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Partnership Agreement Implementation update

March 10, 2021



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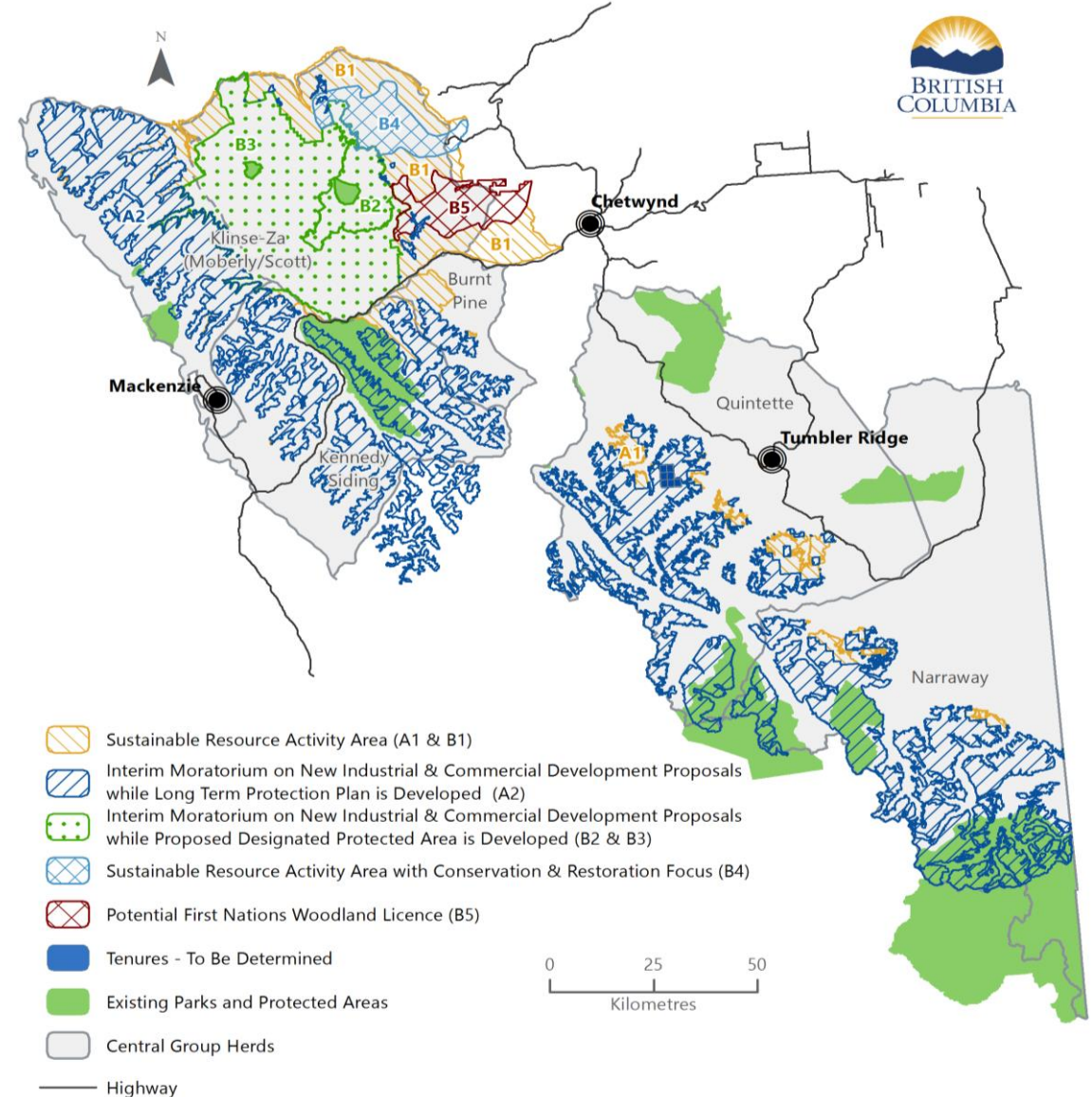


Overview

- **Signed:** February 21, 2020
- **Scope:** Pine, Narraway and Quintette populations.
- **Parties:** Canada, B.C., West Moberly & Saulteau First Nations.
- **Shared Recovery Objective:** Immediately stabilizing and expeditiously growing the population of the Central Group to levels that are self-sustaining and support traditional aboriginal harvesting activities, consistent with existing Aboriginal and Treaty rights.



