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Feedback Form

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Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone _____

FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS

How would you prefer to receive information about this study in the future?

- Email (please provide email above) I do not wish to receive further information
 Regular Mail

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?

Please check all that apply.

- Newspaper Advertisement Received the Notice via Email
 Project website Radio Ad
 MFFN CAR Facebook Page Other, please specify:

Are there better ways to let you know about future meetings? _____

Would you like to book a meeting with the PT to discuss ATRI, or other elements related to the Community Access Road?

- Yes (please provide contact information above)
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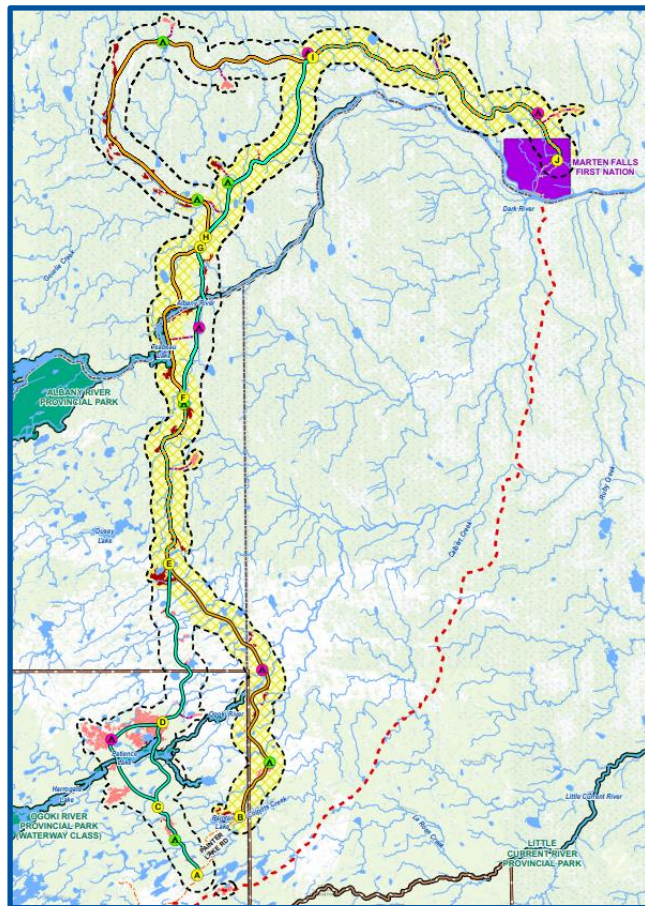




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TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

There are currently two alternatives being considered (Alternative 1 and Alternative 4). The technically preferred route for the Community Access Road is highlighted in yellow. What do you think about the route? Please share any comments or feedback.



Alternative 1 and Alternative 4 parallel, overlap and cross each other at multiple locations. These are set or confirmed but there are others that have options to choose from. Three segments were presented and a technically preferred route was shown. Do you agree with the selected segments? Do you have any comments or concerns?





Are there Indigenous Knowledge that you would like to share? If so, please leave your contact information below and we will book a meeting:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

What other questions or thoughts do you have about the Community Access Road? Is there additional information you would like to receive?

We appreciate the time you have taken to learn more about our plans and contribute your input!

Please submit this form at the Welcome Table before you leave.

For additional information, please visit the Project website at: www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca or contact the Project Team directly via telephone at [1-800-764-9114](tel:1-800-764-9114) or email at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca.

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May 2023 update

Current and upcoming activities

Welcome to the MFFN Community Access Road May 2023 E-Blast with updates on current and upcoming activities. This E-Blast features:

[Field Study Spotlight: Cultural Heritage Program](#)
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Field Study Spotlight: Cultural Heritage

Program

The Cultural Heritage Field Program is planned to take place this summer in the MFFN community. The field program will include helicopter surveys of built heritage and cultural heritage resources in the study area and will also consist of photographic and written documentation. The cultural heritage team will also conduct interviews with community members including special opportunities for MFFN Elders.



We want to hear from YOU! Indigenous community input is very important to the Cultural Heritage program to identify locally recognized built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes, as well as provide input on definitions from an Indigenous perspective. More information on the Cultural Heritage program and how you can help inform it can be found [here](#).

To set up a meeting with the Marten Falls First Nation Project Team to discuss or provide Cultural Heritage information, please contact:

info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca or 1-800-764-9114

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Community Access Road Milestone and the 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 30, 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.

Please be advised the forest fire activity in northern Quebec and Ontario may impact some scheduled field programs. The situation is being monitored and we will provide updates as required.

Upcoming field studies include:

Socio-Economic and Human Health (June – August)

The socio-economic and human health team will be conducting interviews and focus groups in MFFN and Thunder Bay with MFFN members.

Vegetation and Peatlands Aerial and Ground Surveys (June 13-19)

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.

Wolverine (wishkobishag, wiingwa'waake) Hair Snag Surveys (June 5-16)

The hair snag rebaits and wildlife remote camera program took place from May 8 to May 15. The decommissioning of these sites will be carried out at the same time as the ungulate remote camera retrieval.

Ungulate Remote Camera Program (June 5 -16)

Remote cameras for the ungulate remote camera program will be retrieved from June 5 to June 16 in conjunction with the hair snag site decommissioning.

Groundwater and Geochemistry Program (June 1-30)

To support the groundwater sampling program, drilling is required for two sites. Field crews will carry out this work from June 1 to June 30.

Cultural Heritage (TBD)

Field crews will be surveying built heritage and cultural heritage resources in the study area. Surveys will consist of photographic and written documentation, and community-based interviews. Helicopter activity can be expected in the area during this field program.

Vegetation Field Program (August 2023)

Groundwater Well Sampling (Summer and Fall 2023)

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

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

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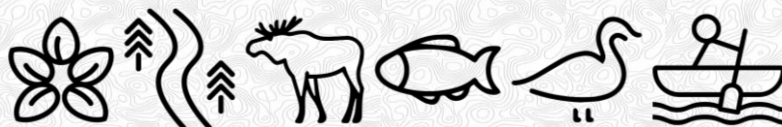
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June 2023 update

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[New Video on Archaeology and Cultural Heritage](#)

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New Video: Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Program

Archaeology and Cultural Heritage is one of the many areas studied as part of the Environment Assessment for the Community Access Road. We have posted a new video on the topic that will help explain:

- The importance of Indigenous Knowledge combined with western science
- What Archaeology and Cultural Heritage is and why we are studying them
- What we've already learned and
- How you can be involved

Watch the video [here](#)

If you are interested in this topic, stay tuned for updates on the upcoming Cultural Heritage field work expected to take place this summer.

Want more videos? Visit our [Multimedia Page](#) or for a deeper dive visit the [Webinar gallery](#).

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National Indigenous People's Day

Members of the MFFN Community Access Road Team and Senior Community Member Advisors were in-community for National Indigenous People's Day. A community meeting was held and there were celebrations with a community meal, games, and a concert.

Many thanks to Chief Bruce and the whole community for their hospitality and continued participation as we work towards the next major milestone in the Environmental Assessment process for the Community Access Road.

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Project Milestone! The Existing Conditions Report and Indigenous Knowledge

A draft existing conditions report for the Community Access Road is underway and will help inform the identification of the preferred route alignment for the road.

Our goal is to create a report that meaningfully includes Indigenous Knowledge. 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 30, 2023.

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Field Study Updates

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:

Groundwater and Geochemistry Program (June 26 - July 14, 2023)
Groundwater drilling was completed earlier this month to prepare for groundwater well sampling. Field crews will carry out the sampling work beginning June 26, 2023.

Socio-Economic and Human Health (July)
The socio-economic and human health team will be conducting surveys in MFFN and a youth focus group in Thunder Bay with MFFN members. Confirmed dates and details to follow.

Cultural Heritage (July)
The cultural heritage team will be in MFFN in July speaking to elders and members to understand cultural heritage landscapes and built heritage resources that are important to the community. Confirmed dates and details to follow.

Vegetation Field Program (August 2023)
Groundwater Well Sampling (Summer and Fall 2023)

Programs completed earlier this month:

Vegetation and Peatlands Aerial and Ground Surveys (June 14-19)
Wolverine (wishkobishag, wiingwa'waake) Hair Snag Decommissioning (June 5-11)
Ungulate Remote Camera Retrieval (June 5 -11)

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July 2023 update

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Field Study Spotlight: Cultural Heritage and

Socio-Economic Teams in MFFN



The cultural heritage, socio-economic and human health teams ran programs in-person in Marten Falls First Nation and Thunder Bay with Marten Falls First Nation members from July 18 to 20, 2023. Thank you to everyone who participated!

If you are interested in learning more about Archaeology and Cultural Heritage, watch our latest video on the topic [here](#).

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New Videos! Learn about the studies taking place for the Community Access Road

Have you checked out the MFFN Community Access Road Multimedia Gallery? Here you will find videos and documents describing what is being studied (also known as 'valued components'), how it's being studied and why it's important. This includes both Indigenous Knowledge, which includes Anishinabek Traditional Knowledge, and western science.

Newly uploaded videos include:

[Peatlands](#)

[Birds](#)

All videos can be found on our [Multimedia](#) page with more to come!





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Field Study Updates

Field studies for the MFFN Community Access Road Project are continuing.

Earlier in July, we shared the latest summer 2023 [Field Notice](#). The following activities took place this month:

Spring Groundwater Sampling took place from June 24-July 6, 2023

Cultural Heritage Field Programs took place in MFFN on July 18, 2023

Socio-Economic and Human Health Surveys took place in MFFN on July 19, 2023

Upcoming field studies include:

Vegetation Field Program (August 2 to 6, 2023)

Field crews will be visually observing and documenting plant communities and wetland areas throughout the study area this summer. 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.

Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program - Groundwater Sampling (August 7 to 21, 2023)

The spring groundwater sampling program took place from June 26 to July 6, 2023 and

more samples will be taken from August 7 to 21, and again in the fall. Groundwater samples are sent for laboratory analysis and will be tested for general water chemistry, metals, solids content, nutrients, hydrocarbons and others.

The final results of the programs will be available once all data is collected and analyzed and will be shared during the Draft Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment Phase in 2024.

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

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

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[Health and Community Safety](#)
[Ways to Connect with the Team](#)
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Field Study Updates

Field programs are taking place to better understand the existing conditions of the local environment and the potential effects of the MFFN Community Access Road.

The following activities took place this month:

Vegetation Field Program took place from August 3 to 6, 2023.

The vegetation field program surveyed several sites by air and on land to identify different types of plant communities that may be impacted by the access road.

Surveys on land were conducted using hand-operated soil augers and peat probes. Some plants of interest include wabakamik / reindeer lichen, oshabomin / goose berry, and wadopatik / speckled alder. In total, 32 sites were assessed visually from the air, while 18 sites were assessed on the ground.



Summer Groundwater and Geochemistry Program took place from August 7 to 18, 2023.

The summer Groundwater and Geochemistry program has wrapped for the season. In total, groundwater samples were taken from 20 sites. Additionally, surveying and k-testing (which measures how easily water can flow through soil and rocks) occurred at more than 20 sites.

Ongoing field studies include:

Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program – Groundwater Sampling (Late September 2023)

The Groundwater and Geochemistry Program began in 2022. There are more than 20 wells that are sampled seasonally to monitor groundwater conditions in the area. Groundwater samples are sent for laboratory analysis and will be tested for general water chemistry, metals, solids content, nutrients, hydrocarbons and others.

