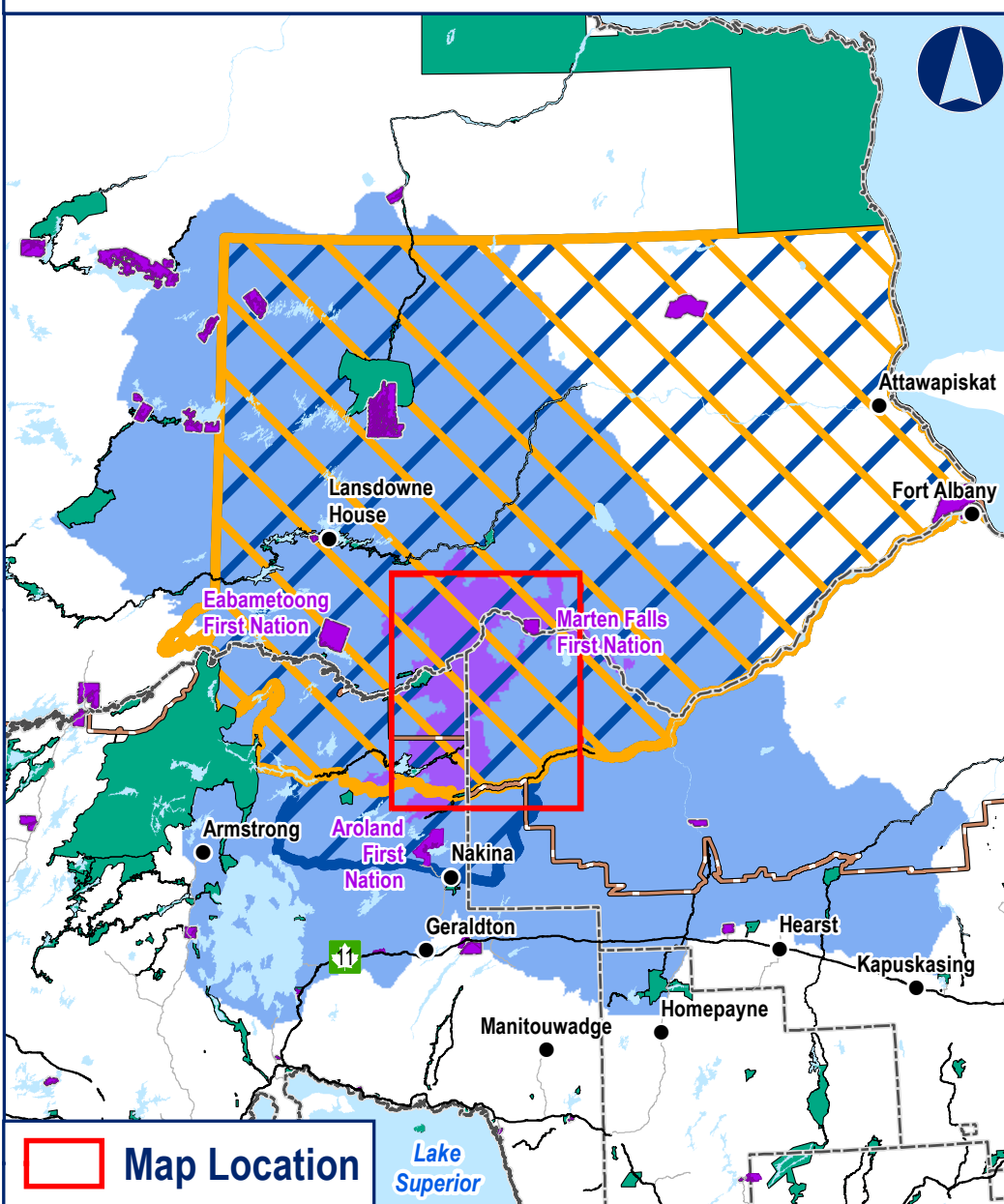
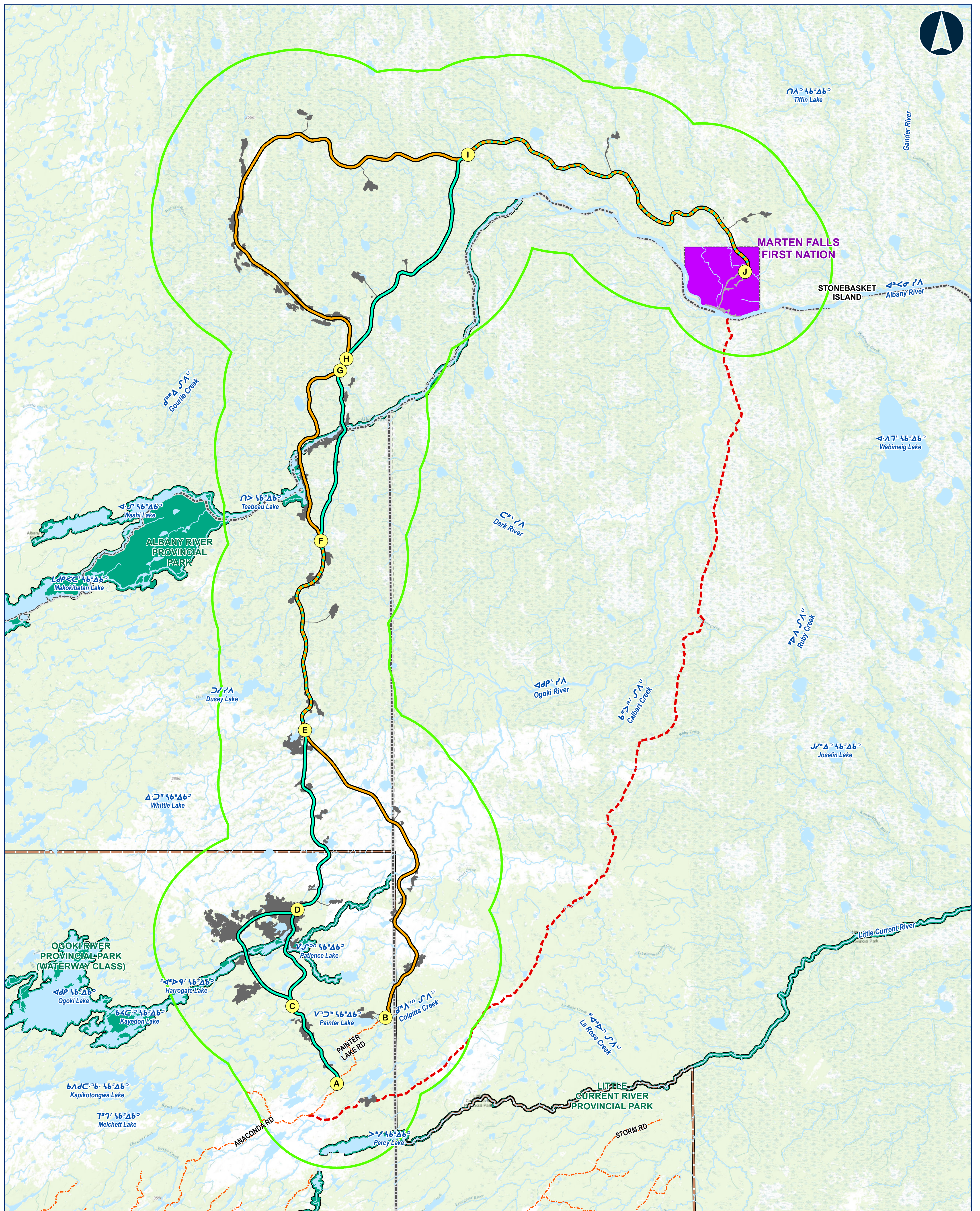
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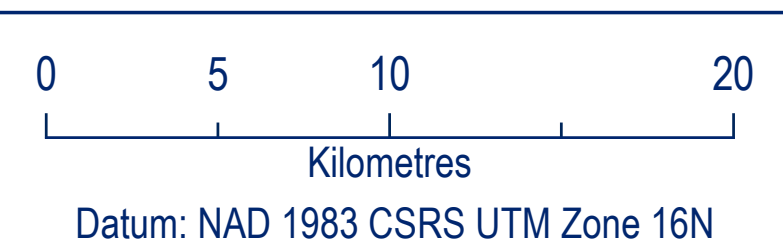
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- Project Development
- Regional Study Areas**
- Physiography, Geology, Terrain and Soils, Vegetation, Wildlife & Birds RSA
- Peatlands RSA (See Key Map for Full Extent)
- Wolverine RSA (See Key Map for Full Extent)
- Ungulates (Moose) RSA (See Key Map for Full Extent)
- Ungulates (Caribou) RSA (See Key Map for Full Extent)
- Route Alternatives**
- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4
- Alternative 1 and 4 Overlap

General Features

- Local Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
- Watercourse
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**MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD**