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Caribou Recovery Committee

- **Scope**

- Representation from each Party to the agreement
- Review natural resource applications within A1, B1, B4, B5
- Provide a consensus recommendation to Statutory Decision Maker

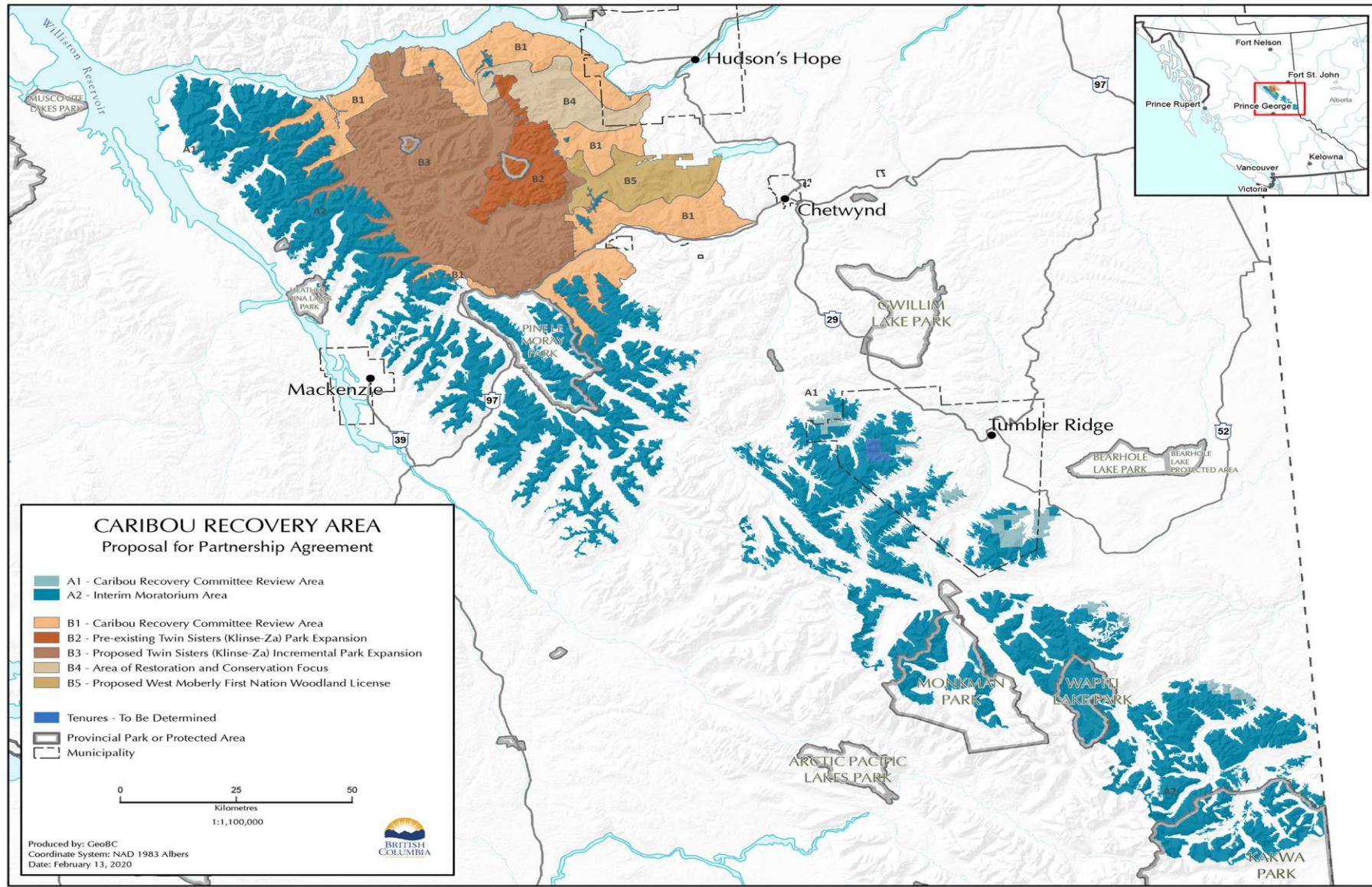