The final results of the programs will be available once all data is collected and analyzed and will be shared during the Draft Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment Phase in 2024.

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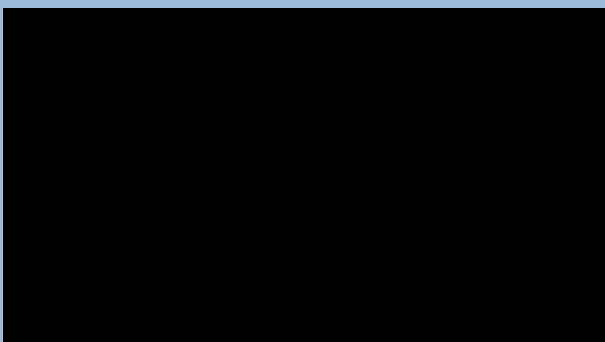
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Newly uploaded videos include:

[Social - Community Studies](#)

[Human Health and Community Safety](#)

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Opportunities to connect in-person this fall

Stay tuned for updates on ways to connect with the MFFN Community Access Road Team in person this fall. Until then, stay up to date by visiting our [website](#) regularly, watch our latest [videos](#) or contact us at any time with questions or comments, or to schedule a meeting. Meetings can be arranged in-person in any community, in the Thunder Bay area, or online. We want to hear what you have to say!

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September 2023 update

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Field Study Updates

Field programs are taking place to understand the existing conditions of the local environment and the potential effects of the MFFN Community Access Road.

The following activities took place this month:

Fall Groundwater and Geochemistry Program took place from September 18 to 25, 2023.

The Groundwater and Geochemistry Program has been ongoing since 2022. Over 20 well sites are sampled seasonally to monitor groundwater conditions in the area. The groundwater samples are sent for laboratory analysis and are tested for general water chemistry, metals, solids content, nutrients, hydrocarbons, and others, to support and inform the environmental assessment.



Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation Program took place September 26, 2023.

Field crews conducted mortality investigations associated with atigwag / caribou collars deployed in the study area in February 2021. The mortality investigation involves determining the cause of death of the animal (e.g., predation, hunter, natural causes) and collecting the collar from the field.

All field crews include an MFFN community member or Field Assistant.

Upcoming field studies:

There are currently no planned field studies for the rest of the year. Caribou mortality investigations and surveys may take place in early 2024. Notification of these activities will be provided once confirmed.

The final results of the programs will be available once all the data is collected and analyzed and will be shared during the Draft Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment Phase in 2024.

To learn more about field programs and the studies taking place to support the planning of the Community Access Road check out [field program notices](#), [valued component videos](#) and [past webinars](#).

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Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Public Information Centre #5

With the next major milestone for the Community Access Road upon us, we are preparing to host an in-person Public Information Centre (PIC #5) to discuss the existing conditions report and route selection. This will be a great opportunity to learn about project updates, meet the Team and share your feedback, ideas and values related to the proposed all-season access road.

Save the dates!

October 25, 2023, in Thunder Bay, Ontario

October 26, 2023, in Geraldton, Ontario

Details on the time and location of events will be shared with you shortly.

Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2

The planning for Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Forum #2 is underway and is set to take place this November in Thunder Bay. Watch your inbox for updates!

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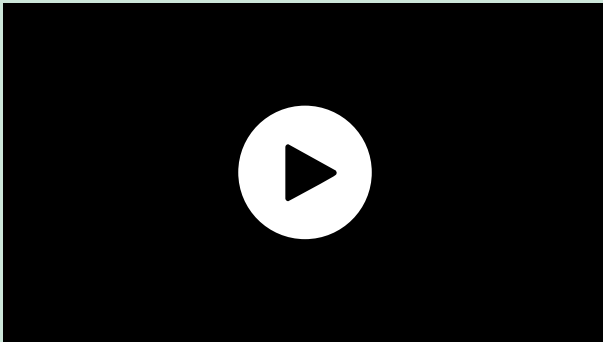
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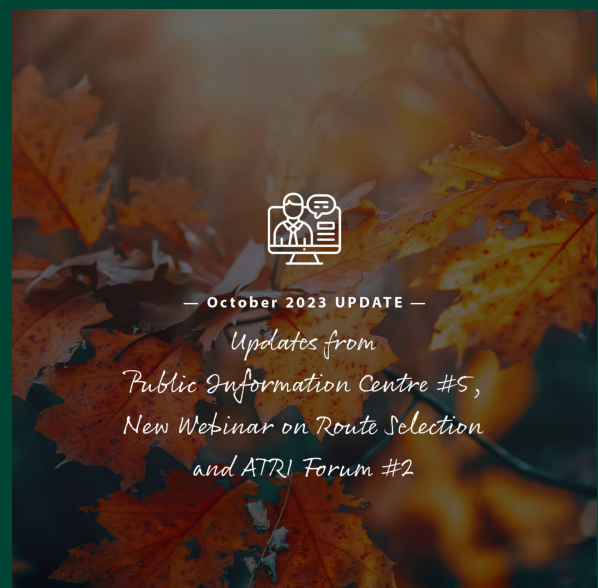
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Updates from Public Information Centre (PIC) #5



The Community Access Road Project Team was in Thunder Bay and Geraldton in October for PIC#5 to discuss the Existing Conditions Reports and Route Selection Milestone. In addition to the public sessions, the Team met with Marten Falls First Nation Members in Thunder Bay and Marten Falls First Nation.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in person! We very much appreciate the valuable feedback and insights you provided. These meaningful conversations do so much to help planning for the proposed Community Access Road.



Were you unable to attend PIC #5? No worries...you can review meeting materials including maps and handouts [here](#). Once you have reviewed the materials, let us know what you think. Complete the [feedback form](#) by November 20, 2023.

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New Webinar Series Coming Soon! First
Up: Route Selection

You are invited to join us for a new webinar series on the Community Access Road.

The first webinar is on Route Selection and will take place Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. EST.

Register [HERE](#).

In addition to Route Selection, upcoming webinars will include:

- Climate Change
- Cumulative Effects
- Engineering and Construction

Watch your inbox for updates on the Webinar schedule and follow us on [Facebook](#) or visit the [website](#) for details.

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Marten Falls in the News

Earlier this month Chief Bruce Achneepineskum addressed Marten Falls First Nation's desire to build a road connecting the remote northern community to the Ontario provincial highway network, and in turn, advance the community's vision of building a sustainable and thriving community.

Read the full article here: [Leading Our Own Prosperity: What we are doing in our territory](#)

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Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2 – November 21-23, 2023

Building on the first Forum held in February 2023, this follow-up Forum provides an opportunity to identify and discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and interests as they relate to the Community Access Road, Webequie Supply Road, and Northern Road Link.

Invitations have been sent to the Indigenous communities. If you have any questions regarding the Forum, please contact Andrea Nokleby: anokleby@dillon.ca

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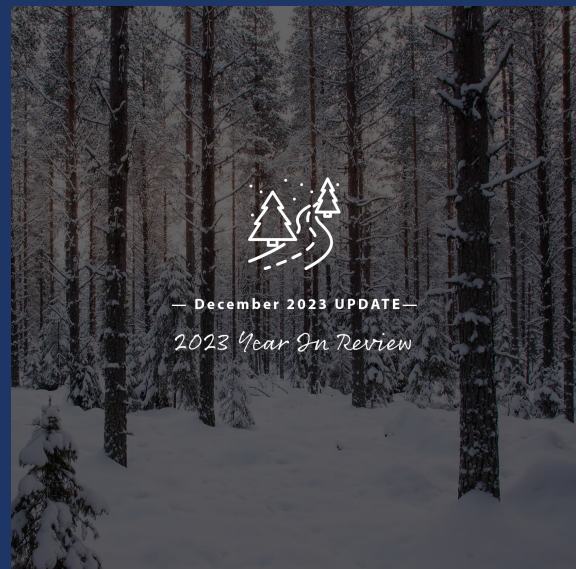
November / December E-Blast 2023

Current and upcoming activities

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

This E-Blast features:

- [A Year in Review: Highlights of 2023](#)
- [Upcoming Field Studies](#)
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Greetings on the Holidays!



"For as long as I can remember, Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) has had a strong desire to develop a road that would connect our remote northern community to the Ontario provincial highway network and advance our vision of building a sustainable and thriving community in the North."

— Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, *From Leading our own prosperity: What are we doing in our territory?* Northern Ontario Business (2023, September 28)

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As we reflect on the past year, 2023 has been marked by significant milestones for the Community Access Road. A highlight of our journey has been the continued collaboration with Indigenous communities and the public, culminating in sharing early findings of the Existing Conditions Reports and presenting the Preliminary Technically Preferred Route Recommendation at Public Information Centre #5 in October.

As we bid farewell to this year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have shown unwavering interest and active participation in the Community Access Road. We are especially thankful for the profound insights shared by Marten Falls First Nation and surrounding Indigenous communities. Your perspectives have been instrumental in shaping our decisions throughout the planning process.

Looking ahead to the upcoming new year, we anticipate continuing this collaborative journey. Your ongoing engagement remains essential, and we are excited to build upon the positive momentum together and are enthusiastic about the possibilities that 2024 holds.

Here are some key highlights from 2023:

Public Information Centre #5 (PIC#5): Existing Conditions Report and Route Selection Milestone
In October, the Community Access Road Team visited Marten Falls First Nation, Thunder Bay, and Geraldton, to share significant milestones associated with the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment process and present the Preliminary Technically Preferred Route Recommendation. The visit served as a platform to foster face-to-face conversations, creating a space where the team could genuinely listen and receive direct feedback on the Community Access Road. This engagement was not just about information sharing but also about building a meaningful dialogue with the community.

Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to meet and further the discussion in the upcoming new year. Your insights and feedback are crucial elements of this ongoing engagement, and we remain committed to strengthening our collaborative efforts to ensure the success of the Community Access Road. Click [HERE](#) to find all the documents and learn more about PIC#5.

Preliminary Technically Preferred Route Recommendation

The Project team presented the Preliminary Technically Preferred Route to MFFN community members, other Indigenous communities and the public in October. Feedback received at these engagements has since been incorporated into the route recommendation along with inputs from the Indigenous Knowledge program.

As we move into 2024, we look forward to finalizing the Route Selection. View the Preliminary Technically Preferred Route Recommendation map [HERE](#).

Aboriginal and / or Treaty Right and Interests

Forum The Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum took place in February and November this year in Thunder Bay. The purpose of the Forum was to create a respectful and collaborative space to develop and / or confirm our understanding of the study areas for the Community Access Road as Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests may be impacted by the road. Representatives of the Province of Ontario and other road projects in the area were present as well.

The Community Access Road Team is currently engaging with 23 Indigenous communities, including Marten Falls First Nation, who may have Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests that have the potential to be adversely impacted by the road and this engagement will continue throughout the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment process.

Further details can be found here:

<https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/indigenous-knowledge-program/>

The Community Access Road Webinars Series: We started a new Webinar Series this year to unpack the valued components we are studying in the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment. Live webinars were held on a variety of topics including [Archaeology and Cultural Heritage](#), [Peatlands](#), and [Wildlife](#) to name a few.

All 12 webinars can be viewed [HERE](#). A second webinar series that looks at some of the more technical aspects of the road started in late 2023 and will continue in 2024. The webinar on the Route Selection process can be viewed [HERE](#) and the next three webinars will begin in early 2024, and will discuss Climate Change, Cumulative Effects, and Engineering and Construction.