**Physiography, Geology, Terrain & Soils,
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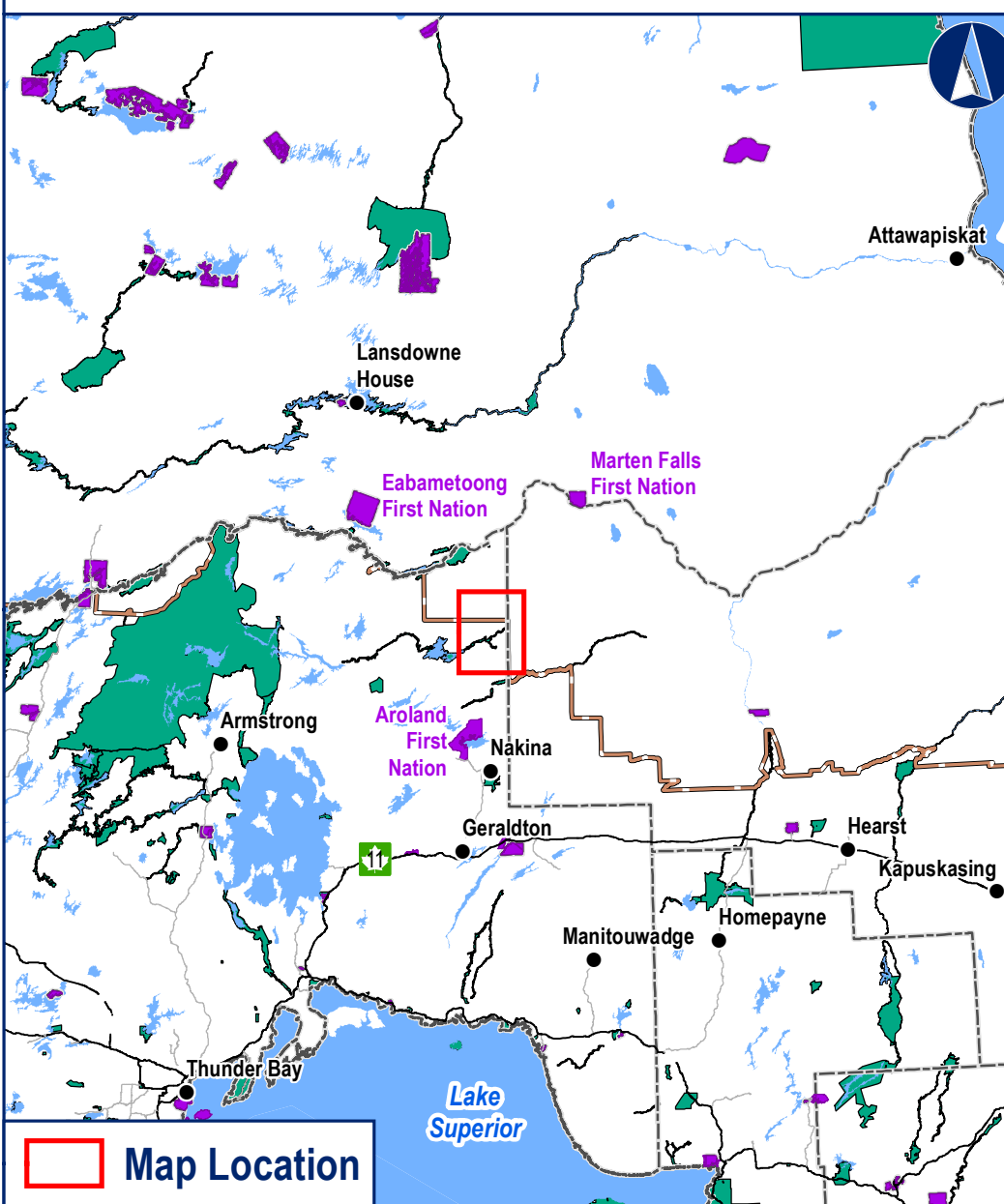
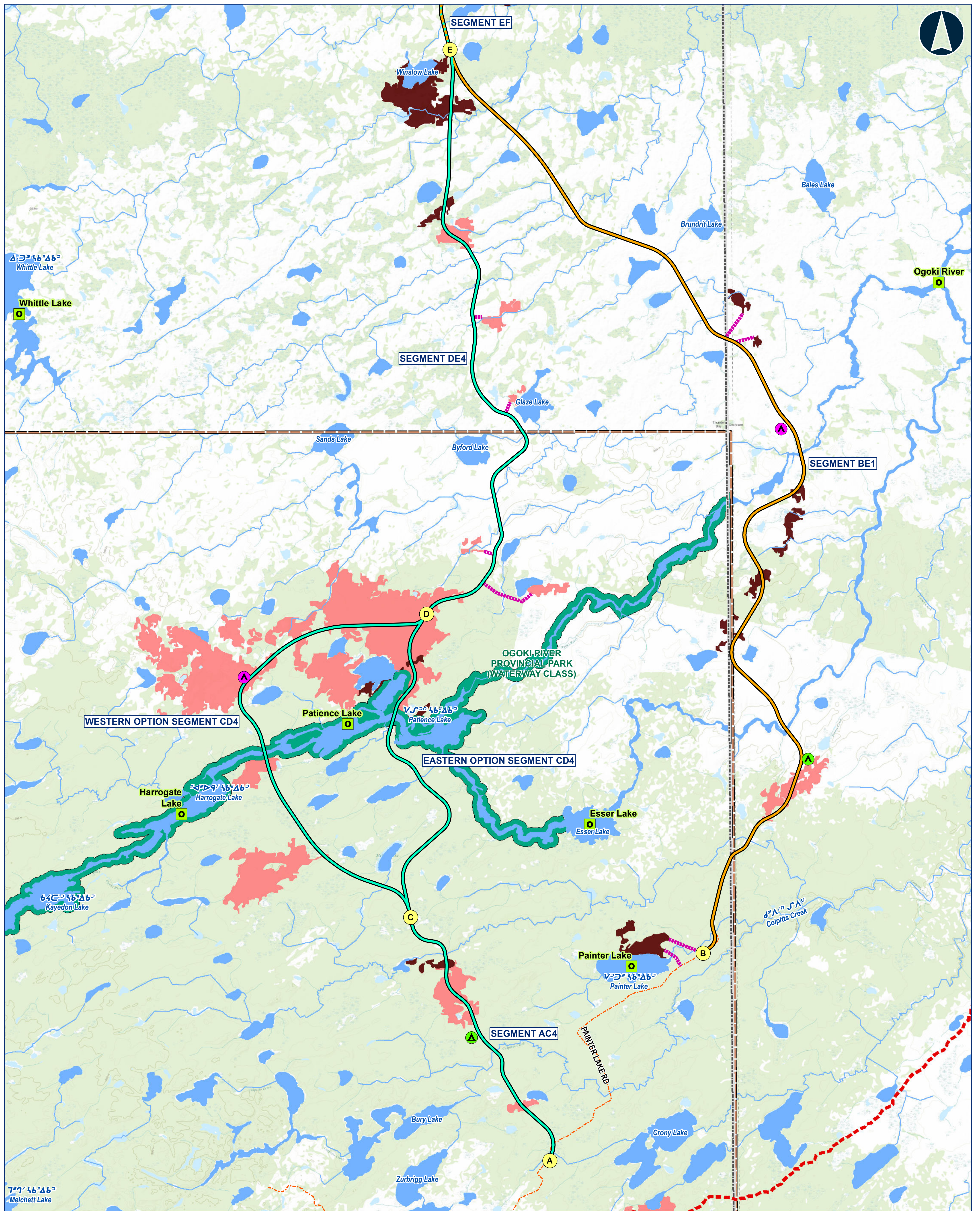
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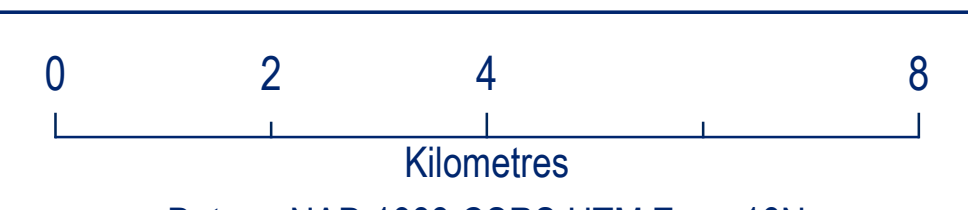


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- Route Alternative Node
 - Tourism Outfitter Location
- Route Alternatives**
- Alternative 1
 - Alternative 4
 - Alternative 1 and 4 Overlap
- Potential Camp Sites**
- ▲ 50 Persons
 - ▲ 200 Persons
- Potential Aggregate Source**
- Bedrock
 - Sand and gravel
 - - - - - Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site

- General Features**
- - - - - Resource / Recreation Road
 - - - - - MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
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**MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
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Alternative Routes and Segments



