



# Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta

## Candidate Area

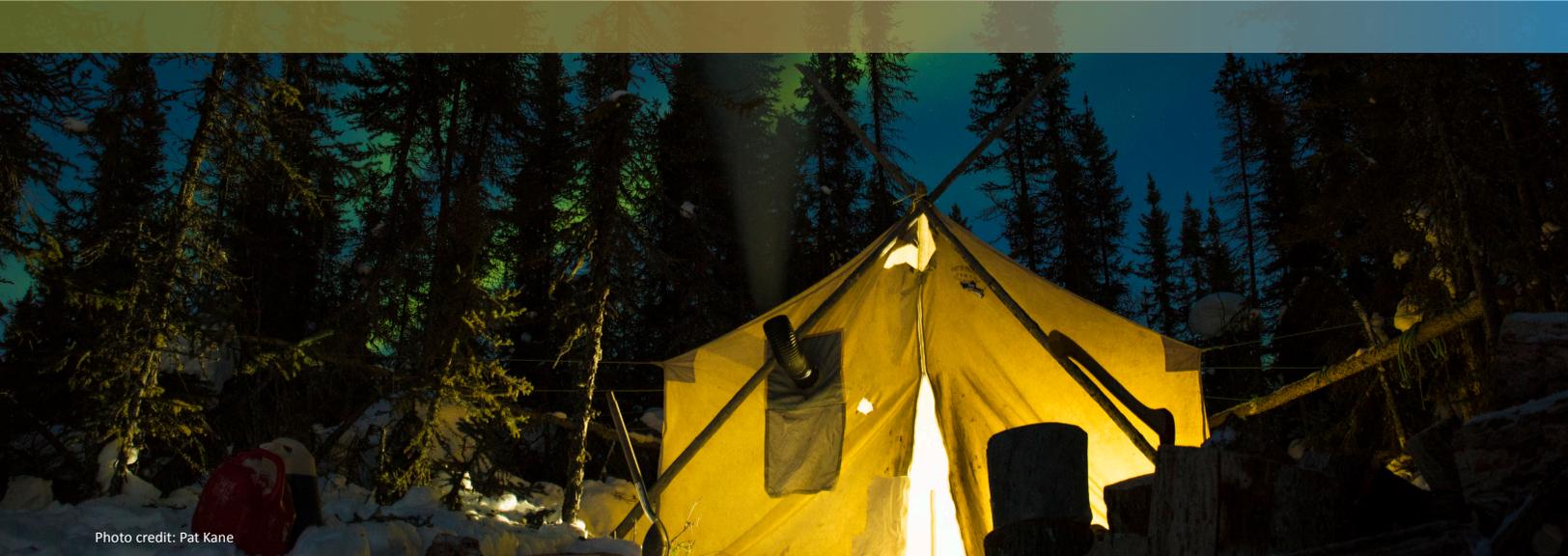


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2007

The Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta Working Group is established.

2011

All assessments of the area's values are completed.

2012

The Final Working Group Recommendation Report is released.

2013

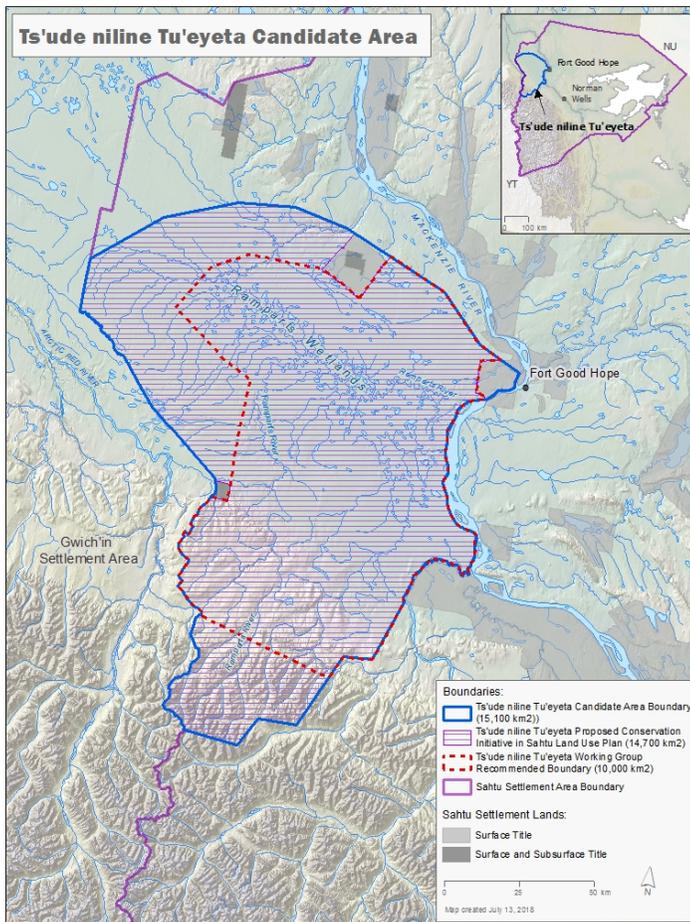
The K'asho Got'ine Lands Corporation requests establishment of Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta.

Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta (*Tsoo-den-ee-len Too-yuh-ta*), or Ramparts River and Wetlands, is an area of prime northern boreal forest approximately 15,000 km<sup>2</sup> in size. It is a rich cultural area that lies west of the Mackenzie River and the community of Fort Good Hope.

Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta is a sacred place and harvesting area of the Fort Good Hope Dene and Métis.

The entire Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta study area was temporarily protected by an interim land withdrawal until December 18, 2017. The interim land withdrawal will not be renewed, as Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta is also designated in the Sahtu Land Use Plan as a proposed conservation initiative, which would protect the area from any industrial activity.

The reduced recommended boundary is approximately 10,100 km<sup>2</sup> and includes the areas of highest ecological and cultural importance.



## Next Steps

- The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is currently working with the community, the Government of Canada and other partners to conclude the planning and decision making process for Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta.
- The GNWT will continue to recognize and respect Aboriginal and treaty rights, including requirements of land, resources and self-government agreements with the Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta Candidate Area.

## Why is it important?

- For generations, Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta has been used for trapping, hunting, fishing and camping. The area has many archaeological, burial and historic sites.
- The Ramparts River watershed is a critical wetland that filters millions of litres of water per day. As a key migratory bird terrestrial habitat site, the wetlands provide excellent nesting, brood rearing and staging habitat for ducks, geese and loons.
- Six species at risk – peregrine falcon, grizzly bear, mountain caribou, wolverine, short-eared owl, and boreal woodland caribou – are also found within the Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta Candidate Area.