Check the [Get Involved](#) page for upcoming date announcements and registration information.

Field Studies Field programs are happening to better understand the existing conditions of the local environment and the potential effects of the Community Access Road Project on the social, cultural, economic, built and natural environments. The field programs that took place this year include: Archaeology and Cultural Heritage; Peatlands; Physiography; Birds; Reptiles; Socio-Community Studies; and Human health and Community Safety. Highlights of 2023 field programs can be found below!

Valued Component Videos

We love to share what we have learned from our studies for the Community Access Road and have created several videos in 2023 describing the valued components we are studying as part of the Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment. Videos on Peatlands, Socio-Economic Studies, Archaeology and Cultural Heritage, Birds, Reptiles, and others can be found on our Multimedia page [HERE](#)

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2023 Field Study Summaries

Birds

Autonomous recording units recorded data about birds in the study area until January 2023, after which point field crews collected the autonomous recording units.

Autonomous recording units are devices that record the sounds of birds and help researchers to identify the types of birds living in the region, as well as the distribution and abundance. Across all different types of bird field studies, researchers found:

- 64 species of forest birds (i.e., songbirds, woodpeckers, hummingbirds, etc.);
- 15 species of raptors (i.e., owls, eagles, hawks, etc.);
- 11 species of shorebirds (i.e., sandpipers, snipes, killdeer, greater yellowlegs, etc.);
- 25 species of waterfowl and waterbirds (i.e., waabihssi / swans, ducks, and geese etc.);
- 15 species of wetland birds (i.e., rails, cranes, flycatchers, blackbirds, etc.); and,
- 18 species of other land birds (i.e., andaag / ahahjih / crows, kakakih / ravens, larks, kingfishers, whip-

Wildlife

Wolverine hair snag traps were baited in the study area to help understand wishkobishag / wolverine demographics (male / female). Remote cameras monitored the baited hair snag traps to help confirm if a wolverine had visited the hair snag trap, and field crews returned regularly to re-bait the traps. In 2023, 121 hair samples were collected from the hair snag traps. Researchers are awaiting lab analysis to confirm the species, sex, and individual DNA profile (to determine they are all unique wolverines). Wolverine den surveys were also carried out to identify their dens in order to avoid disturbing them while carrying out other field programs (i.e., groundwater).

Furbearer winter track surveys were conducted to determine the types of furbearers within the local study area, as well as the distribution, abundance, and density. In total, 502 individual tracks were observed, including:

- 176 fisher ojiigwag / American marten tracks;
- 96 waboozog / snowshoe hare;
- 31 atigwag / woodland caribou;
- 25 zikosihwag / undifferentiated weasel species;
- 17 ajidamog / red squirrel;
- 13 maihganang /gray wolf;
- 7 moozoog / moose;
- 5 nigigwag / river otter;
- 2 waakoshag / red fox; and,
- 2 mizhih'bizhiwag / Canada lynx.

The Wildlife Program is now complete.

Ungulates

In February, surveys were conducted using a fixed wing aircraft and helicopter to gather information on the population and distribution of atigwag / caribou, 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. In total, researchers spotted 457 caribou, and 47 moose during aerial surveys in 2023.

Additionally, field crews collected remote cameras that captured important information on the presence and seasonal patterns of atigwag / caribou, moozoog / moose, maihgan / wolves, and other wildlife.

On an as-needed basis, field crews also investigated atigwag / caribou mortalities that had occurred over the course of the year on animals that were wearing collars. The mortality investigation included determining the cause of death of the animal (e.g., predation, hunter, natural causes) and collecting the collar from the field. Over the course of 2023, field crews conducted three atigwag / caribou mortality investigations and determined that one was human-related, one was from natural causes, and one is still unknown.

Groundwater and Geochemistry

The groundwater and geochemistry program were continued from previous years. Monitoring wells were sampled in the spring, summer, and fall, and will continue to be sampled into 2024. Results are currently undergoing analysis.

Vegetation and Peatlands

Field crews observed plant communities and wetland areas

throughout the study area to better understand potential effects that the proposed Community Access Road may have on plants, such as wabakamik / reindeer lichen, oshabomin / goose berry, wadopatik / speckled alder, and peatlands. Field crews observed areas from the air in helicopters, and on the ground. Results from these surveys are forthcoming.

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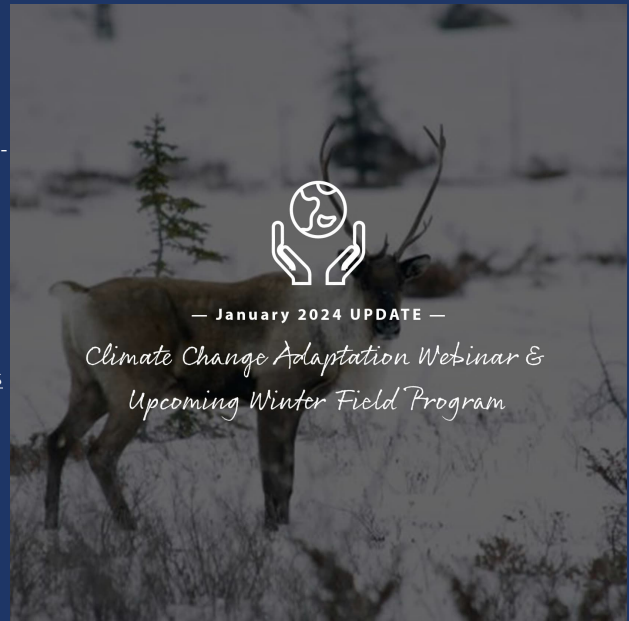
January E-Blast 2024

Current and upcoming activities

Welcome to the MFFN Community Access Road January 2024 E-Blast with updates on current and upcoming activities.

This E-Blast features:

- [New Year Greeting from Chief Bruce Achneepineskum](#)
- [Climate Change Adaptation & Upcoming Webinars](#)
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Happy New Year!



Building a sustainable and thriving community is our vision at Marten Falls First Nation.

We've always aspired to connect our remote northern community to the Ontario provincial highway network. This road project is more than infrastructure; it's about securing a better future for our people. We're taking proactive steps, not just for today but for seven generations ahead, focusing on self-determination and responsible development while conserving our traditional territory.

— Chief Bruce Achneepineskum

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Climate Change Adaptation & Upcoming Webinars

We are pleased to announce MFFN CAR's upcoming Webinar Series to kick off the New Year, and will include Climate Change Adaptation, Cumulative Effects, and Engineering and Construction.

Join us live for the Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road webinar that will look at the future climate to ensure the Community Access Road is prepared for and can withstand the future climate. It will take place on Thursday February 8, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. EST.

Register for the webinar [here](#).

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View the full notice [here](#).

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February E-Blast 2024

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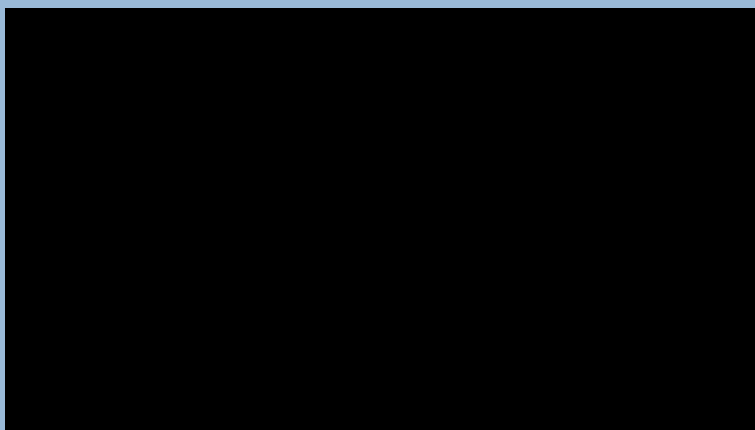
- [Updated Route Video](#)
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- [Spring Field Studies](#)
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New Video: Community Access Road Route Selection Update!

The next major milestone for the Community Access Road is the selection of the preferred route. Recently, our project consultants presented a technically preferred preliminary route recommendation. Community feedback received during meetings and open houses was considered to revise the recommendation. After careful consideration, an updated technically preferred route recommendation has been identified.

Watch our [video](#) for updates on the latest preliminary route recommendation.



**The technically preferred route recommendation is preliminary. The route will be further informed through consideration of Indigenous Knowledge.*

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The Community Access Road Webinar Series

The Climate Change Adaptation webinar was held on February 8, 2024. If you were unable to attend the live webinar, head over to our



[webinar showcase](#) to view it, and other past webinars.

We want to learn about your experience and perspectives on the changing climate. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey on climate change and your community. You can access the survey [here](#).



Upcoming webinars will include Cumulative Effects and Engineering and Construction. Stay tuned for more information.

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**A specially trained caribou capture team will be deployed to manually remove the collar without harming the animal.*

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The Winter 2024 field notice can be viewed [here](#).

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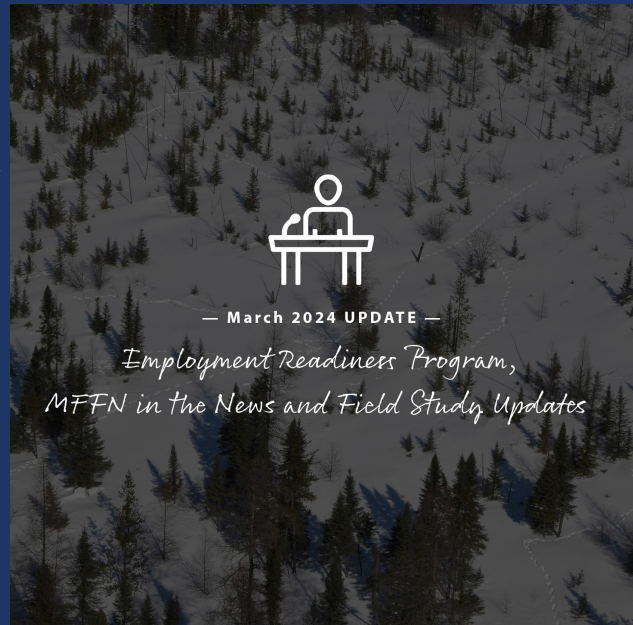
March E-Blast 2024

Current and upcoming activities

Welcome to the MFFN Community Access Road March 2024 E-Blast with updates on current and upcoming activities.

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Employment Readiness Project Meeting

On March 21, 2024, the Marten Falls First Nation Employment Readiness hosted a meeting for Marten Falls First Nation community members and youth. The meeting was hosted in Geraldton, Ontario and centered on taking ownership of economic opportunities and being ready for the future.

The meeting was hosted by [North Superior Workforce Planning Board](#), who works with communities and individuals on workforce development planning.

As the Community Access Road continues through the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment process, the training and employment for Indigenous communities that come from the road and other opportunities is critical to the growth and prosperity of the area. Learn more about the Employment Readiness Project [here](#).

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MFFN in the News

Marten Falls First Nation is making headlines! Check out the articles below for news and updates as they relate to the MFFN community, the Community Access Road and other opportunities in northern Ontario.

- Province agrees to fund shovel-ready projects on First Nations
- On Tuesday, March 5, 2024, The Ontario government, Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation signed an

agreement to develop community infrastructure projects including all-season roads. This news is a significant step towards empowering these communities to participate in future economic development opportunities and foster positive social and economic development.

Photo by Shan Qiao Photography

For more information, read the article by the Sault This Week [here](#).