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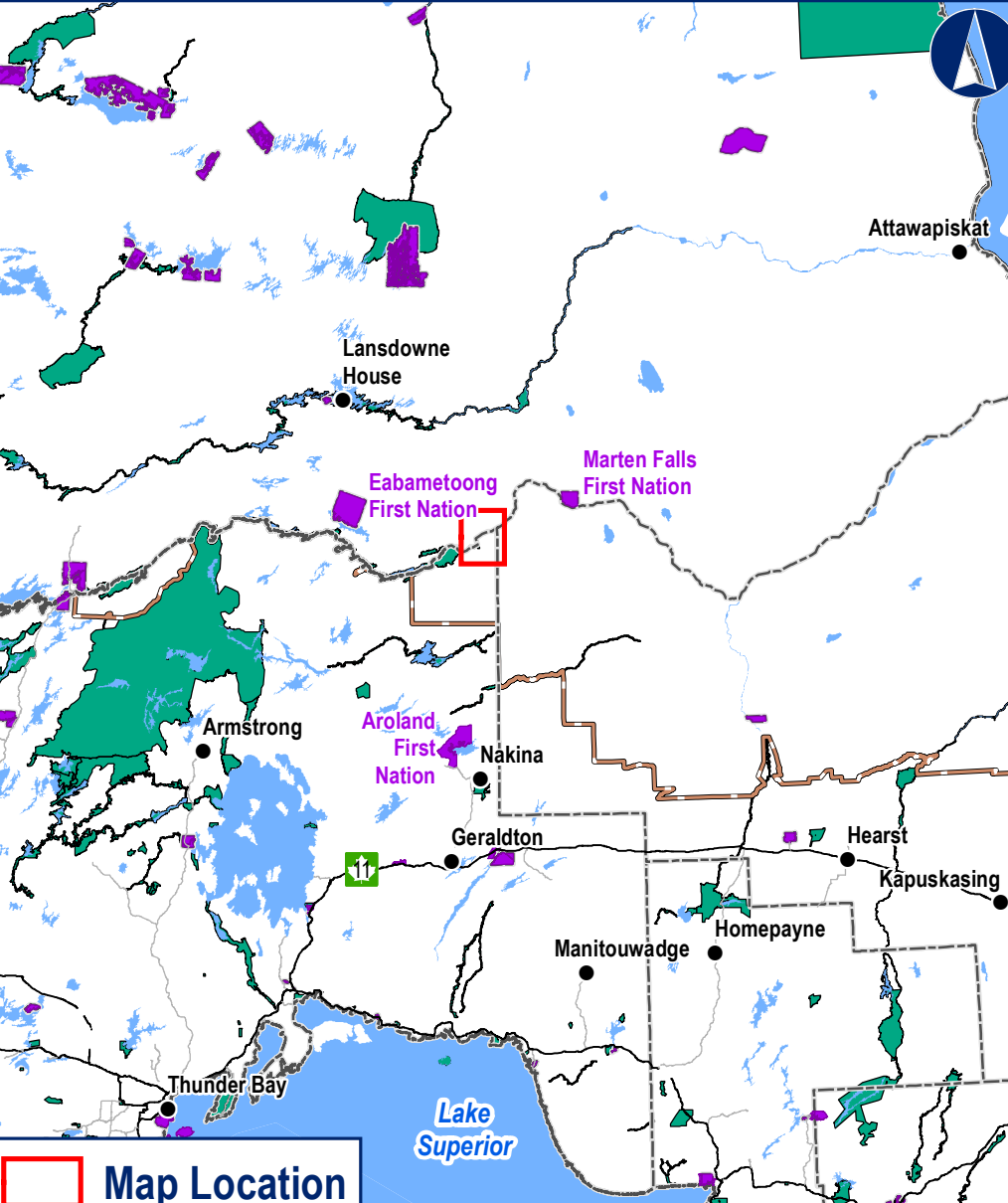
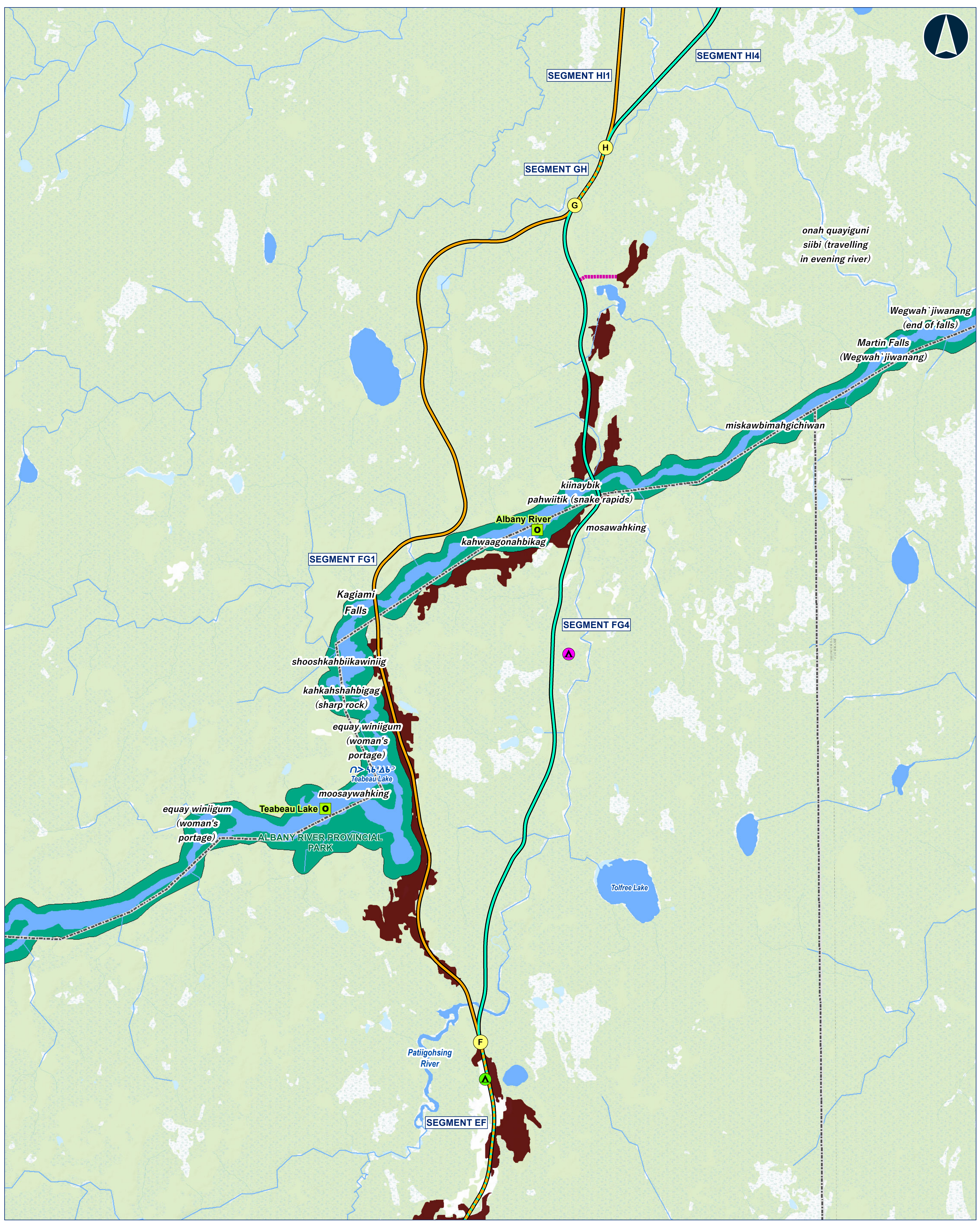
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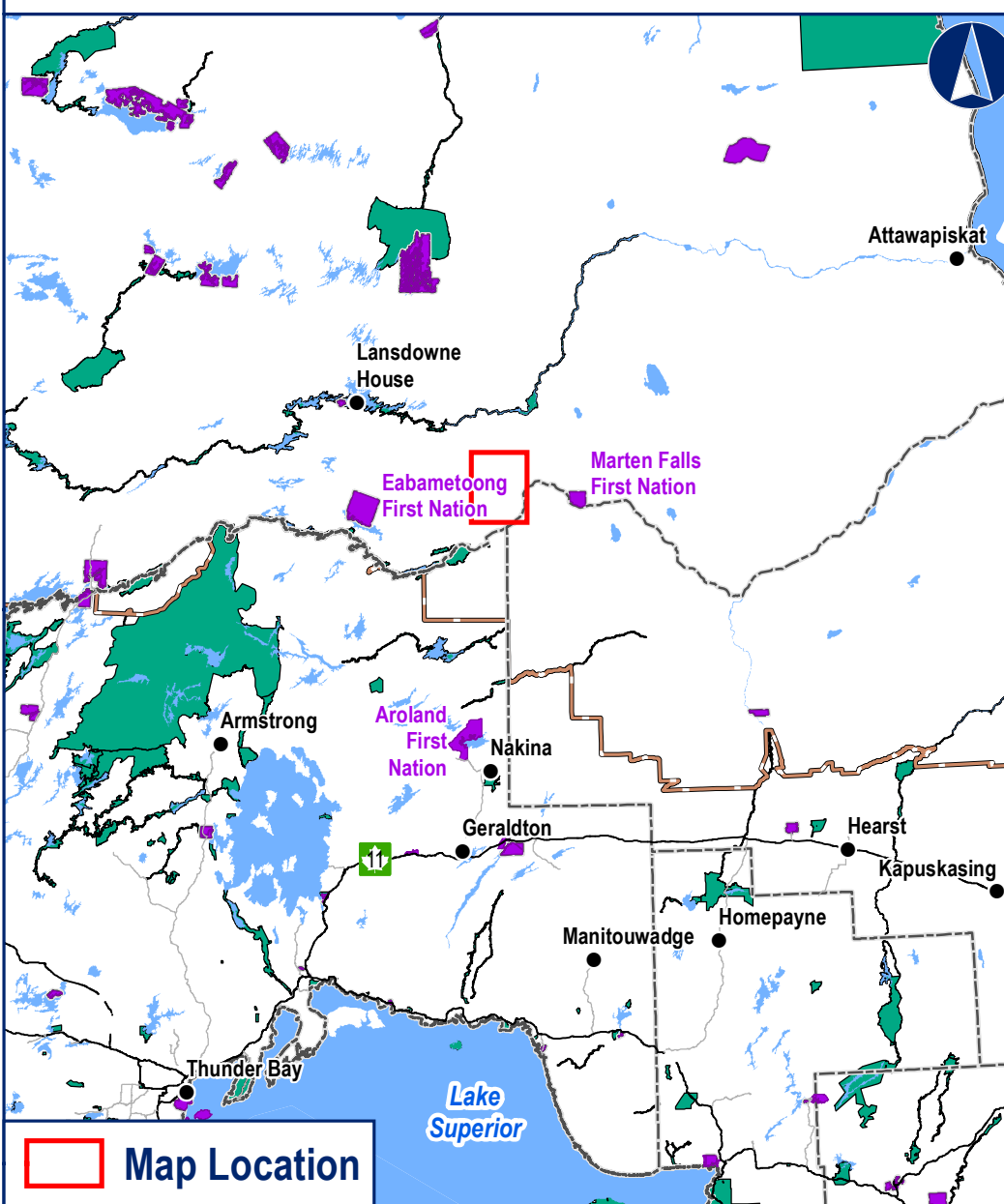
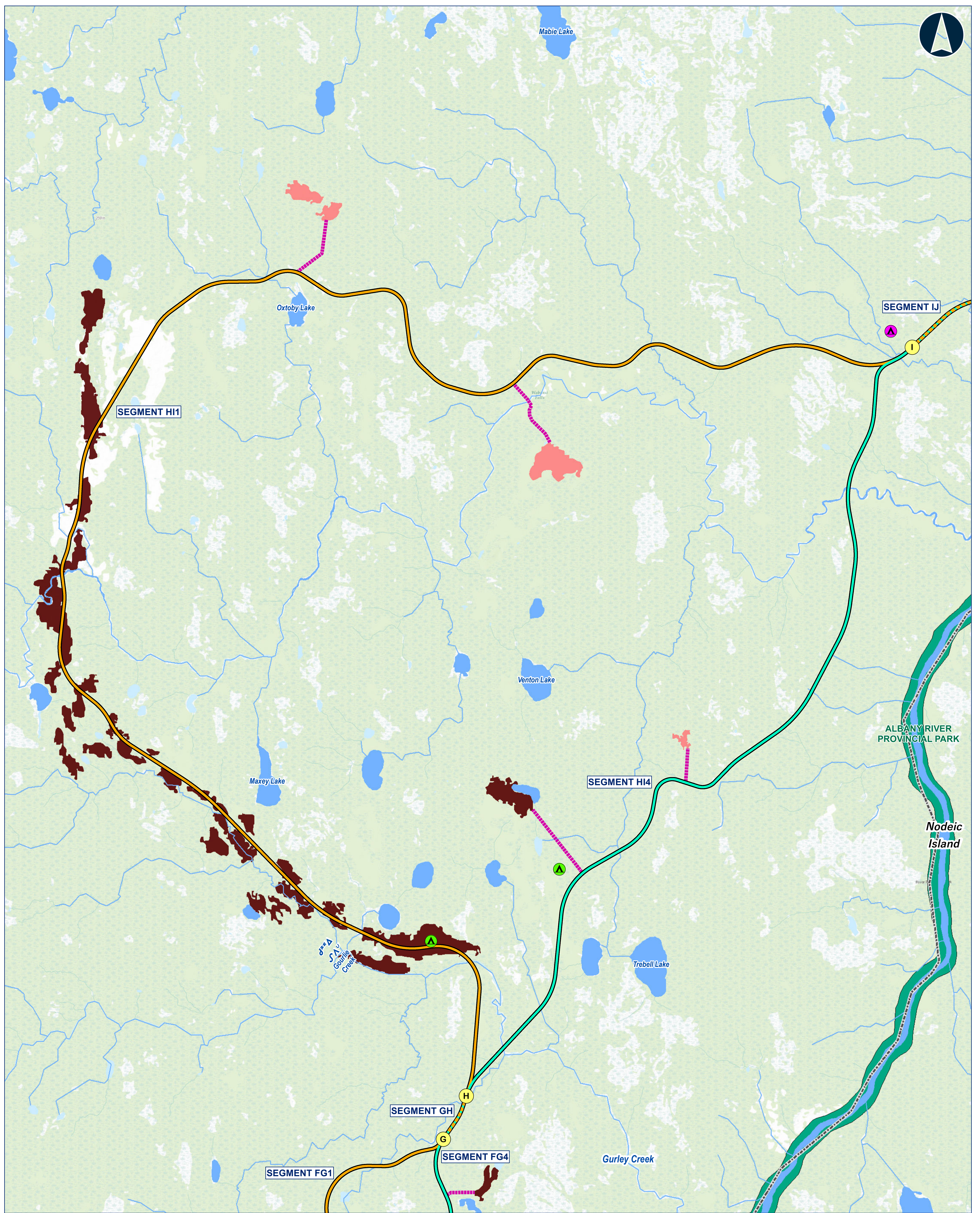


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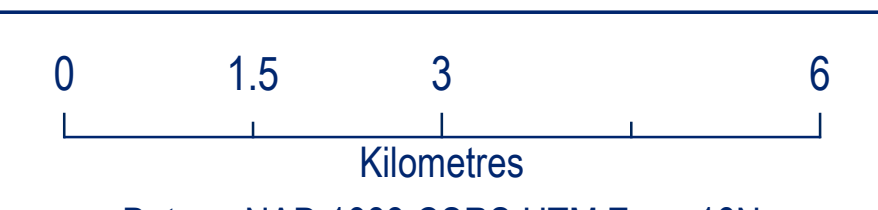


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 - Bedrock
 - Sand and gravel
 - - - - - Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site

- General Features**
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**MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD**