- **Progress to Date**

- Have met monthly since May 2020
- 18 applications reviewed
- All applications so far have been supported by the CRC. With many we have worked with the proponent to address noted gaps their application.



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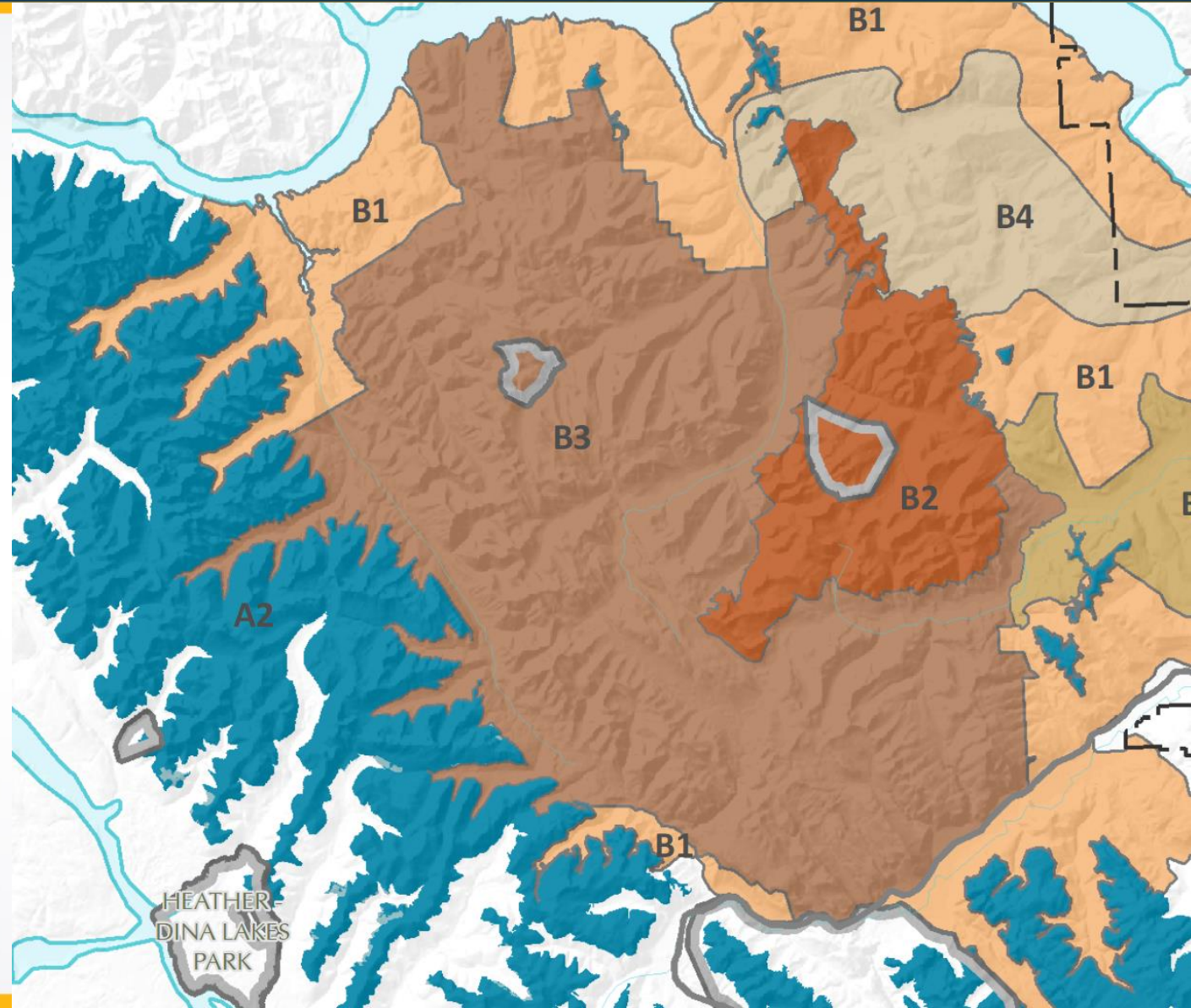