Juno and Marten Falls First Nation Sign Exploration Agreement

On March 6, 2024, Chief Bruce Achneepineskum of Marten Falls First Nation signed an exploration agreement with Juno Corp. This collaboration between Marten Falls First Nation and Juno Corp marks the beginning of mineral and economic development within traditional territory in Northern Ontario.

For more information, read the full article by The Timmins Press [here](#).

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Field Studies Update

Atigwag / Caribou Collaring Program

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<https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-01-18-Winter-Field-Notice.pdf>

Any collars that do not fall off as intended will be manually removed and retrieved by researchers*. This activity was initially expected to take place in March 2024, however due to poor snow conditions, the manual collar removal will be postponed until winter 2025. Notice will be given prior to the field program commencing.

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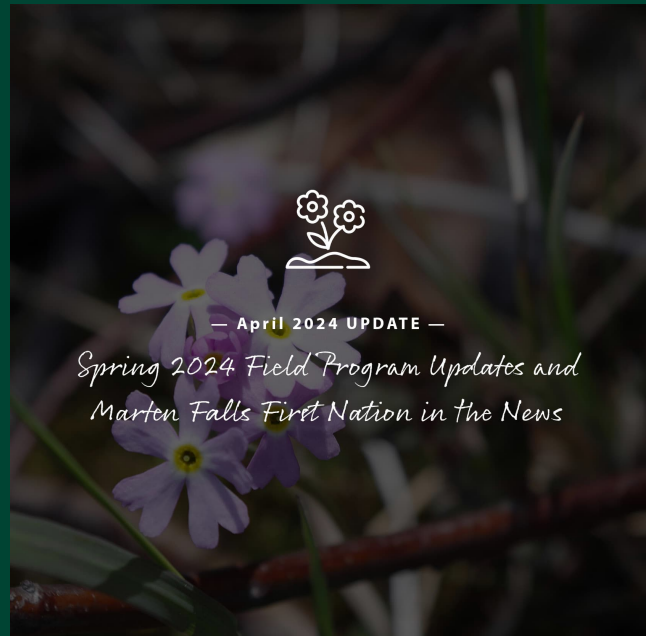
April E-Blast 2024

Current and upcoming activities

Welcome to the MFFN Community Access Road April 2024 E-Blast with updates on current and upcoming activities.

This E-Blast features:

- [Field Studies Updates](#)
- [MFFN in the News](#)
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Field Studies Update

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No other activities are expected this spring / summer. Manual collar retrieval work will continue in 2025. More information on the Caribou Collaring program can be found in the Winter Field Notice [here](#).



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The Spring Groundwater Monitoring Field Notice was distributed on April 17, 2024. To read the full notice, click [HERE](#).

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MFFN in the News

Photo by [Stephanie Ash](#).

“A very Anishinaabe story”: The Toronto Premiere of “Bridges to the North” documentary at the Indigenous Led Projects Forum

The Indigenous Led Projects Forum (ILPF) was hosted in Toronto, Ontario from April 2 to 3, 2024. This forum brought together Indigenous and government leaders to discuss different development projects across Ontario and allowed for a unique space to engage in meaningful discussion surrounding challenges and opportunities within Indigenous communities. This included an opportunity to share the “Bridges to the North” documentary by Anishinaabe filmmaker Tony McGuire.

The documentary was filmed over the course of 15 years and outlines the combined efforts of Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation in building access roads to their communities. The documentary highlights the challenges community members face while living in or travelling outside of the community and explores matters particular to living on-reserve such as suicide, food security, and isolation.

The film has already won a People’s Choice Award at Thunder Bay’s Vox Popular Media Arts Festival in September 2023. Learn more about the ILPF and the documentary here: [Bridges to the North building awareness about the “act of being Indigenous” \(yahoo.com\)](#)

Photo of diesel generators in Bearskin Lake First Nation by [James Murray](#)

Northern Ontario First Nations Communities Access to Clean Electricity

The Ontario government is working in partnership with Webequie, Nibinamik, Neskantaga, Eabametoong and Marten Falls First Nations to expand clean and reliable electricity transmission and generation infrastructure to end these communities’ reliance on diesel powered generators and support greater economic self-determination and prosperity. This partnership will help communities create jobs, own and build infrastructure and housing, and support long-term economic growth.

For more information on this partnership read the full article here: [Ontario Working in Partnership with Northern First Nations to End Reliance on Diesel Fuel | Ontario Newsroom](#)

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Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road

May E-Blast 2024

Current and upcoming activities

Welcome to the MFFN Community Access Road May 2024 E-Blast with updates on current and upcoming activities.

This E-Blast features:

- Field Studies Update
- MFFN in the News
- Understanding the Environmental Assessment
- Connect with the Team



Field Studies Update

Spring Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program is expected to take place from June 2 to 9, 2024. Water samples will be collected from monitoring wells along the proposed route alternatives and are important for evaluating groundwater health in the area. Groundwater samples are tested for things like minerals, dissolved metals, volatile compounds, and radiological content.

If you are located in the study area, you may notice an increase in air traffic as the sampling sites will be accessed by helicopter. Crews may need to remove naturally fallen trees or branches from existing helipad sites to allow safe helicopter access.

For full details on this field program, please find the notice here: [Spring Field Notice April 2024 - Updated](#)

The Caribou Collar Retrieval / Mortality Investigation Program took place between April 20 – 24, 2024. During the program, 5 dropped collars were retrieved, in addition to retrieving 1 additional collar from a mortality site investigation. The next Caribou Collar Retrieval Program will occur in Winter 2025 when there is enough snowfall for recapturing.



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

MFFN in the News

Image by APTN National News

Photo by Austin Campbell, [SnewsWatch.com](https://www.snewswatch.com)

Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program Available in 2024 Federal Budget

New Opportunities Through the Employment Readiness Program

The Government of Canada has announced the launch of the Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program in the 2024 annual budget. This program is designed to unlock access to capital for Indigenous communities and help remove barriers previously blocking Indigenous participation in natural resource and energy projects.

The Employment Readiness Project is a joint initiative between Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation, designed by community members, for community members, and facilitated by the North Superior Workforce Planning Board.

The \$5-billion loan guarantee program will hopefully encourage more natural resource and energy projects with active Indigenous participation, and will provide current First Nations projects with additional capital.

As a community-led program, it addresses the barriers to workforce entry while bolstering the sovereignty and self-government of the First Nations involved. Sharon O'Keese, mentee for Marten Falls, said, "They face the challenge of getting training and because they live in a remote community, it's hard for them to come out and live in Thunder Bay or wherever they choose to do training – it's hard for them

For more information, read Daily Commercial News' article here: [Indigenous project financing plan praised as game-changer \(constructconnect.com\)](https://www.constructconnect.com)

because they can't find housing and income."

First-ever National First Nations Economic Forum

This initiative is focused on future development and employment opportunities in northern Ontario, identifying what services are available in each Community, what services could support individuals' pathways to various careers, and how to enable community members to excel in any trade or skillset.

First Nations community members, leaders, organizations and partners from coast-to-coast met for the first-ever First Nations Economic Forum in Winnipeg, Manitoba from May 13-14, 2024.

To read the full article, click here: [Engagement opens pathways for remote FN communities - SNNNewsWatch.com](https://www.snewswatch.com)

Hosted by a variety of national Indigenous organizations, the forum focused on ways to advocate for economic development supports with the federal government. Financial literacy, nation-to-nation trade and Indigenous-led policy reform were among the suggestions made during the forum.

This forum could be a catalyst in providing future opportunities for achieving economic prosperity for Indigenous people.

To read more about the discussions held during the forum, read here: [Economic forum wraps up 2 days of meetings in Winnipeg \(aptnnews.ca\)](https://www.aptnnews.ca)

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Understanding the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment Process

For every major project in Canada, an Environmental Assessment and Impact Statement (EA / IS) must be completed and approved by the federal and provincial government prior to the design and planning of that project. The EA / IS assesses a project's potential effects to the environment and works to avoid or mitigate those effects.

Throughout the process of the EA / IS, key groups are consulted, and information and scientific evidence are gathered, including Indigenous traditional knowledge. A report is produced with this information along with ways to reduce environmental impacts.

The draft EA / IS is underway for the Community Access Road.

What is an Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment?

An Environmental Assessment is a process to identify, predict and evaluate the potential environmental effects of a proposed project. This process happens before decisions about a proposed project are made.

Why do we need to conduct an EA / IS?

It helps describe the existing environment;

It is a way to gather information to predict the positive, negative, direct or indirect effects that the road may have on the

environment;

It helps determine ways to avoid or minimize negative effects, and enhance positive effects where possible; and
It ensures that engagement is conducted throughout the process and that input and insights from the community are gathered and incorporated.

What are the next steps after the EA / IS?

There are multiple stages needed to reach the completion of the Community Access Road, including:

We are currently conducting the EA / IA Process and developing the Preliminary Design in this stage.

Once the EA / IS process is approved we will begin the Detailed Design, Pre-Construction Surveys and Permitting.

Road Construction, including tendering, will take place after the detailed design, pre-construction surveys and permitting are approved.

The final stage includes post-construction monitoring and maintenance.

Do you have questions about the EA / IS process? Email your questions to info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca.

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A2. 13 June 2024 E-Blast





Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road

June E-Blast 2024

Current and upcoming activities

Welcome to the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road June 2024 E-Blast with updates on current and upcoming activities.

This E-Blast features:

- National Indigenous History Month
- Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo
- Update on the Draft EA / IS
- Connect with the Team



June is National Indigenous History Month!

Canada / Turtle Island celebrates National History Indigenous Month in June. During this month, Indigenous people and groups across Canada are honoring their histories, traditions and cultures through a variety of events and activities.

June 21 was also National Indigenous Peoples Day. This day is symbolic for many Indigenous groups and communities because it aligns with the summer solstice, the longest day of the year.



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Three Road Project Gathering & Expo

The Three Road Project Gathering & Expo was held from June 11 – 13, 2024, in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and provided a space for Indigenous communities to come together and learn more about the three distinct proposed road Projects—Marten Falls

First Nation Community Access Road, Webequie Supply Road and the Northern Road Link, to ask questions and share their feedback on topics, identified by Communities, that are important to them.

Day one was an Elders gathering, reserved for Elders from over 20 Communities, to engage with the Project Teams and share their perspectives on each project. The second day was open to members of each Community and consisted of an introduction to each of the three road projects and an expo that included: subject matter experts from all three Project Teams; the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ministry of Natural Resources; Ministry of Mines) and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. On the final day, a half-day workshop provided information on the proposed common approach for Communities to review the draft EA / IS that will be submitted for Marten Falls First Nation's Community Access Road and the Webequie Supply Road later in 2024.

For questions or information regarding this event please contact the MFFN CAR Project Team info@martenfallsaccessroad.com.

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Update on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS)

Environmental assessments are planning and decision-making tools used to assess the potential positive and negative effects of proposed projects, and to identify how best to achieve the benefits and avoid or minimize impacts. Currently the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road is preparing a combined provincial (Ontario) Environmental Assessment (EA) and a federal Impact Statement (IS). The EA / IS will include how the preferred route was determined and identify how the proposed Community Access Road may affect the social, cultural, economic and natural environment.

Today, we have completed most of the studies to inform our recommendations for the proposed route and to understand how best to realize, avoid and / or minimize Project effects, including those related to the infrastructure necessary to build and maintain the road (e.g., aggregate locations).