Alternative Routes and Segments

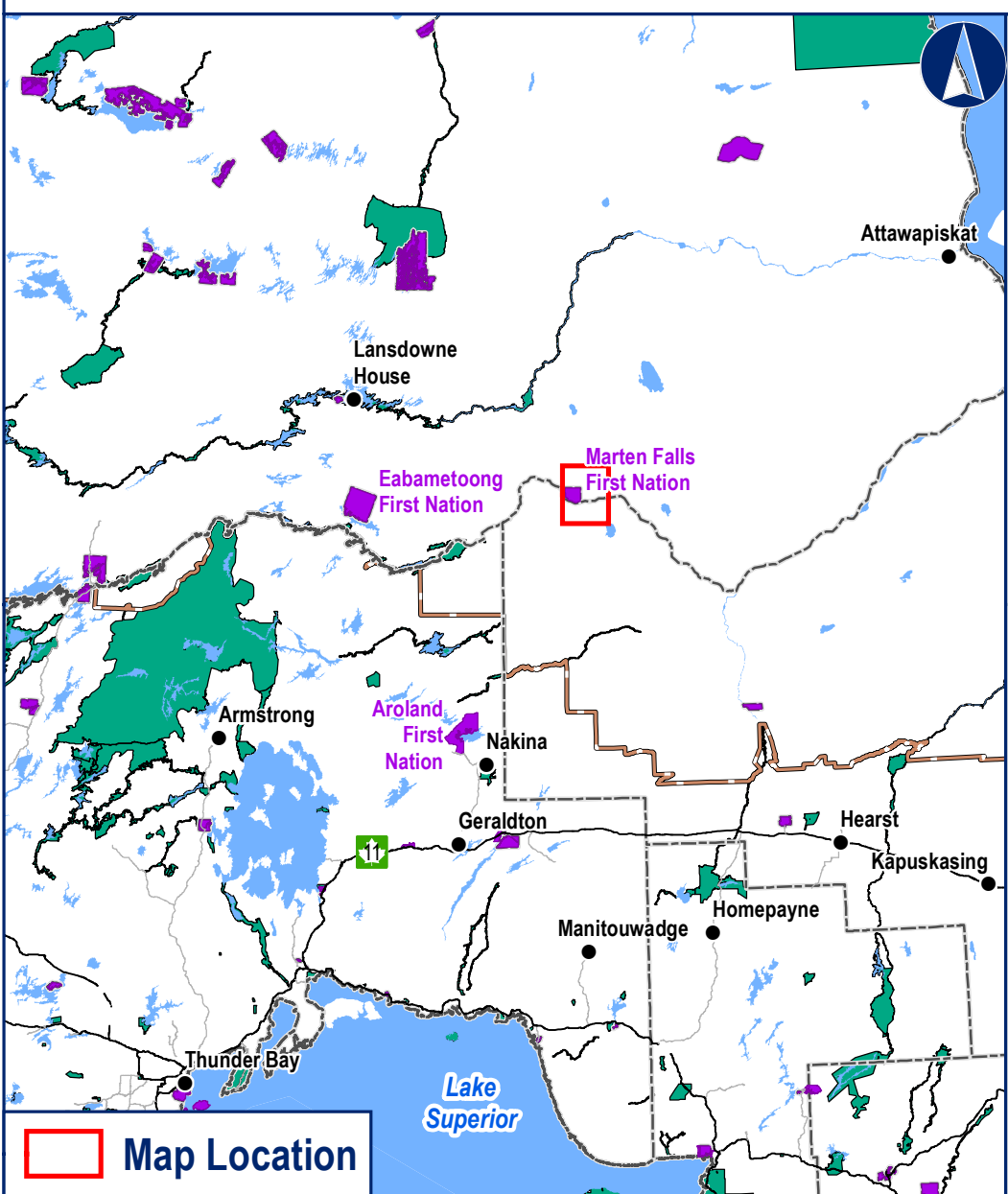
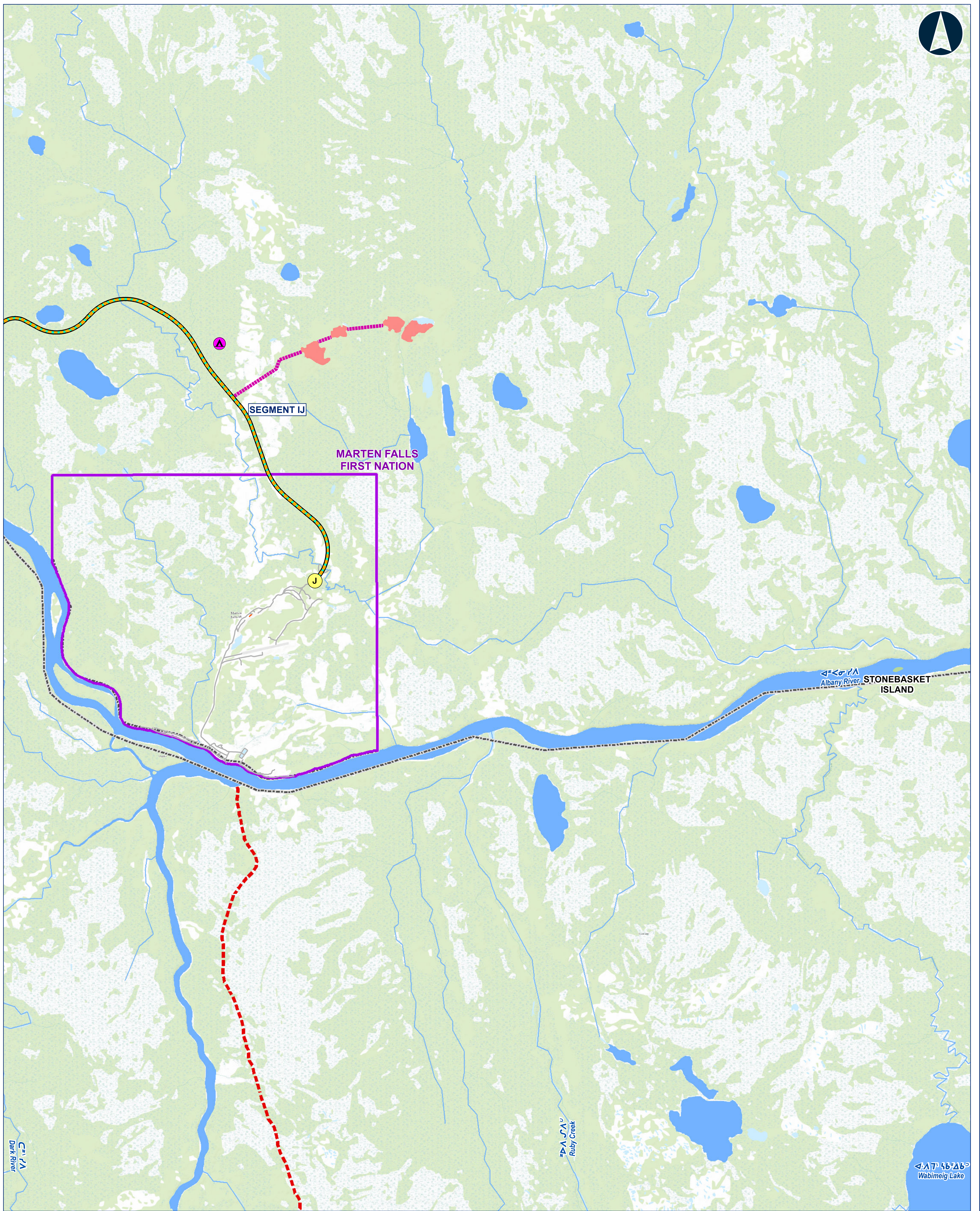


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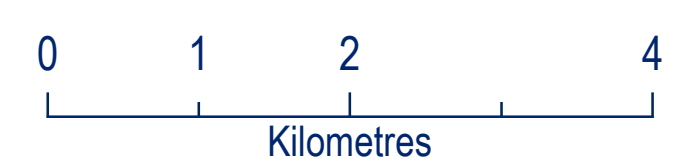
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- Route Alternatives**
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- Potential Camp Sites**
- 200 Persons
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- Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site

General Features

- Local Road
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- First Nation Reserve

**MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD**

Alternative Routes and Segments



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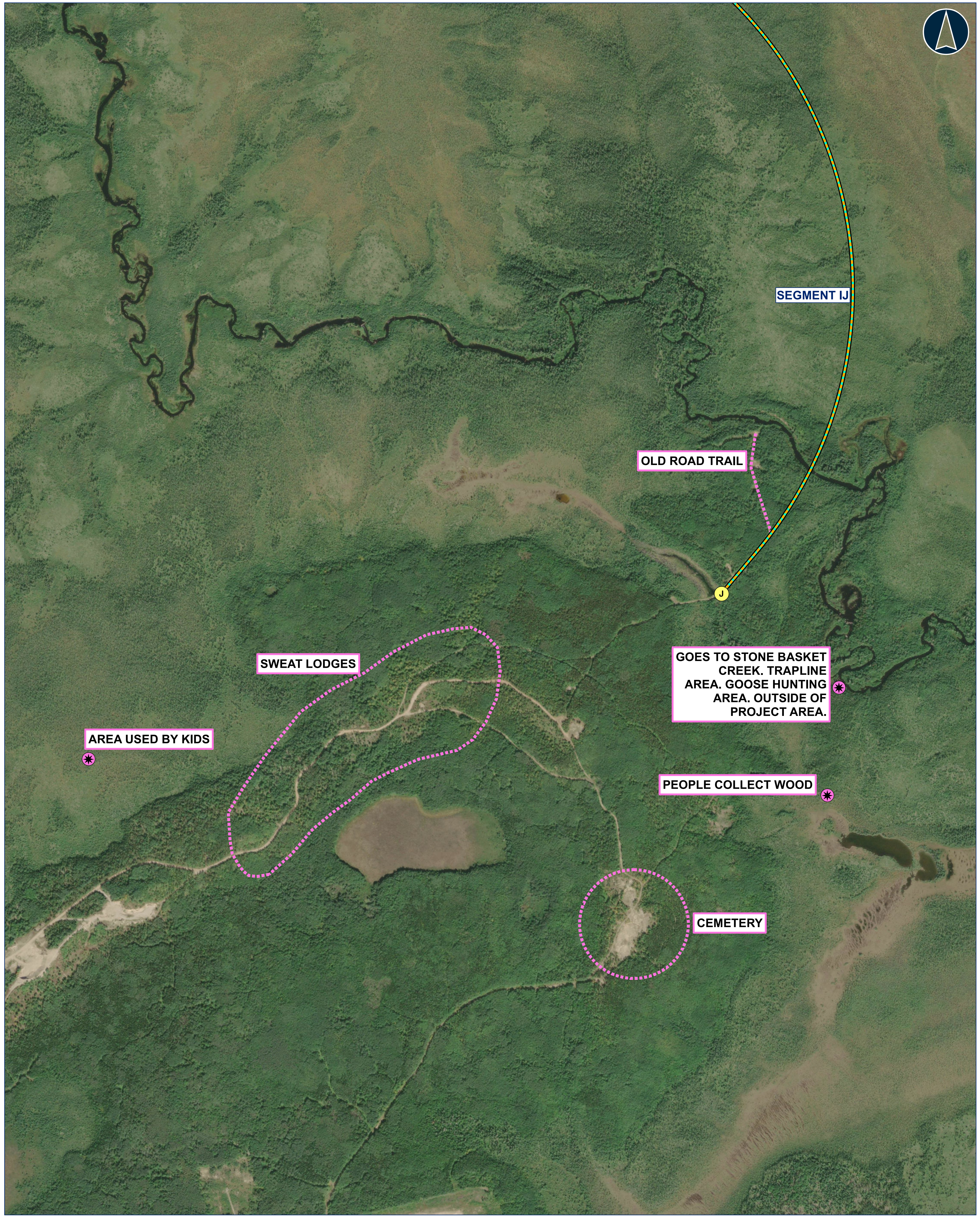
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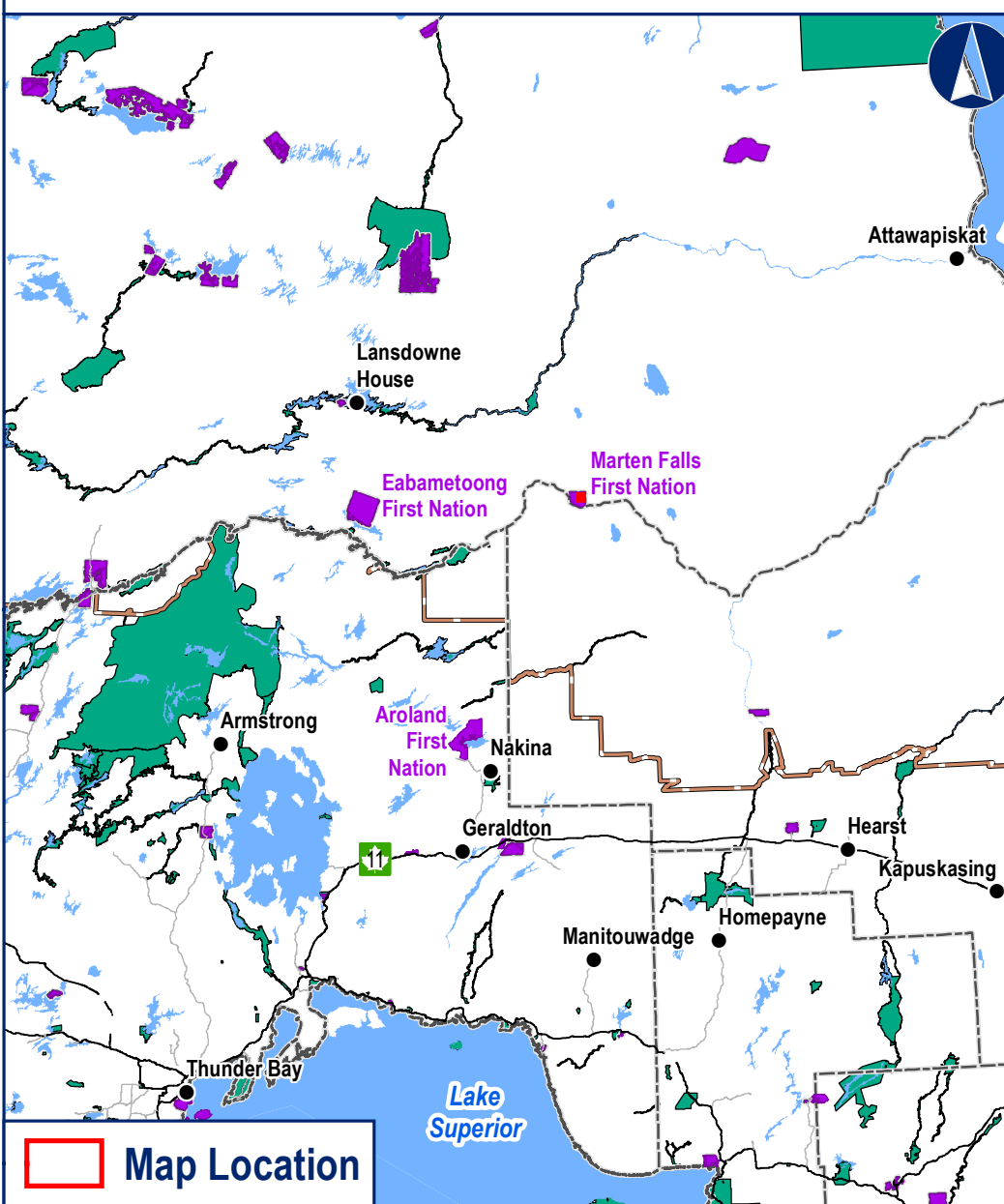
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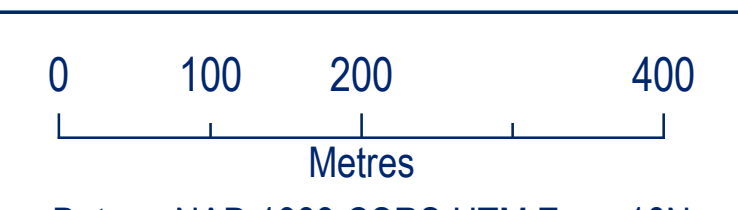
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- Legend**
- Comments by MFFN Community Member
 - Route Alternative Node
- Route Alternatives**
- Alternative 1 and 4 Overlap

**MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD**

Alternative Routes and Segments

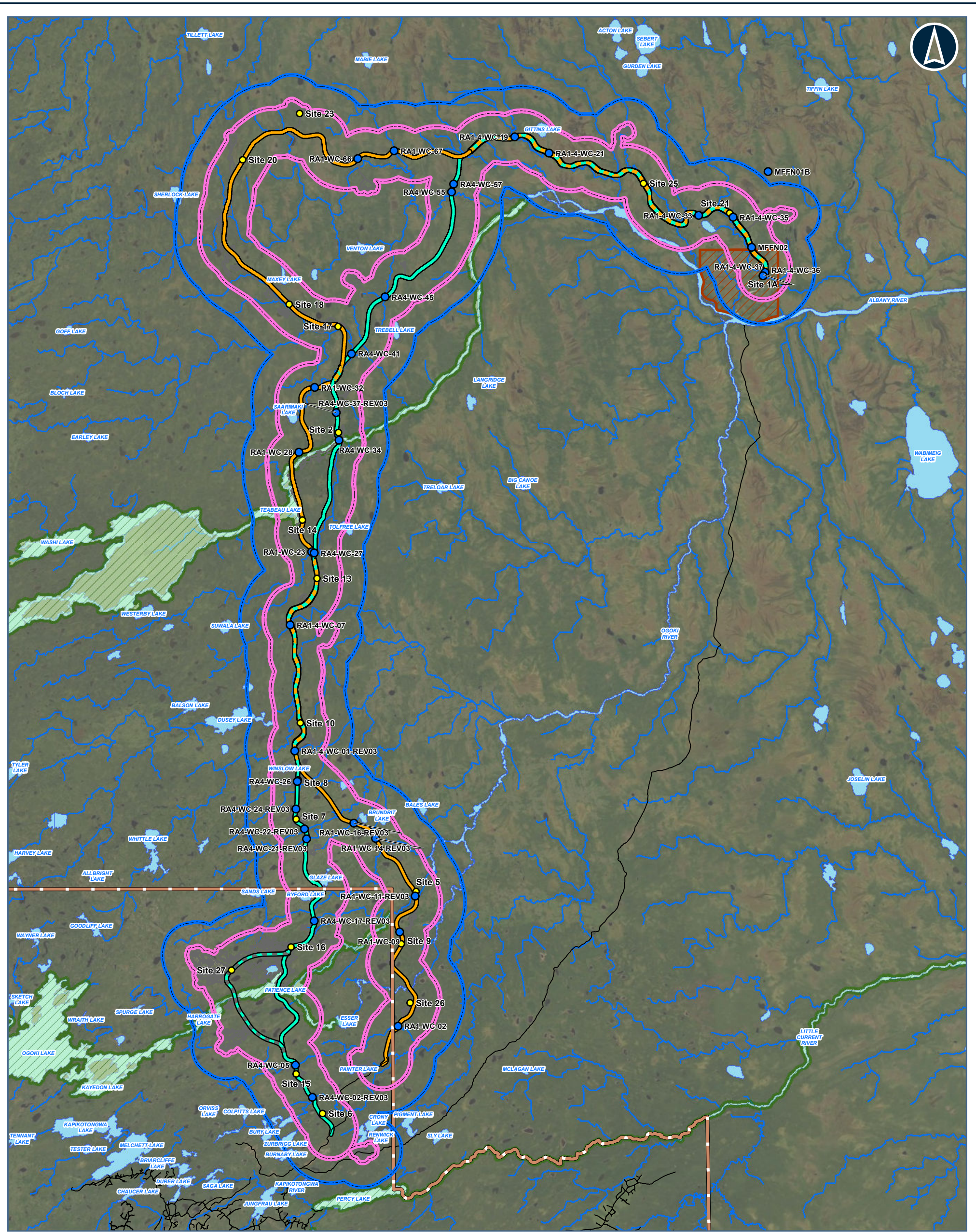


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- Tree Clearing or GW Drilling Sites
- Water Crossing
- ROAD
- Community Access Road Alternatives Centerline
- ALTERNATIVE 1
- ALTERNATIVE 4
- ALTERNATIVE 1 AND ALTERNATIVE 4
- ALTERNATIVE 4 - WESTERN OGOKI RIVER CROSSING OPTION
- FAR NORTH BOUNDARY
- FIRST NATION COMMUNITY
- PROVINCIAL PARK
- PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AREA - 100M
- 3KM BUFFER
- 6KM BUFFER

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GW Drilling Sites and Surface Water Crossings/Sampling Sites

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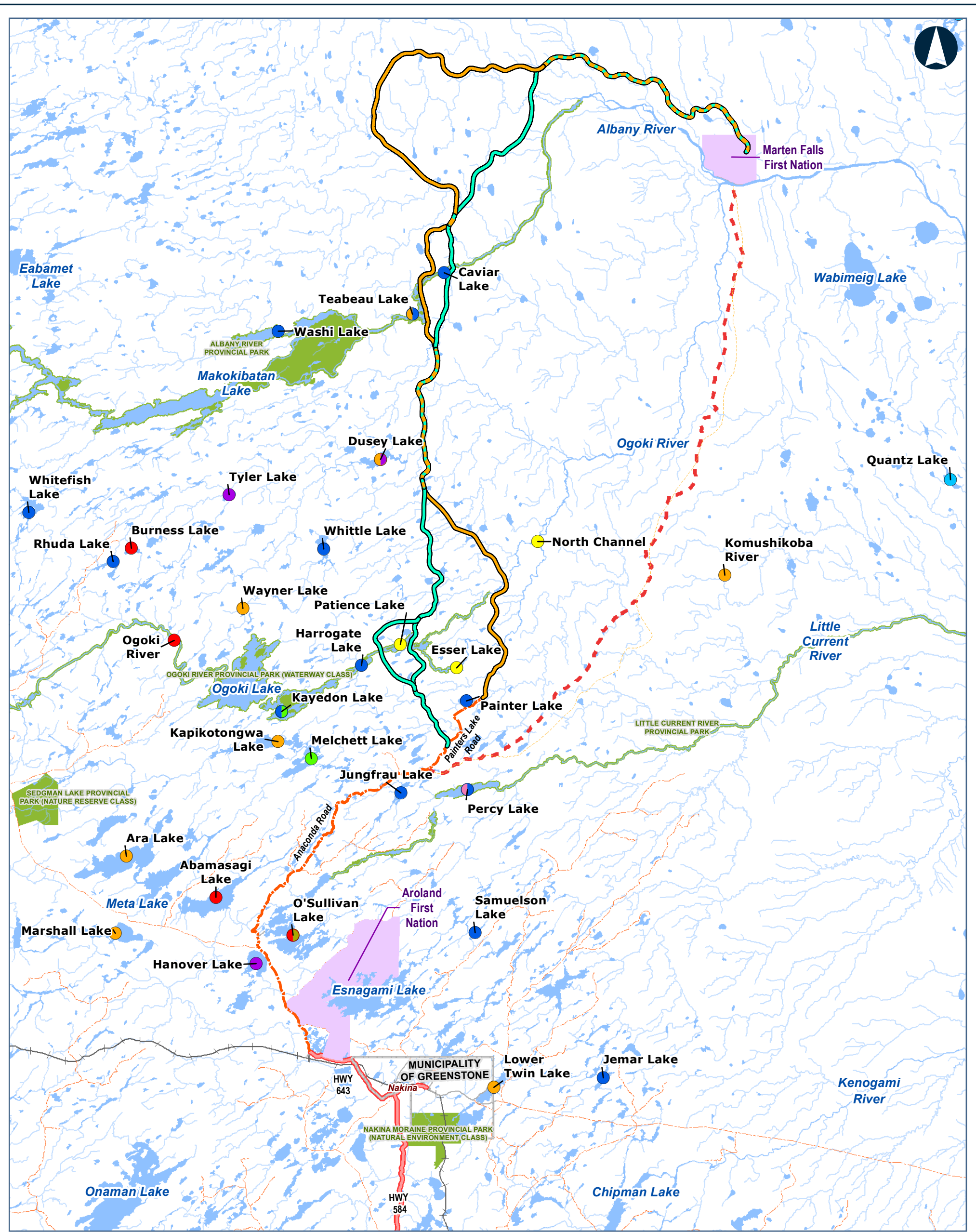
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Legend

