

Dene K'ēh Kusān “Always will be there”

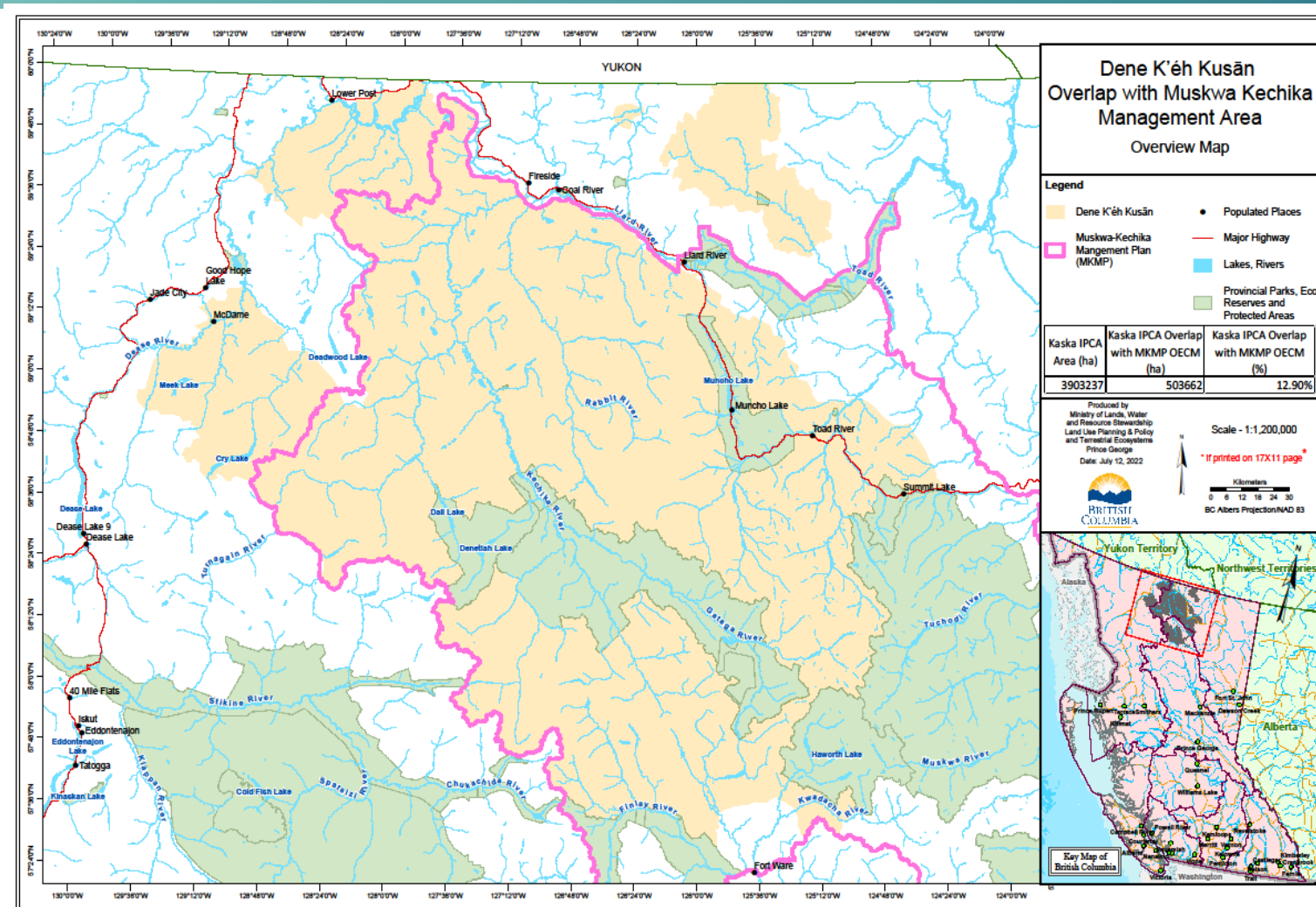
Land Use Planning in the Kaska Territory

Planning Initiative

- Initiate scoping and planning phase to develop options for conservation of up to 3.9 million ha of land within the 9.9 million ha boundary of the Kaska Dena traditional territory.

Key Desired Outcomes:

- A co-developed land use plan designating the Dene K'eh Kusān (DKK) as a co-managed conservation area allowing for a range of low impact, compatible economic opportunities.
- Maintain and recover the caribou populations of B.C. and to support collaborative work with Indigenous peoples to increase conserved areas and address cumulative effects in the area.
- Support Canada's Target 1 Biodiversity target of 30% by 2030
- Increased certainty in resource exploration and development
- The LUP boundary allows for flexibility in the boundary around conserved area



Plan going forward

- In February we received direction to start scoping discussions with Kaska, we are in the infancy of this initiative.
- Internal meeting and project kick off meeting with Nation partners are occurring this week
- The project is planned over a 5 year planning horizon
 - Year 1 – is the plan initiation stage, including further economic impact analysis and baseline information collection
 - Years 2-4 – Planning phase, including significant public and stakeholder engagement and consultation with neighboring Nations. This phase will also include scenario development
 - Year 5 – Implementation phase