MFFN—with support from technical experts—has engaged interested persons, including other Indigenous communities, so that input can be considered when making decisions related to the design and development of the Community's new road.

We are now preparing the Draft EA / IS for Indigenous, regulator and public review. Your input on these important planning documents is invaluable. We know that the Indigenous communities we are engaging have a lot going on, and we've considered this when planning the release of the Draft EA / IS for review and comment. Indigenous communities will have access to the Draft EA / IS in November 2024; giving 120-days for review and comment. This access to the EA / IS for Indigenous communities is in advance of the public and regulators review period which starts in January 2025 and lasts for 60-days.

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Hello,

Summer 2023 field studies for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road are continuing. This season's field studies include:

Groundwater and Geochemistry (August)
Vegetation (August)

The Summer 2023 Field Notice is attached (and on our [website](#)) with more information. An update will be provided once exact dates have been determined.

To learn more about our Vegetation and Groundwater and Geochemistry programs, view [webinar recordings](#) and [videos](#) on our website.

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

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Field Notice



Summer 2023 Field Notice

Groundwater and Geochemistry, Vegetation

Issued: July 2023

What's Happening?

The following field programs are continuing for the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and the federal Impact Assessment (IA) for the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) proposed Community Access Road. Field crews have been actively monitoring the forest fire situation in the area and are in regular communication with the fire base in Geraldton.

Groundwater and Geochemistry

The groundwater and geochemistry program has been ongoing since 2022 and continues this summer to help understand groundwater conditions in the study area. Drilling of monitoring wells was completed during the spring 2023 field program. Monitoring wells will now be sampled three times a year for a period of two years to support the environmental assessment.

- The spring groundwater sampling program began on June 26, 2023 and was completed on July 6, 2023.
- The summer groundwater sampling program is expected to begin in August.
- Collected samples are sent for laboratory analysis and will be performed for a wide variety of parameters including general water chemistry, metals, solids content, nutrients, hydrocarbons and others.





Field Notice



Vegetation

The vegetation program has been in place since 2019, with field studies occurring in 2019, 2021 and 2022 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. This summer, 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. The next vegetation program is planned for August 2023.

Field crews will include a MFFN community member Field Assistant or Community Member Advisor.

To learn more about vegetation, groundwater and geochemistry, view [webinar recordings](#) and [educational videos](#) on our website.

An update will be provided once dates are confirmed or if there are 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.

Where?

See the next page for a map.

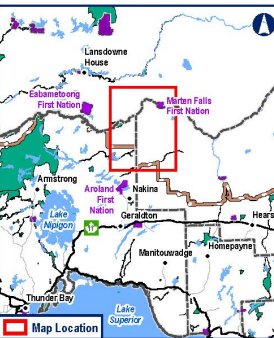
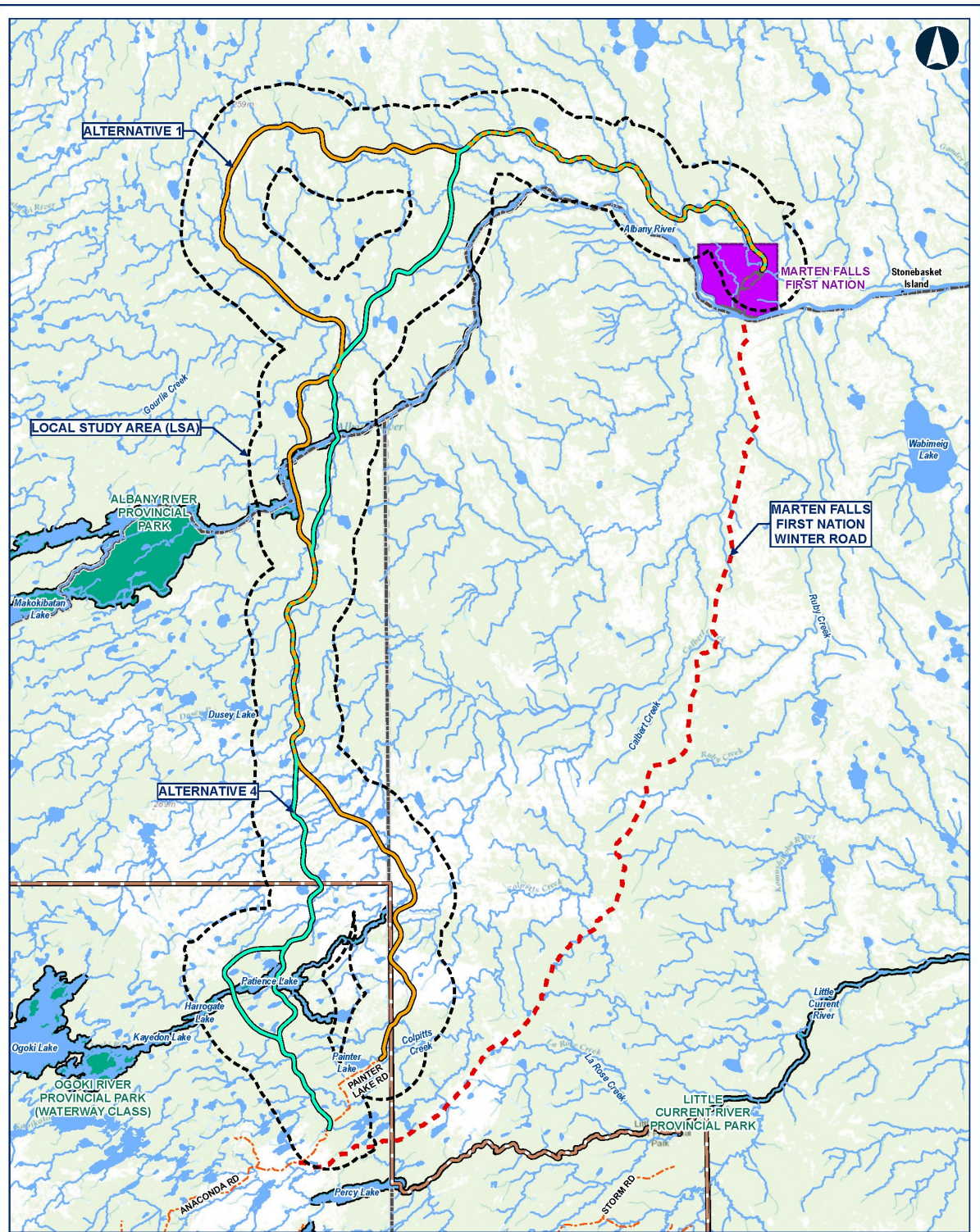
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Community Access Road



Legend

- Local Study Area (LSA)
- Route Alternatives
 - Alternative 1
 - Alternative 4
- General Features
 - Local Road
 - Resource / Recreation Road
 - Watercourse
 - Waterbody
- Far North Boundary
- First Nation Reserve
- District Municipal Boundary
- Provincial Park

Notes:
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Summer 2023 Field Programs

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Fall 2023 field studies for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road are continuing. This season's field studies include:

Groundwater and Geochemistry (September)
Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation (September)

The Fall 2023 Field Notice is attached (and on our [website](#)) with more information.

To learn more about our Wildlife and Groundwater and Geochemistry programs, view [webinar recordings](#) and [videos](#) on our website.

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

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Fall 2023 Field Notice

Groundwater and Geochemistry and Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation

Issued: September 2023

What's Happening?

Field programs will be continuing into the fall season to support the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and federal Impact Assessment (IA) for the Marten Falls First Nation proposed Community Access Road.

Groundwater and Geochemistry

The Groundwater and Geochemistry Program has been ongoing since 2022. There are more than 20 well sites that are sampled seasonally to monitor groundwater conditions in the area to support and inform the environmental assessment.

- The fall groundwater and geochemistry program is expected to begin September 18, 2023 and be completed by September 24, 2023.
- The spring groundwater sampling program will resume in Spring 2024.





Field Notice



Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation

Field crews will conduct mortality investigations associated with atigwag / caribou 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.

The caribou collaring and mortality investigation is tentatively scheduled for September 25, 2023 and will be completed in one day.

An update will be provided 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.

Where?

See the next page for the study area map.

Field crews will include a MFFN community member Field Assistant or Community Member Advisor.

To learn more about groundwater and geochemistry and wildlife studies view [webinar recordings](#) and [valued component videos](#) on our website.

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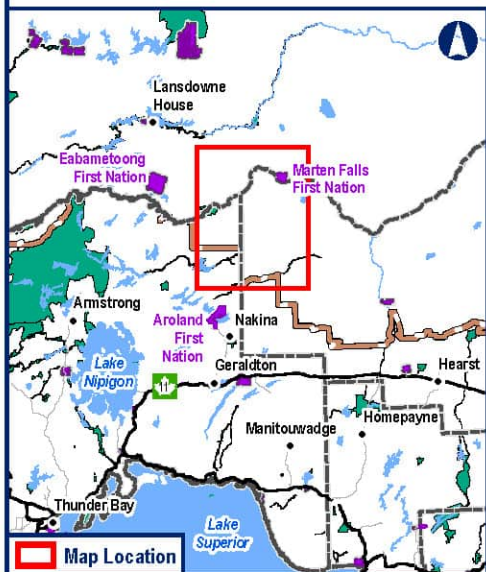
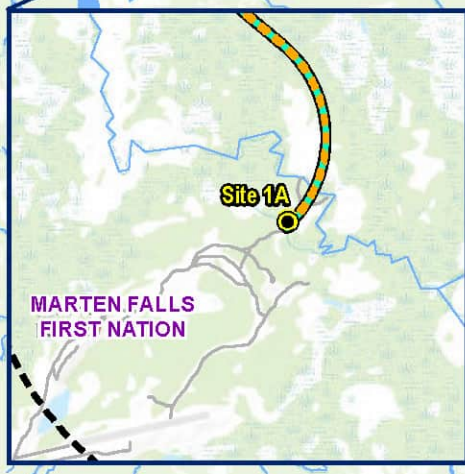
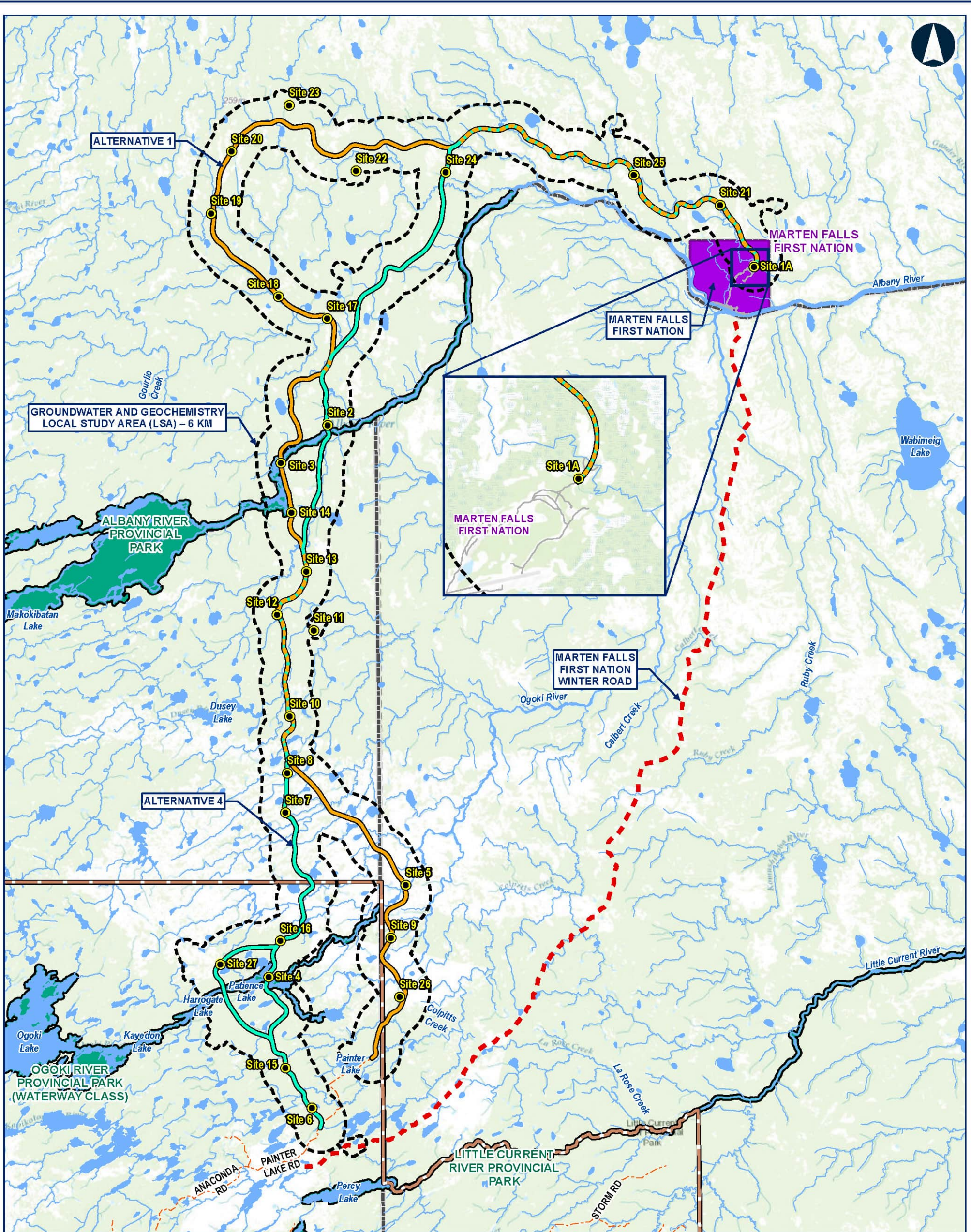
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Legend