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Tourism Outfitter Locations

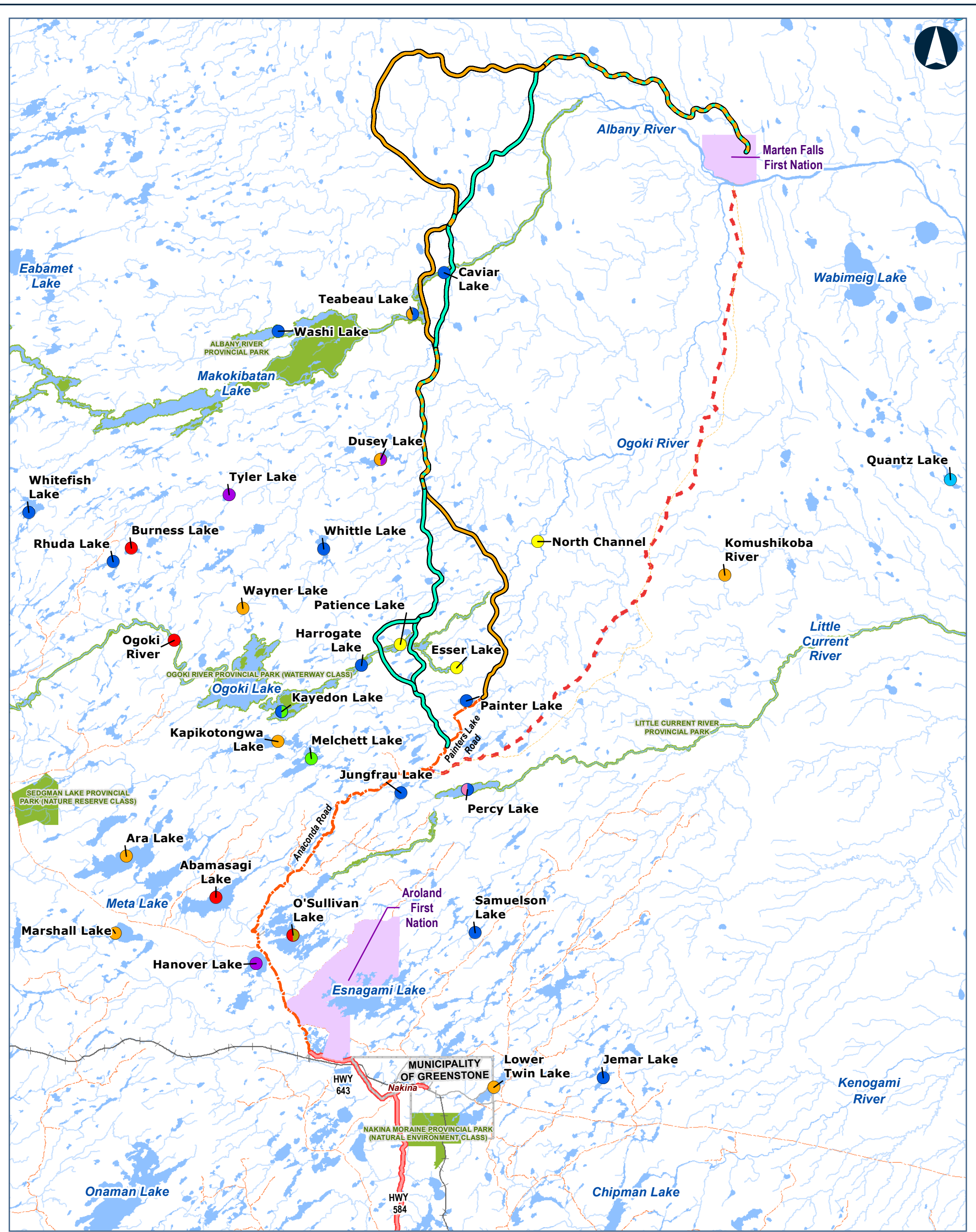
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- Boreal Forest Outfitters
- Dusey River Adventures
- Hearst Air Service
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- O'Sullivan's Rainbow
- Nakina Outpost Camps (a.k.a 7 Lakes Wilderness Camps)
- Nakina North Outfitters
- Twin Lakes Outfitters

Project Development Area

- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4
- Alternative 1 & 4 Overlap

General Features

- Highway
- Local Road
- Winter Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- Existing Winter Access Road
- Railway
- Watercourse

Waterbody

- Waterbody
- First Nation Reserve
- Municipal Boundary
- Provincial Park

Notes:
 Locations are indicated at center of operator identified lake
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A7.5 Field Programs



A7.5.1 Winter Field Programs Discussion Guide



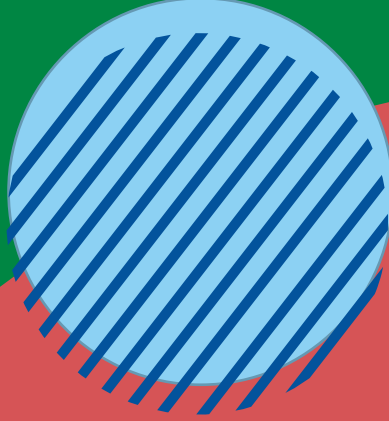


MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Winter Field Program

Discussion Guide

December 2021





Winter Field Program

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The Wolverine (*wishkobish*) Hair Snag, Winter Aerial and Furbearer Ground Track Surveys will take place this winter for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) and provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed All-Season Community Access Road.

This Discussion Guide provides an overview to these upcoming Field Programs. We welcome your feedback on the key questions listed in this Guide. **Your insights will help shape the program.**

A field notice will be distributed once dates are confirmed.





What are fur bearers?

Fur bearers are animals with fur. Many of these animals are trapped or hunted for their fur hides, like marten (*wabizheshiwag, wabashatanang*), beaver (*amikwag*) and wolverine (*wishkobishag, wiingwa'waakeg*)

What's Happening?

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An important part of the winter field program is understanding potential effects that the proposed Community Access Road may have on animals, including fur bearers, in the area. This is the first study we are doing specifically for fur bearers. There are three survey programs that will support our understanding of where animals currently are in the study area:

1. Wolverine (*wishkobish*) Hair Snag
2. Furbearer Ground Track
3. Winter Ungulate Winter Aerial

For the **wolverine hair snag survey program**, 54 non-invasive (does not injure animal) hair snag traps will be placed in the study area. Wolverine (*wishkobish*) are a Species of Special Concern as identified by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, and a Threatened species under the Ontario Endangered Species Act. Remote cameras will be positioned to monitor the baited hair snag traps to help confirm if a wolverine (*wishkobish*) has visited the hair snag trap. Hair snag samples left by wolverine (*wishkobish*) will be collected and submitted for DNA and hormone analysis.



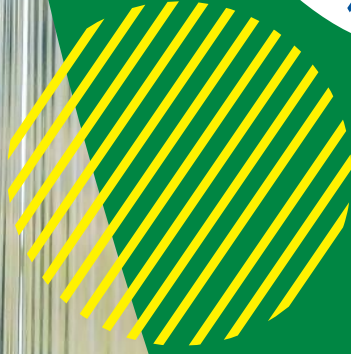
When?

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The programs will take place starting Winter 2022. Exact dates will be provided once confirmed.

- **Wolverine hair snag traps** will be deployed in February and will stay in place until May. Field crews will return to the hair snag traps monthly to replenish bait and collect hair samples.
- For the **winter furbearer ground track surveys**, crews will conduct two rounds of surveys for five days each between January and March.
- The **winter ungulate aerial surveys** will be one trip lasting 15 days between February and March.



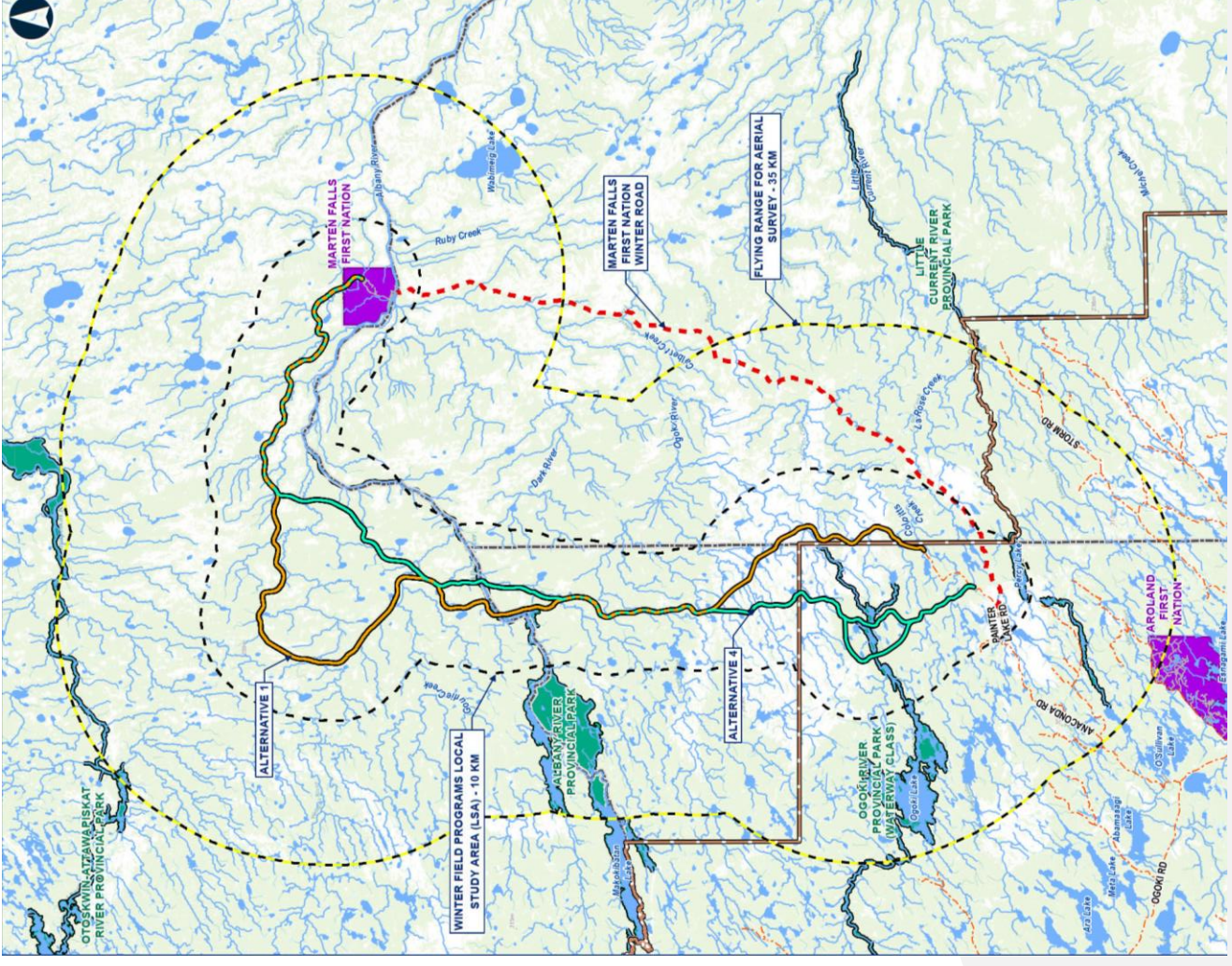


We Need Your Input!

Your input is an important part of shaping our winter field program and will be considered before the field program starts. If you have any feedback on the following questions, we want to hear from you:

- Has your trapline been overlapped by these surveys?
- Have there been any recent wolverine (*wishkobish*) sightings?
- Are you an Indigenous trapper that can supply bait for wolverine (*wishkobish*) hair snag traps?
- Are there any specific timing considerations during January through March we should be aware of when conducting the surveys?

Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous land and resource use in the area of the proposed routes can be shared through the Project's Indigenous Knowledge Program. If you have sensitive and confidential information that you would like to share through this program, please let us know. We will ensure your knowledge is protected.





If you have sensitive and confidential information that you would like to share through the Indigenous Knowledge Program to make sure it is protected, please let us know.