Park Expansion

- B2 zone now established as Klin se Za Park Addition B3 zone ~ 170,000 ha: boundary refinement and consultation underway
- B3 zone on track to finalization this year
- A2 in renewable interim moratorium on resource development



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Snowmobile Management

- The South Peace Snowmobile Advisory Committee (local government and snowmobile clubs) has invested over 450 volunteer hours to develop a set of recommendations for the management of snowmobiling that would support the recovery of caribou.
- These recommendations are being considered by the signatories of the Partnership Agreement as they develop a draft winter motorized recreation management plan.
- The draft plan will have robust public and indigenous engagement in the late spring, early summer of 2021.
- The final plan will be provided to BC government for consideration by statutory decision makers, end of summer 2021.



Actions to Address Racism

- All Parties to this Agreement are concerned with the disrespectful and racist rhetoric that followed the introduction of the Partnership Agreement.
- British Columbia has recently introduced the Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network to support communities in addressing racism and is pleased that the Saulteau First Nation has joined the network.
- BC recognizes that future public engagement processes need to be designed to be anti-racist and to safeguard human rights, in cooperation with Indigenous partners.
- The Partnership Agreement commits to taking action to address racism with regards to further engagement.
- The province has been working with SFN to investigate and develop a report on the incidents that occurred during the initial engagement on the Partnership Agreement and make recommendations to guide further engagements.



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- **Purpose**
 - To identify appropriate and effective caribou recovery related Land Use Objectives across LPU or subzones
- **Progress to Date**
 - Draft Caribou Recovery Land Use Objectives
 - Still in Phase 1 - Parties to the agreement create draft objectives
 - Focusing on managing disturbance and linear feature across the landscape
- **Next Steps**
 - Analysis for impacts
 - Phase 2 - Engage with stakeholders, finalize draft objectives
 - Make recommendations to provincial government





- Review the work done by Big River Analytics and provide recommendations to BC and Canada on further analysis that is needed to understand the impacts of the Partnership Agreement and plan mitigation strategies
- Discuss and provide recommendations on the structure and approach for worker, community supports, and compensation needed to mitigate the impacts of the Partnership Agreement
- Provide recommendations on ongoing monitoring and reporting on socio-economic impacts in the area as a result of the Partnership Agreement.





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- In May 2018, the Federal Minister concluded that Southern Mountain Caribou are facing imminent threats to their recovery, which under SARA, requires the Minister to recommend an Emergency Order.
- Federal Cabinet can consider a Section 11 Agreement and the Partnership Agreement in its decision to implement or reduce the scope of an Emergency Order.
- An Emergency Order from Canada would have significant detrimental effects on communities and rural economies.
- To mitigate risk the province negotiated the Partnership Agreement and the Section 11 Agreements, B.C. has pursued a more balanced approach that allows for habitat protection and other key recovery measures while also balancing needs of communities.
- Over the last year the province has been working with its partners to implement the agreement.



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