- Groundwater Well Locations
- Groundwater Local Study Area (LSA) - 6 km
- Route Alternative 1
- Route Alternative 4
- Local Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- First Nation Reserve
- Provincial Park
- Far North Boundary
- District Municipal Boundary

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Hello,

We have updates to share on upcoming field programs for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road.

The Winter 2024 field studies include:

Atigwag / Caribou Collar Collection and Mortality Investigation (February to July as needed)

The Winter 2024 Field Notice is attached (and on our [website](#)) with more information.

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Field Notice



Winter 2024 Field Notice

Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation

Issued: January 2024

What's Happening?

Field programs will be continuing into the 2024 winter season to support the provincial Environmental Assessment and federal Impact Assessment for the Marten Falls First Nation proposed Community Access Road.

Atigwag / Caribou Collar Collection and Mortality Investigation

Radio tracking collars were placed on atigwag / caribou in February 2021. After three years of gathering data about atigwag / caribou populations, the collars are set to automatically release in February 2024. Field teams will go into the field to collect the fallen collars between **February and July 2024**. Additionally, if there are any mortalities of collared atigwag / caribou reported prior to the release of collars, field crews will conduct mortality investigations at this time, as needed. 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.

In the event that a collar does not automatically release as intended, a specially trained caribou capture team will be deployed to manually remove the collar without harming the animal. If necessary, this will occur between **February and March 2024**.





Field Notice



What to do if you find a dropped collar:

Please collect the collar and report to the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team at 1-800-764-9114, or email info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca. Please provide detailed information about where you found the collar (e.g., date, habitat type, any animal signs in the area).

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An update will be provided if the above schedule changes due to weather or other conditions. The field teams will be accessing sites across the study area by helicopter, so you may see helicopters in the area.

Where?

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A3.4 Spring 2024 Field Notice and Caribou Collaring Update



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Hello,

We have updates to share on an upcoming field program for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road.

The Spring 2024 field studies include:

Groundwater and Geochemistry Program (late May to June 2024)

The Spring 2024 Field Notice is attached (and on our [website](#)) with more information.

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UPDATE: Caribou Collaring Program

Further to the March E-Blast issued on April 3, 2024, the atigwag / caribou collar retrieval (as part of the Atigwag / Caribou Collaring program) could not be carried out as planned between April 8-12, 2024 due to poor weather conditions and is now scheduled to take place from Friday, April 19 to April 23, 2024 (pending weather and / or site conditions).

The work will include the retrieval of dropped caribou collars, mortality investigations, and aerial searches for three collars. 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.

For more information on this field program, read the Winter 2024 field notice on our website at <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-01-18-Winter-Field-Notice.pdf>

If you are concerned helicopter activity could impact your camp site / hunting activities, or if you have other questions or concerns, please reply to this email or give us a call at 1-800-764-9114.

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Field Notice



Spring 2024 Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Notice

Issued: April 2024

What's Happening?

The Groundwater and Geochemistry program will be continuing into the spring season to support the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and federal Impact Assessment (IA) for the Marten Falls First Nation proposed Community Access Road.

Groundwater and Geochemistry Program

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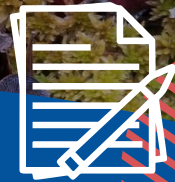
Schedule

- Spring groundwater sampling is expected to begin in **late May 2024**, and be completed in June 2024.
- The summer groundwater sampling is expected to occur in **August 2024**.
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Field Notice



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A3.5 Spring 2024 Update – Spring Groundwater Program



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: May 23, 2024 1:00 PM
Subject: Marten Falls Community Access Road Update – Spring Groundwater Program
Attachments: Spring-Field-Notice_April-2024.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Further to the Spring Groundwater and Geochemistry Program field notice issued on April 17, 2024, field crews are scheduled to carry out groundwater sampling from June 2 to June 9, 2024 (pending weather and / or site conditions).

If you are located in the study area, you may notice an increase in air traffic as the sampling sites will be accessed by helicopter. Crews may need to clear brush and trees from helipad sites to allow helicopter access, which could require the use of chainsaws.

For more information on this field program, please find the notice attached to this email and on our website at https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Spring-Field-Notice_April-2024.pdf.

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Field Notice



Spring 2024 Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Notice

Originally Issued: April 2024

Updated: May 2024

What's Happening?

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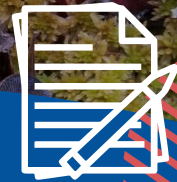
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Field Notice



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A3.6 Summer 2024 Field Notice



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
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Hello,

We have updates to share on upcoming field programs for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road.

The Summer 2024 field studies include:

- Geotechnical Investigation (between July 19–21, 2024)
- Groundwater and Geochemistry Program (late July or August 2024)

The Summer 2024 Field Notice is attached (and on our [website](#)) with more information.

To learn more about our groundwater and geochemistry and physiography, terrain, and soils programs, view [webinar recordings](#) and [videos](#) on our website.

Field crews will be accessing sites across the study area by helicopter—you may see helicopters in the area. Crews may need to remove naturally fallen trees or branches from existing helipad sites to allow safe helicopter access.

If you are concerned helicopter activity could impact your camp site / hunting activities, or if you have other questions or concerns, please reply to this email or give us a call at 1-800-764-9114.

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Field Notice

Summer 2024

Field Notice

Issued: July 2024



What's Happening?

The following field programs will be taking place over the summer to support the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and federal Impact Assessment (IA) for the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) proposed Community Access Road (CAR).

Geotechnical Investigation

Field crews will be conducting geotechnical investigations of aggregate sites and water crossings along the proposed route for the Community Access Road. This work will be undertaken in three phases:

- Phase 1 - The initial helicopter reconnaissance will be undertaken to assess each site and accurately locate all test hole locations and gather information related to permit applications. Field crews will be accessing sites across the study area by helicopter—you may see helicopters in the area. Crews may land in natural clearings if it is safe to do so. This work will take place between **July 19–21, 2024**;
- Phase 2 - The fall geotechnical work is expected to **begin in mid-September 2024 and be completed by the end October 2024**. These dates will be confirmed following the permitting process and the investigations may be extended further into November if weather permits. The geotechnical investigations this fall will focus on the aggregate sites. Sites will be drilled to confirm the quantity and quality of the rock as well as well as determine the groundwater table and flow direction; and
- Phase 3 - Remaining investigations related to aggregate sites and water crossings will continue in the **Spring of 2025**.



Groundwater and Geochemistry Program

The Groundwater and Geochemistry program will be continuing into the summer season. This program is important for evaluating the health of groundwater along the proposed route for the Community Access Road, and tests for things like minerals, dissolved metals (including mercury), volatile organic compounds, and radiological content. Groundwater samples are taken in the spring, summer, and fall seasons to give researchers a thorough understanding of how conditions can change seasonally.

After a successful spring groundwater monitoring program in early June, groundwater crews will once again be in the field collecting samples for the summer program. The program began in 2022 and will wrap-up in Fall 2024.

- Summer groundwater sampling is expected to occur in **late July or early August 2024**; and
- Fall groundwater sampling is expected to occur in **September 2024**.

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If you are interested in groundwater and geochemistry, or physiography, terrain, and soils, you can view [webinars recordings](#) and [videos](#) about it on our website.

An update will be provided if scheduling changes due to weather or other conditions. An additional notice will be provided for the fall Geotechnical Investigation, as well as the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program.

Where?

See the next pages for maps.