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You are welcome to contact the Project Team at any time with questions or comments

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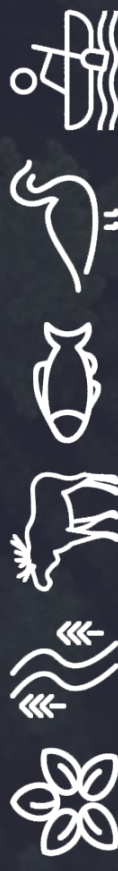
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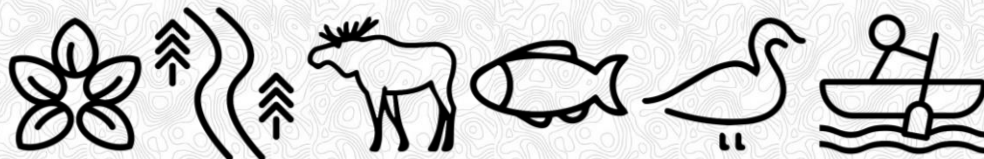
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A7.5.2 Field Programs Summary





2022 Field Studies Summaries

Issued: December 2022

Field programs are happening to better understand the existing conditions of the local environment and the potential effects of the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road Project on the social, cultural, economic, built and natural environments.

Field programs studying existing conditions and effects assessments for the following technical disciplines have taken place this past year:

- **Groundwater and Geochemistry;**
- **Aquatics (surface water, fish and fish habitat);**
- **Physiography, terrain and soils;**
- **Vegetation;**
- **Wildlife;**
- **Birds; and**
- **Ungulates (Atik and Mooz; Caribou and Moose).**

Summaries of the work undertaken this past year are provided in this document.

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Groundwater and Geochemistry

Spring 2022 Aerial Recon

Date Range: March 30, 2022

Work Completed:

Aerial observation of nine proposed groundwater sites to confirm that conditions allow for tree clearing and groundwater drilling and well installation.

Conclusions / Key Takeaways:

After completing spring flyovers of the study area, a decision was made to postpone tree clearing and drilling until the Fall of 2022. The majority of the sites in the middle and southern end of the study area had three or more feet of snow, making the conditions unsuitable for safe travel and drilling operations. The work restarted in September 5, 2022 and is ongoing.

Chimney Swift Habitat Assessment

Date Range: June 27 – July 3, 2022

Work Completed:

In support of the groundwater drilling program, proposed groundwater drilling sites were surveyed for the potential presence of chimney swift habitat. Sites were flown in helicopter by experienced avian biologists. Notes on the vegetation community (i.e., ecosite), dominant tree species and the presence of snags (i.e., standing live or dead trees with cavities, peeling bark or evidence of decay) were taken.

Conclusions / Key Takeaways:

Most of the sites visited were not suitable for chimney swift nesting, and the few that were, had very little suitability. This is not unexpected since the Local Study Area is well outside the known range and habitat types of this species.

Wishkobish / Wolverine Denning Survey

Date Range: March 11 – March 14, 2022

Work Completed:

In support of the groundwater program, the wishkobish / wolverine denning surveys were conducted within a 4 km radius of each proposed groundwater drill site. Surveyors were looking for signs of wishkobish / wolverine including potential den sites. Twenty proposed groundwater drill sites were to be surveyed, however, due to unsuitable weather conditions for flying and recent signs or observations of atik / caribou, only 10 sites were surveyed. Of those 10 drill sites surveyed, nine showed no signs of wishkobish / wolverine den site observations, and one contained a potential den site.

Conclusions / Key Takeaways:

The groundwater drill program was delayed until Fall 2022 and is currently ongoing, outside the sensitive denning period for wishkobish / wolverine.



Aquatics

Spring Field Program

Date Range: June 21 to July 2, 2022

Work Completed:

This field program included fish habitat assessments, fish sampling, surface water hydrology and water quality sampling of some water bodies that may be crossed by the Community Access Road. The objective was to collect site-specific data at select crossing locations to understand existing conditions. A total of 22 watercourse crossing assessments were completed during this program, and an additional 40 crossings were assessed from the air only, as landing zones were not available for a ground survey. Fish community sampling was conducted using backpack electrofishers and minnow traps.

Conclusions / Key Takeaways:

Fish species captured during this field program included 12 small-bodied fish species including minnows and misszay / sculpin, and three large-bodied fish species including namebin / white sucker, najwabe / northern pike and mihzhash / ling. Water samples were collected to document the existing water quality conditions near MFFN.

Summer Field Program

Date Range: August 15 to August 26, 2022

Work Completed:

The August field program included fish sampling, fish habitat, surface water hydrology, water and sediment quality assessments, and benthic invertebrate sampling at some of the waterbodies that may be crossed by the Community Access Road. The primary objective was to collect site-specific data at select crossing locations to characterize existing conditions. A total of 29 water course crossing assessments were completed. An additional two crossings were assessed from the air only, as landing zones were not available for a ground survey. Fish community sampling was conducted using backpack electrofishers and minnow traps.

Conclusions / Key Takeaways:

Fish species captured during this field program included Finescale Dace, Northern Redbelly Dace, Brook Stickleback, Northern Pearl Dace, Johnny Darter, Longnose Dace, Najwabe / Northern Pike, Mihzhash / Ling, Miizay/ Sculpin, Common Shiner, Fathead Minnow, Namebin / White Sucker, Iowa Darter, and Lake Chub. Water samples were collected to document existing water quality conditions near MFFN.



Physiography, Terrain and Soils

Spring Field Program

Date Range: May 28 – June 6, 2022 &
September 26 – October 6, 2022

Work Completed:

The terrain and soils fieldwork involved accessing previously identified sites within the Local Study Area to inspect soils. Access was by helicopter as close to the sites as possible and then walking to the various locations. A total of 99 sites were completed during this field program. The purpose of the fieldwork was to confirm the preliminary soils mapping including soil parent material, depth to bedrock, topography, slope, drainage, and absence / presence of ongoing geological modifying processes (e.g., seepage, landslides). Soil samples were collected to establish soil quality and characteristics at 13 sites within the proposed Project footprint. Each sampling location also had soil collected for geochemical analyses.

Conclusions / Key Takeaways:

The field program completed as many sites as possible given the access limitations. Samples taken during these programs are currently undergoing analysis.

Vegetation

Spring / Summer Field Program

Date Range: July 12 – 18, 2022

Work Completed:

One field crew of two biologists and one MFFN Field Assistant completed the vegetation field program. This work involved accessing sites within the Local Study Area. Sites were classified into three categories: upland, wetland and riparian. Sites were accessed by helicopter (to get as close to the sites as possible) and then walking to the various locations. A total of 124 sites were completed during this field program. Of these, 28 were ground inspections (which included ecosite verification, detailed botanical inventory, stand and community descriptions, soil samples to a depth of one metre, peat composition surveys and hydrological function information in wetlands) and 96 were visual inspections (which included ecosite verification only). The visual inspections were also carried out by helicopter during fly-overs of the sites. The purpose of the fieldwork was to verify / confirm the preliminary vegetation ecosite mapping and collect data to inform habitat and functional assessments.

Conclusions / Key Takeaways:

All of the original survey sites that were targeted for the field program were successfully completed in 2022. Due to revisions to the Project footprint to include potential aggregate sites, however, some additional vegetation field work will be required in 2023.



Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

Furbearer Snow Tracking Program
Date Range: January 20 – 24, 2022

Work Completed:

Five crews (including 10 biologists and two MFFN Field Assistants) and three helicopters mobilized to the field site. Only one out of 30 transects was completed due to challenges related to weather and health and safety.

Conclusions / Key Takeaways:

To avoid similar complications in winter 2022 / 2023, a modified approach to winter tracking has been planned where aerial tracking will be substituted for ground-based tracking. The aerial tracking will be completed from helicopter with ground checks in areas with dense cover and at five randomly selected transects.

Wishkobish / Wolverine Hair Snag

Date Range: February 1 – June 16, 2022 (5 field visits)

Work Completed:

Fifty-four wolverine hair snag traps were deployed in February 2022. Bait was strung above the trap, and two remote cameras were set up at each station. The hair snags were revisited once a month in March, April and May 2022 to collect hair samples, replace bait and change the SD cards in the remote cameras. In June 2022, the stations were closed; bait was removed, and the trap arms (with clips) and cameras were retrieved. The main components of the traps were left on site for the second year of the program in winter 2023. Hair samples have been submitted to Trent University for DNA analysis and some of the samples that are found to be from wolverine will be submitted to Toronto Zoo for hormone analysis. The second year of this field program is scheduled from February to June 2023.

Conclusions / Key Takeaways:

From February to June 27 2022, many different species visited the hair snag stations. The table below presents the number of stations visited by key species – what is interesting is seeing the presence of species throughout the months, specifically the increase in presence in the spring.



Number of species that visited the hair snag stations (February to June, 2022)



Legend ● = February / March ● = March / April ● = April / May ● = May / June



Birds

Four Season Autonomous Recording Unit (ARU) Program Date Range: March to August 2022

Work Completed:

Thirty ARUs (all-season) were deployed in March 2022 and an additional 30 ARUs (breeding season only) were deployed in May 2022. These units have been continuously collecting data since their installation and will be collected in late winter or early spring 2023.

Spring Aerial Surveys

Date Range: May 2022

Work Completed:

A single survey, over a three-day period, was conducted in May 2022. The goal of this program was to search for stick, and other large, nests and to survey for spring stopover of waterfowl. The Local Study Area, including several targeted waterbodies, were surveyed from a helicopter.

Conclusions / Key Takeaways:

Although data analysis has not been complete, several species of waterfowl and other waterbirds were identified and there is evidence of potential for waterfowl stopover in the Local Study Area, particularly along the large wetland areas of the Ogoki and Albany rivers. Two active mikisi / eagle nests were identified during these surveys, with both nests having a pair of adults present and eggs.

Breeding Bird Point Count, Marsh Playback and Breeding Season Aerial Surveys

Date Range: June 1 – July 3, 2022

Work Completed:

These programs were completed over two rounds of surveys, each approximately 10 days in length. The first round of surveys was in early to mid June and the second was in late June to early July. Survey types completed included breeding bird point counts, marsh playback point counts and aerial surveys for waterfowl brood and stick nest searches / confirmation. In addition, ARUs for species at risk (i.e., common nighthawk, eastern whip-poor-will, and yellow rail) were deployed during the first round of surveys.

Conclusions / Key Takeaways:

During aerial surveys an active osprey nest and trumpeter swan nest were identified in the Local Study Area. The trumpeter swan represents one of the furthest north, if not the furthest north, known nesting records of this species. No waterfowl broods were identified during the first round of aerial surveys, but several were identified during the second round. A total of 92 point count stations were surveyed, most of which were visited twice. To date, Species at Risk ARUs have identified one species, the common nighthawk. Other Species at Risk identified during the breeding season surveys include mikisi / bald eagle, Canada warbler, and olive-sided flycatcher. These results are preliminary and data interpretation is ongoing.



Fall Aerial Waterfowl Survey Date Range: September 2022

Work Completed:

Fall aerial waterfowl surveys were completed during two rounds in September. Protocols were similar to the spring surveys, except that they only focused on large waterbodies in the Local Study Area, and no stick nest searches were completed.

Conclusions / Key Takeaways:

All targeted lakes and rivers in the Local Study Area, and several additional smaller water bodies, were surveyed in both rounds. Data entry and analysis is still preliminary, however, overall small numbers of a few species of waterfowl were observed.

Ungulates (Atik and Mooz / Caribou and Moose)

Aerial Survey Date Range: February 6 to 25, 2022

Work Completed:

A fixed wing aircraft with crew flew transects (6,145 km) in the atik / caribou Local Study Area and identified locations where atik / caribou and mooz / moose signs were observed. An additional crew in a helicopter relocated previously collared atik / caribou and visited these sites to locate and count atik / caribou groups.

Conclusions / Key Takeaways:

In total, 476 high-certainty moose sites and 208 high-certainty caribou sites were identified on the transects. Nineteen collared cows that were in the study area were located using the VHF signal transmitted from their collars, as well as 18 other atik / caribou groups not associated with a collared animal.

Mortality Investigations Date Range: May to August 2022

Work Completed:

Three mortality investigations were conducted in 2022 for collared caribou that died during this year. An additional caribou mortality was investigated, and the collar retrieved, by MNR research scientists in September 2022.

