

# Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment Update

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# Recap - Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment (RSEA)

## Project:

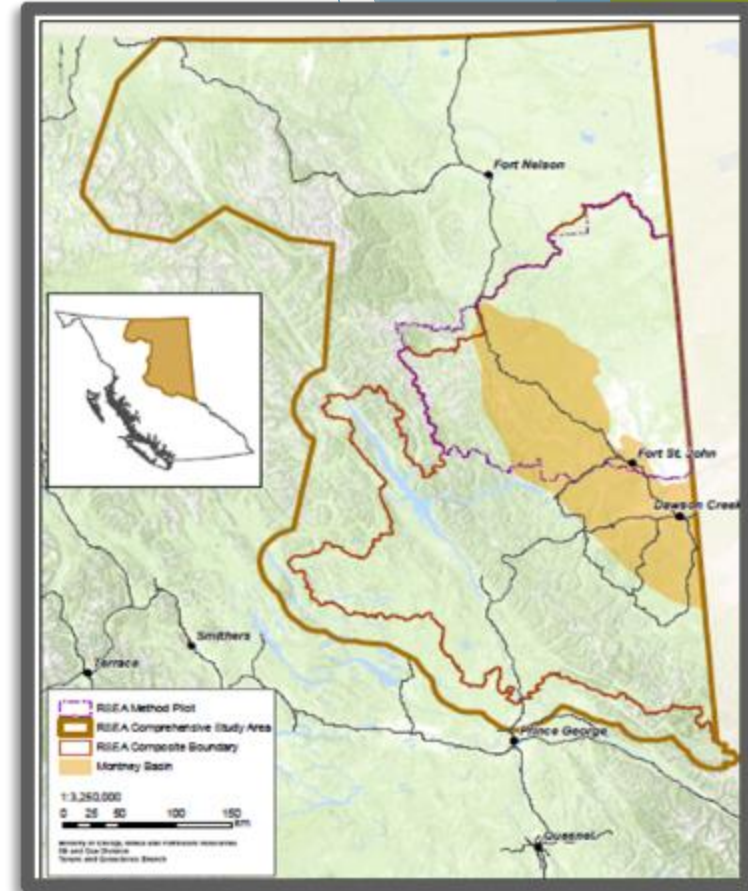
- Initiated in 2015 under the Environmental Stewardship Initiative
- One of four projects occurring across northern BC
- A government working with government forum

## Goal:

- Design a regional strategic environmental assessment

## Objectives:

- Identify a study area
- Credibly assess the effects of natural resource development on the rights of participating Treaty 8 First Nations
- Use the results of the assessment to inform management responses to optimize the interest of the parties



# Recap - Team Membership

- West Moberly First Nations
- Saulteau First Nations
- Halfway River First Nation
- Doig River First Nation
- Prophet River First Nation
- McLeod Lake Indian Band
- Blueberry River First Nations
- Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
- Petroleum and natural gas industry (observers)
- Forestry industry (observers)



# Recap - Value Assessment and Modeling

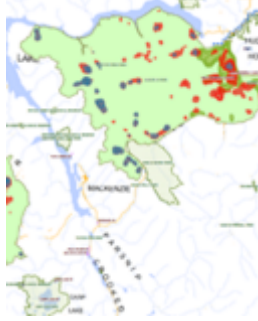
Data Management



Biodiversity/  
Old Forest



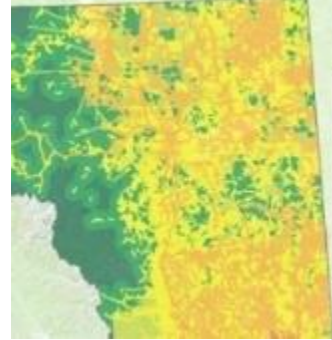
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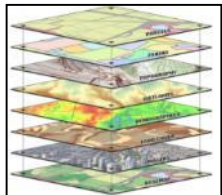
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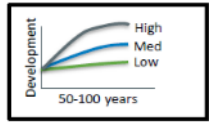
Peaceful  
Enjoyment



Environmental  
Livelihoods



Current  
State



Development  
Scenarios

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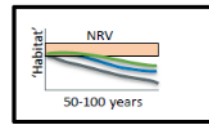


Protected Areas  
Scenarios

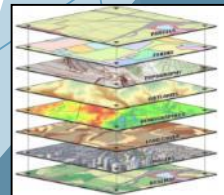
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Improved Practices  
Scenarios



Key Indicator  
Resources



Future  
State

# RSEA Update

## Challenges:

- COVID - 19
- Fall election - new government
- Data and modelling

## Next steps:

- Continue to work through challenges
- Determine linkages to land use planning (e.g., FSJ LRMP)
- Reschedule industry workshop
- Schedule a detail session with Northeast Roundtable members



Thank you