Contact Information

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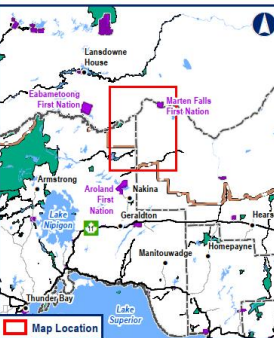
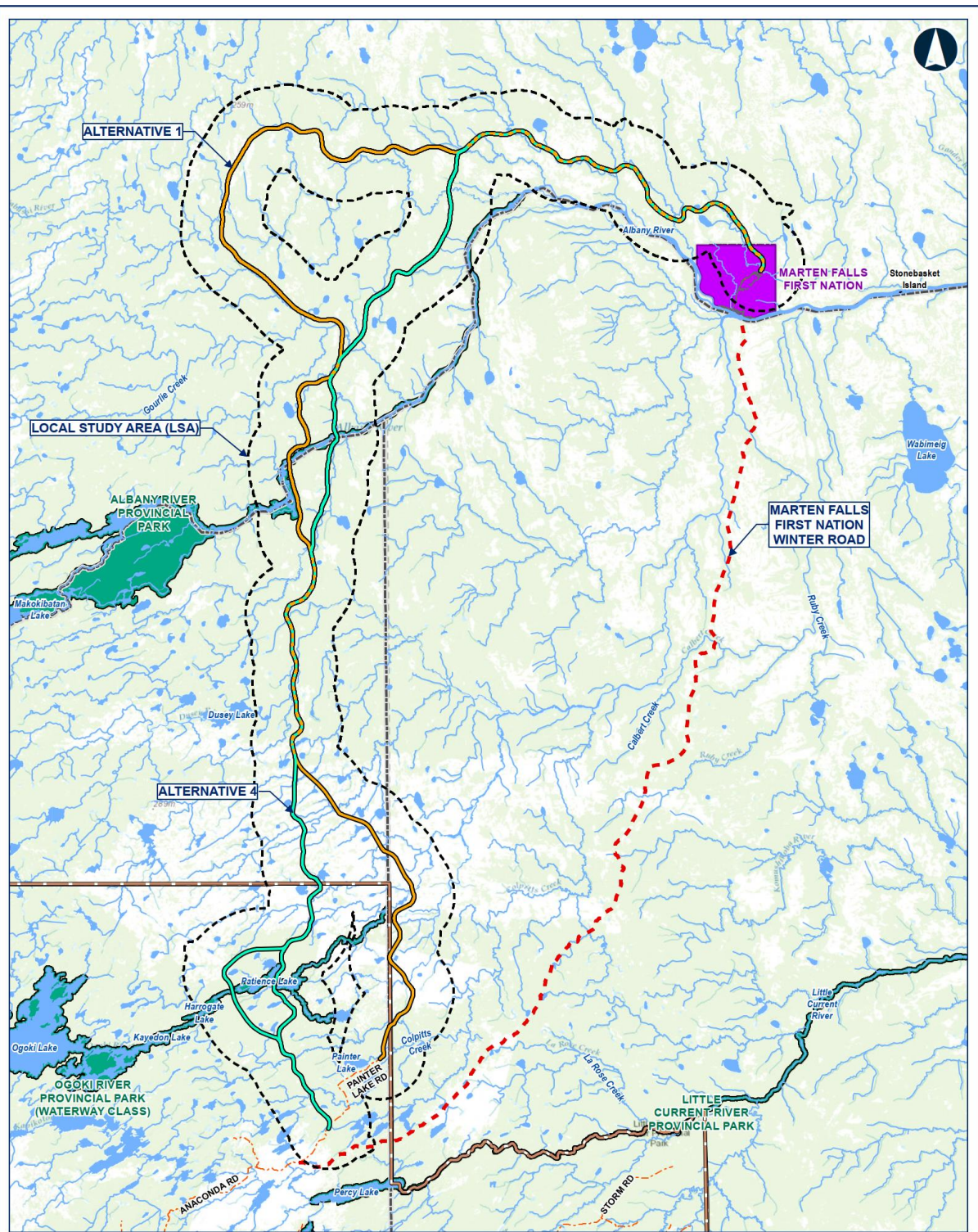
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Legend

- Local Study Area (LSA)
- Route Alternatives**
 - Alternative 1
 - Alternative 4
- General Features**
 - Local Road
 - Resource / Recreation Road
 - MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
 - Watercourse
 - Waterbody
- Far North Boundary
- First Nation Reserve
- District Municipal Boundary
- Provincial Park

Notes:
None
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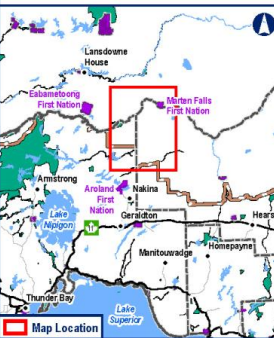
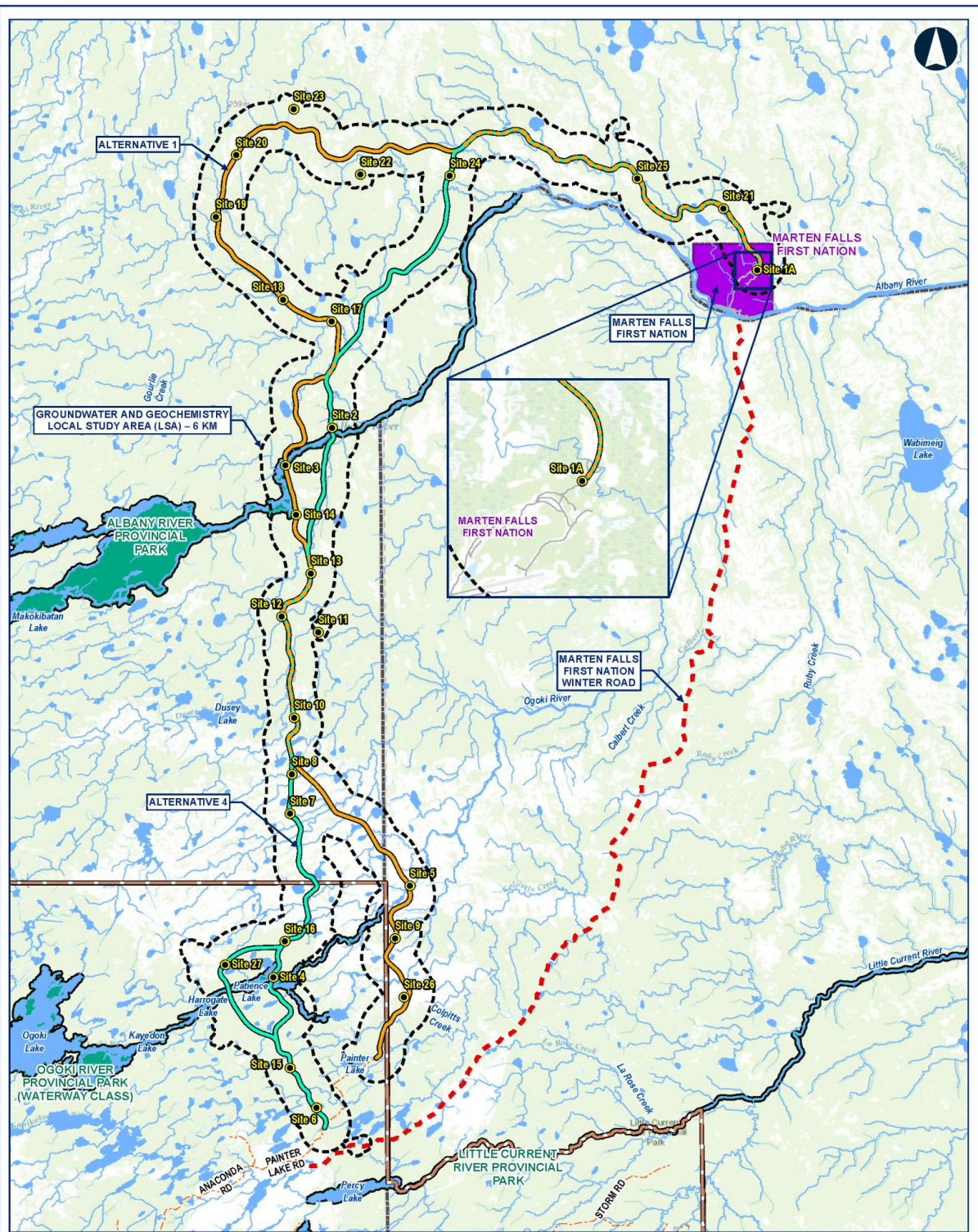
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Legend

- Groundwater Well Locations
- Groundwater Local Study Area (L.S.A) - 6 km
- Route Alternatives
 - Alternative 1
 - Alternative 4
- General Features
 - Local Road
 - Resource / Recreation Road
 - MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
 - Watercourse
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Notes:

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**Groundwater and Geochemistry
Local Study Area**

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A4. IK Program

A4.1 Key Milestone Date Reminder

A4.2 Indigenous Knowledge



A4.1 Key Milestone Date Reminder



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 1:04 PM
Subject: IK Program Key Milestone Date Reminder

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I hope this email finds you well. We wanted to follow up with you on our previous emails regarding the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program schedule for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project. There are a few key milestones that we want to continue to highlight for you:

Preliminary draft existing conditions reporting is to be largely completed in 2023 for environmental (e.g., fish and fish habitat) and social (e.g., visual) disciplines.

The evaluation of the alternative routes to select a preferred route is to be completed by the end of this year (2023).

In order to meet the study schedule, 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, so that this information is included in the preliminary draft existing conditions reporting and is available for consideration in the route selection which will begin in September 2023.

We will continue to support communities in sharing IK beyond this date and to incorporate this information in subsequent steps of the assessment processes (e.g. updates to the existing conditions, effects assessment, impact management, and project design).

If you have any questions on the IK Program or would like to meet to discuss further please do not hesitate to respond to this email.

Thank you and have a great day.

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A4.2 Indigenous Knowledge



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 2:46 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: MFFN CAR Project - Indigenous Knowledge



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Indigenous Knowledge

Indigenous Knowledge is foundational to the assessment processes for the Marten Falls Community Access Road. We appreciate how Indigenous Knowledge strengthens our understanding of the environment and is a crucial part of how we make project decisions. Our goal is to collaborate with Indigenous Communities and create a draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement that meaningfully weaves Indigenous Knowledge and western science.

It is important that we continue to share the project schedule and the regulatory process in which we are working in. As part of the federal regulatory requirement, Marten Falls First Nation is required to submit the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada by July 2024. In order for us to meet this key draft milestone, the Project team needs to start writing the report. To prepare the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, we will use all the information we have available as of **December 11, 2023** - this includes both Indigenous Knowledge and western science.

We understand that Indigenous Knowledge may be shared with Marten Falls First Nation after **December 11, 2023**, and / or after the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement is submitted. This additional information will be woven into subsequent stages of the assessment processes and road design. The final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement will be submitted to the Impact Agency of Canada in July 2025.

We are here to work with you, and if you would like to discuss the Indigenous Knowledge Program or share information with the Marten Fall First Nation Community Access Road Project team please do not hesitate to reach out to Bob Baxter at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or Andrea Nokleby at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

A5. Technical Webinar Series

- A5.1 New Webinar Series Start Reminder
- A5.2 Route Selection Milestone Webinar Reminder
- A5.3 Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Announcement
- A5.4 Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Reminder
- A5.5 Feedback on Climate Change Adaptation Webinar



A5.1 New Webinar Series Start Reminder



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 2:22 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Reminder: Our New Webinar Series starts November 16!

The Community Access Road webinar series is back.

The first webinar is on Route Selection and will take place Thursday, November 16, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

You can register for the webinar at the link below and respond to this email with any questions you'd like answered:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RV9B9WdDTmi3mnoIE8cXfQ#/registration

Upcoming webinars* will include:

- Engineering and Construction
- Cumulative Effects
- Climate Change

**dates to be confirmed soon*

If your community or organization is interested in a meeting to talk about any of the topics covered in the webinar series, please reach out to book a meeting.

To stay up to date on the Webinar schedule or to view past webinars, visit our [website](#).

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A5.2 Route Selection Milestone Webinar Reminder



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 12:07 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Today 4pm! Join us live for the webinar on the Route Selection Milestone

Join us live for our Route Selection Milestone webinar today, Thursday, November 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

Register for the webinar at the link below and respond to this email with any questions you would like answered:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RV9B9WdDTmi3mnoIE8cXfQ#/registration

You can also join by telephone by dialing the call-in number provided in your confirmation email. If you are unable to attend the webinar live, a recording will be available online [here](#).

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A5.3 Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Announcement



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: January 16, 2024 2:11 PM
Subject: Join us live! New Webinar on Climate Change and the Community Access Road

The Community Access Road webinar series is back. Our next webinar is on Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road. The Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency Study looks at the future climate to ensure the Community Access Road is prepared for and can withstand the future climate. We are also eager to hear about changes you have observed or experienced on the land over time.