Conclusions / Key Takeaways:

There are currently 23 collared atik / caribou still alive (from the 30 that were collared in February 2021). Mortality investigations will continue in 2023, at least once per year or when there are three mortalities. Investigations will be scheduled concurrently with other programs, where possible.



A7.6 Frequently Asked Questions





Frequently Asked Questions

Dated: December 2022

Project Description and Need

Who is Marten Falls First Nation and what is their proposed All-Season Community Access Road?

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is a remote First Nation community led by an elected Chief and Council, located in the Far North of Ontario at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki Rivers, approximately 170 km northeast of Nakina, Ontario and 430 km northeast of Thunder Bay.

The MFFN Community Access Road is a proposed all-season road that will connect MFFN to Ontario's provincial highway network in the south, increasing access and helping foster economic development and improve quality of life for community members. The proposed Access Road is anticipated to include the following features:

- 190 km to 230 km of two-lane gravel road;
- Quarries, borrow areas and aggregate sources;
- Bridges for river and stream crossings; and
- Temporary construction access roads, work areas and camps.

Why does MFFN need an all-season community access road when they can access the community by air and the existing winter road?

These options are unreliable for the future of MFFN. Air travel is expensive and the condition of the winter road varies making transportation of goods and people to and from the community unreliable; ultimately affecting the community's well-being.

How will MFFN's Community Access Road affect community members?

The Community Access Road to MFFN is intended to improve the lives of community members. It will offer MFFN the opportunity to grow as a community, while also being part of the social and economic fabric of the region and country.

A reliable road to the community would reduce transportation costs for goods and services; meaning more affordable food, fuel and other vital supplies and services. It will also allow increased opportunities for social interaction with friends and family outside of the community.





How is the Community Access Road different from the Webequie Supply Road and the Northern Road Link?

The Webequie Supply Road is a proposed 107 km road with the purpose of providing year-round movement of supplies, materials and people to mineral exploration activities and future mining developments from Webequie First Nation's airport. Webequie First Nation is the proponent for that proposed supply road.

The proposed Northern Road Link is a multi-use road that will connect the Ring of Fire mineral deposits in the McFaulds Lake area to the highway network. This proposed 117 km to 164 km road to the Ring of Fire will potentially connect the proposed Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road and the proposed Webequie Supply Road. Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation are co-proponents for this proposed road.

While planning for all three road projects is on-going, the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road is a separate project from both the Northern Road Link and Webequie Supply Road projects. All three projects have a different primary purpose; the primary purpose of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road is to connect Marten Falls to the provincial highway network.

How is the planning for the Community Access Road “community-led”?

The planning for the all-season community road is community-led; meaning that the MFFN community membership helps to develop solutions and advance decisions. MFFN has formed a Project Team that includes community members and acts with guidance, direction and input from Chief and Council, Community Member Advisors and membership. Throughout the EA process, MFFN—with support from technical experts—will engage with interested persons, including other Indigenous communities, so that input is considered when making decisions related to the design and development of the community's new road.

The Route Alignment and Segments

How were the two Route Alternatives (Routes 1 and 4) selected?

The potential route alternatives were discussed at the Terms of Reference stage of the provincial Environmental Assessment process with the community. Feedback received from MFFN community membership, Community Member Advisors and Chief and Council during winter and spring 2019 led to a decision that the two route options within the East Corridor (Alternative 2 and Alternative 3) would not be considered further, leaving Alternative 1 and Alternative 4 for further consideration during the EA. Alternative 1 and Alternative 4 within the West Corridor will continue to be assessed and evaluated in the environmental assessment.





Both of these potential routes start at Painter Lake Road and run north before turning eastward toward the MFFN community; roughly following the west / north side of the Albany River.

The following five reasons demonstrate why Routes 1 and 4 are being considered instead of the eastern routes:

1. The bridge needed to cross the Albany River for the western alternatives would be further away from the community, reducing health and safety concerns, especially for children.
2. Industrial traffic would not need to pass through the community, giving MFFN greater control over who enters the community. Reducing traffic potentially reduces illegal substances entering the community and other risks caused by increased traffic.
3. Neither Alternative 1 or Alternative 4 will travel parallel the Ogoki River. This means potential effects on Indigenous value sites associated with this major waterway are largely avoided.
4. The western routes would enable better economic development opportunities in the region because they provide direct access to areas used by the mining and forestry industry, including potential areas of interest for future development.
5. The cost to construct and maintain a road along the western routes is expected to be lower than the eastern routes. The western routes are generally located on higher rocky ground and closer to the aggregate needed to build and maintain a road.

How will the two Route Alternatives be evaluated and selected?

When we evaluate the Alternative Routes, we will consider the pros and cons of each alternative route with the intent of selecting the best route possible. Alternatives 1 and 4 will be evaluated based on effects to the natural, socio-economic and cultural environments, and in consideration of Indigenous Knowledge, technical criteria / requirements and cost.

During the route evaluation, there are segments that are set or confirmed and others that have options to choose from. Where there are options to choose between, the evaluation criteria will be used to determine the best option for each segment.

How will we assess potential effects of the Community Access Road?

An important component of the Environment Assessment / Impact Assessment process is to provide methods to identify, assess and evaluate the potential effects of the Project. The





following is a high-level overview of the approach for the identification, assessment and evaluation of the potential effects:

- Identify a valued component and associated indicators
- Determine project activities that may interact with the environment.
- Determine the temporal and / or spatial boundaries for the valued component
- Describe existing conditions
- Assess project environmental effects
- Identify mitigation measures and any residual affects

Where can we see the routing options?

Large scale and zoomed in maps have been made available in person and on the Project website to show the alternative route lengths and newly identified aggregate sites. Please visit these stations at PIC #4 in person or view the maps on the project website and provide your feedback – we want to hear from you!

The Environment Assessment / Impact Assessment Process

What is the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment?

The Environment Assessment / Impact Assessment is a process that is designed to confirm that existing conditions are understood, proper field work is conducted, Indigenous Knowledge is gathered and considered, and that ultimately the positive effects of the road outweigh the overall negative effects. Completing the Environmental Assessment process is just step one in a multi-year process which includes additional permits and study. There is currently no timeline for detail design and construction, however, we are optimistic that this will be available shortly following the conclusion of the Environmental Assessment process.

Why is it taking so long?

The timeline of this work was stressed by the COVID-19 pandemic which led to delays in schedule, especially field programs, and made consulting and engaging with communities a challenge. Field programs were also impacted by forest fires during the summer of 2021 and heavy snow conditions in the winter of 2021/2022. Additionally, the provincial Terms of Reference took longer than originally expected to allow for an extended public comment period and additional time for the proponent and province to respond to comments and concerns raised. The Environment Assessment / Impact Assessment process is expected to be completed in Summer 2025.





Construction

When will construction of the Community Access Road begin?

The Environment Assessment / Impact Assessment process is expected to conclude in 2025. If the Project is approved, detailed design and construction would commence soon after a contractor is selected.

Construction could take from five to 10 years due to the complexity of the Project. Timelines will be made clearer once the detailed design work is completed, the annual capital funding program is understood and a contractor is on board.

Can you share more details about post-construction, including maintenance and access?

Maintenance (i.e., who will maintain the road, how will it be maintained during winter months) and access control issues have been flagged with the engineering consultants for future consideration. This level of detail is not available at this point in the planning stage.

Field Studies

When can we see the results from the studies that are being conducted?

Field programs are happening to better understand the existing conditions of the local environment and the potential effect of the MFFN Community Access Road Project on the social, cultural, economic, built and natural environments.

Field programs studying existing conditions and effects assessments for the following technical disciplines have taken place this past year:

- Groundwater and Geochemistry;
- Aquatics (surface water, fish and fish habitat);
- Physiography, terrain, and soils;
- Vegetation;
- Wildlife;
- Birds; and
- Ungulates (atik and mooz / moose and caribou).

A summary of the 2022 Field Studies is available as a handout at PIC #4 and is available online. Field studies will continue into 2023 and findings will be shared once available. Please note that full results from field studies will be ready to share during the Draft Environmental Assessment Phase in 2024.





Consultation Process

Is there enough time to consult / engage and incorporate feedback appropriately?

The schedule incorporates consultation and engagement throughout the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment process and for every major deliverable including, but not limited to, the Effects Assessment Methods, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Review of the Draft and Final Environmental Assessment / Impacts Statement (the Impact Statement is a detailed technical document that meets federal requirements).

What will happen if major concerns with the effect(s) of the proposed road are identified during the consultation and engagement process?

There will be a rigorous evaluation of potential effects before any decision gets made about moving forward with the proposed road, including mitigation that would be used for potential effects. The next milestone of the Project (the Identification of Preferred Alternatives) will identify potential effects, including impacts of the Project on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.



A7.7 Follow-up Email



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 3:49 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Public Information Centre #4 – Thank you for Joining Us

Good afternoon,

The Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team would like to thank you for participating in the Public Information Centre #4 (PIC #4) in Thunder Bay and Geraldton last week. We appreciated the opportunity to meet in-person, share updates on the Community Access Road and discuss important issues, ideas and values related to the proposed all season access road.

If you were unable to join us in-person, or if you would like a refresher on what was shared, you can view all materials, including presentation boards, maps and fact sheets on our website: <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/pic4/>

Please review the materials and [click here](#) to share your feedback using the online feedback form by December 23, 2022. Contact us if you have any questions or if you require the information in a different format.

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A8. Reports

A8.1 Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Reports

A8.2 Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Reports



A8.1 Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Reports

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Subject: Consultation and Engagement Reports

Dear Chief Sylvia Koostachin-Metatawabin,

We hope this email finds you well.

The Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement and the Milestone #1 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road have been drafted and are ready for review. The following link includes the files to view or download, separated by each report for Attawapiskat First Nation: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wWuYOY0Z2AdJ0Ky0Irlqp7zAeJi780BE?usp=sharing>.

The Interim Record of Consultation covers August 1, 2020 to October 28, 2021 and the Milestone #1 Progress Report covers October 29, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section by January 31, 2023, before the reports are finalized and shared publicly with the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and timeline, please reply to this email. We also kindly ask if you could let us know if you received this email and can view / download the documents successfully.

If you have any questions or comments about the Community Access Road, please reply to this email or give us a call at 1-800-764-9114.

Sincerely,
Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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A8.2 Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Reports



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Good afternoon,

The Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment reports for the provincial Environmental Assessment are ready for Indigenous community review. The reports are available for download here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_8lWWg_4-ZNlNraqIRQygSVkwwYeoCmO?usp=sharing

The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report documents the archaeological and land use history, to determine whether there is potential for archaeological sites in the proposed area of impact. It incorporates a review of recent mapping, previous archaeological reports, a visual inspection of the impact area, and incorporation of any information collected from Indigenous communities. The visual inspection was conducted in the fall of 2019. The report also looks at the potential effects of the Community Access Road on cultural heritage and will be used to support recommendations regarding cultural heritage values or interests as well as assessment and impact management strategies

The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report takes a closer look at specific areas identified as retaining archaeological potential in the Stage 1 report in two targeted areas. It involved the physical testing of two locations next to the Albany and Ogoki Rivers. This fieldwork was also completed in the fall of 2019. Further Stage 2 archaeological assessments will be completed once the preferred route is selected, likely in 2025. Following this field work, another Stage 2 report will be prepared and circulated for Indigenous community review summarizing the results of the work, including any archaeological sites or materials found.

Feedback and comments on both Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Reports is requested by March 31, 2023. To support your review we encourage setting up a meeting with our team to help walk you through the reports, answer any questions you may have or as an opportunity to provide feedback.

Watch our recent webinar [here](#) if you are interested in learning more about Archaeology and Cultural Heritage.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to meet with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss these reports, please reply directly to this email.

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