The webinar will take place Thursday, February 8, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

You can register for the webinar at the link below and respond to this email with any questions you'd like answered:

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A5.4 Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Reminder



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
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Subject: Join us TODAY! New Webinar on Climate Change and the Community Access Road

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Join us for our webinar on Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road TODAY, Thursday February 8 at 4:00 p.m. EST.

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A5.5 Feedback on Climate Change Adaptation Webinar



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
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Subject: We Want to Hear from You! Watch and share your thoughts on Climate Change.

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On February 8, we held a webinar on Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road. Thank you to those who were able to attend. If you were unable to join us live, please click to watch the full webinar online.

Your feedback, experience and insights are important to us.

Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey linked below and share how Climate Change has / is affecting you and your Community: <https://forms.office.com/r/35GpPM412f>

If you are interested in Climate Change and would like to discuss this topic in more detail, we would love to speak with you!

There are more webinars to come! To stay up to date on the Webinar schedule or to view past webinars, visit our [website](#).

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Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road: Climate Change

* Required

Privacy Statement

All comments, questions, and responses submitted for this survey will be collected and considered in the development of an Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement that will be a part of public record and will be made available to individuals or organizations with an interest in this project. Under the Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act, personal information such as name and address will not be included in the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement but may be released, if requested in accordance with the Act, to any person as part of the review of the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

1. Full name *

Enter your answer

2. Email *

Enter your answer

3. Phone number

Enter your answer

4. Community or Organization, if applicable

Enter your answer

5. How important is the issue of Climate Change to your Community? *

- Very Important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

6. Have you had to change your behaviour because of changes to your environment or land? *

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

7. If yes, please provide a description of the change(s) below:

Enter your answer

8. Is climate change impacting the traditional activities in your Community? *

- No, it has no impact on traditional activities.
- Yes, climate change is negatively impacting traditional activities like hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering.
- Yes, traditional activities have increased in diversity and abundance due to climate change.

9. If yes, please identify specific impact(s) below:

Enter your answer

10. How is your Community actively responding to the challenges posed by climate change? *

- Not taking any specific actions to address climate change.
- Implementing sustainable practices and conservation measures.
- Relying solely on external organizations to address climate-related issues.
- I don't know.

11. Given your experience and knowledge of climate change locally, which aspect of climate change is most concerning to you? *

- Heat
- Extreme precipitation
- Drought
- Wildfire
- None
- Other

12. With climate change, more wildfires and larger wildfires are expected. How are wildfires impacting your community ? *

- No impacts
- Reduced/poor air quality (restrictions on outdoor activities)
- Voluntary or mandated evacuations
- Loss of vegetation, property, life

13. Please describe the main priorities / concerns for you, and your Community, regarding climate change.

Enter your answer

14. Please share your experiences or observations, regarding climate change below.

Enter your answer

You can print a copy of your answer after you submit

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A6. PIC #5

A6.1 Invitations

- A6.1.1 PIC Notice - English
- A6.1.2 PIC Notice - French
- A6.1.3 PIC Notice - Cree
- A6.1.4 PIC Notice - Ojibway
- A6.1.5 PIC Notice - Oji-Cree
- A6.1.6 Reminder for PIC

A6.2 Advertising

- A6.2.1 Newspaper Advertisements
- A6.2.2 Online Advertisements

A6.3 Display Boards

A6.4 Maps

A6.5 Field Programs

- A6.5.1 Fall 2023 Field Notice

A6.6 Frequently Asked Questions



A6.1 Invitations

A6.1.1 PIC Notice - English

A6.1.2 PIC Notice - French

A6.1.3 PIC Notice - Cree

A6.1.4 PIC Notice - Ojibway

A6.1.5 PIC Notice - Oji-Cree

A6.1.6 Reminder for PIC



A6.1.1 PIC Notice - English





Join us for the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All-Season Community Access Road Public Information Centre #5: Existing Conditions Report and Route Selection Milestone

Join us to learn about and provide feedback on:

- Updates since Public Information Centre #4, including what we've heard and how feedback is being considered;
- Update on what we heard at the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Forum and plans for the next forum;
- Update on existing conditions results for completed studies;
- How Indigenous Knowledge is used and how it informs the process;
- Achieving the next major milestone: Identifying the preferred route and how route alternatives will be assessed, recommended and a preferred route chosen;
- Cumulative effects assessment and why it is important; and
- Next steps and future opportunities to get involved.

Join us and 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 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 Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment will assess the potential impacts and benefits related to the proposed Community Access Road.

When and Where?

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Best Western Nor'Wester
2080 Highway #61
Thunder Bay, Ontario

Indigenous Members Session:
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Public Session:
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Geraldton Community Centre
200 Wardrobe Avenue
Geraldton, Ontario

Indigenous Members Session:
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Public Session:
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*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

Understanding the Road's Potential Impacts

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.

The federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines were issued on February 24, 2020 and the federal government granted an extension on January 13, 2023. This will be the fifth Public Information Centre held to support the identification of the preferred route milestone of the Impact Assessment and Environmental Assessment processes.

Contact

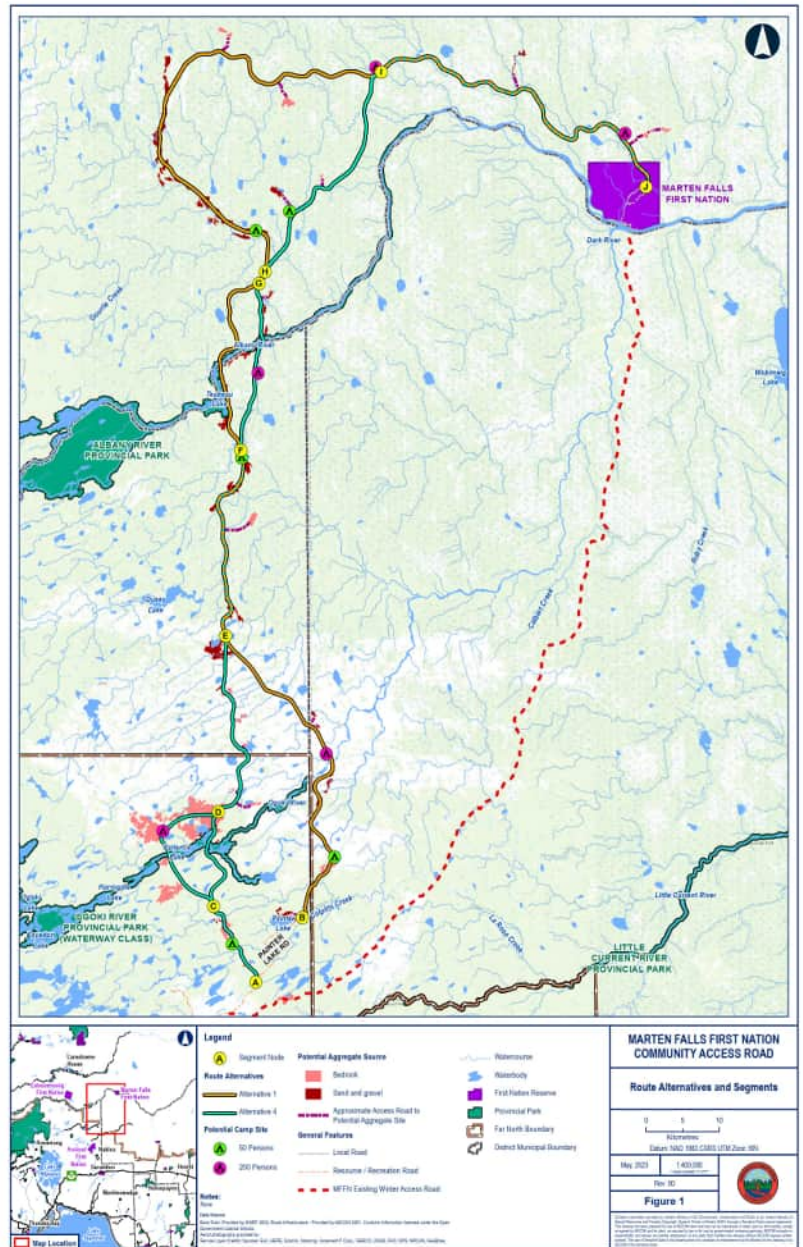
For information on the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment processes and progress related to this Project, please visit

<https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

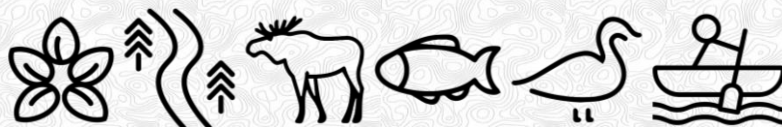
If you are unable to attend the event, or have any comments or questions regarding the Project, you are welcome to contact the Project Team at any time during the process at 1-800-764-9114 or info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Thank you for your participation.

Personal information submitted (e.g., name, address and phone number) is collected, maintained and disclosed under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for transparency and consultation purposes. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public, unless you request your personal information remain confidential.



A6.1.2 PIC Notice - French





Soyez des nôtres lors du 5^e Centre d'information sur le projet de route d'accès toutes saisons à la Première Nation de Marten Falls (PNMF) : rapport sur l'état actuel et étape du choix du tracé

Soyez des nôtres pour vous renseigner sur ce qui suit et nous donner vos commentaires :

- les dernières nouvelles depuis le 4^e centre d'information, notamment les commentaires reçus et la façon dont ils sont pris en compte;
- une mise au point sur ce que nous avons appris lors du forum sur les droits et les intérêts des Autochtones ou issus de traités et les plans pour le prochain forum;
- une mise au point sur les résultats des études sur l'état actuel effectuées jusqu'à maintenant;
- la façon d'utiliser les connaissances autochtones pour éclairer le processus;
- la prochaine étape majeure : définir le tracé privilégié et la façon d'évaluer les différentes options de tracés et de recommander et choisir le tracé privilégié;
- l'évaluation des effets cumulatifs et son importance;
- les prochaines étapes et les occasions futures de participer.

Soyez des nôtres pour nous 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 route d'accès à la communauté de PNMF est un projet de route toutes saisons qui relie la PNMF au réseau de routes provinciales du sud de l'Ontario, dans le but de faciliter l'accès et de favoriser le développement économique et l'amélioration de la qualité de vie des membres 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?

Le mercredi 25 octobre 2023

Best Western Nor'Wester
2080, route 61
Thunder Bay, Ontario

De 17 h à 18 h –

séance réservée aux membres autochtones

De 18 h à 20 h – séance publique

Le jeudi 26 octobre 2023

Geraldton Community Centre
200, avenue Wardrope
Geraldton, Ontario

De 16 h à 17 h – séance réservée aux membres autochtones

De 17 h à 19 h – séance publique

*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 publiée sur notre site Web (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca) le jour du Centre d'information. Les Centres d'information sont accessibles en fauteuil roulant; communiquez avec nous si vous avez besoin d'autres accommodements d'accessibilité.



MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL - SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Évaluation de l'incidence potentielle de la route

La PNMF prépare actuellement une évaluation environnementale et une déclaration d'impact concernant le projet de route d'accès. Le 8 octobre 2021, le ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs (MEPNP) a approuvé le cadre de référence avec modifications. À l'échelon fédéral, des lignes directrices individualisées relatives à l'étude d'impact ont été formulées le 24 février 2020 et le gouvernement a accordé un délai le 13 janvier 2023. Ce Centre d'information public sera le cinquième mis sur pied dans le cadre de l'étape de la détermination du tracé privilégié des processus d'étude d'impact et d'évaluation environnementale.

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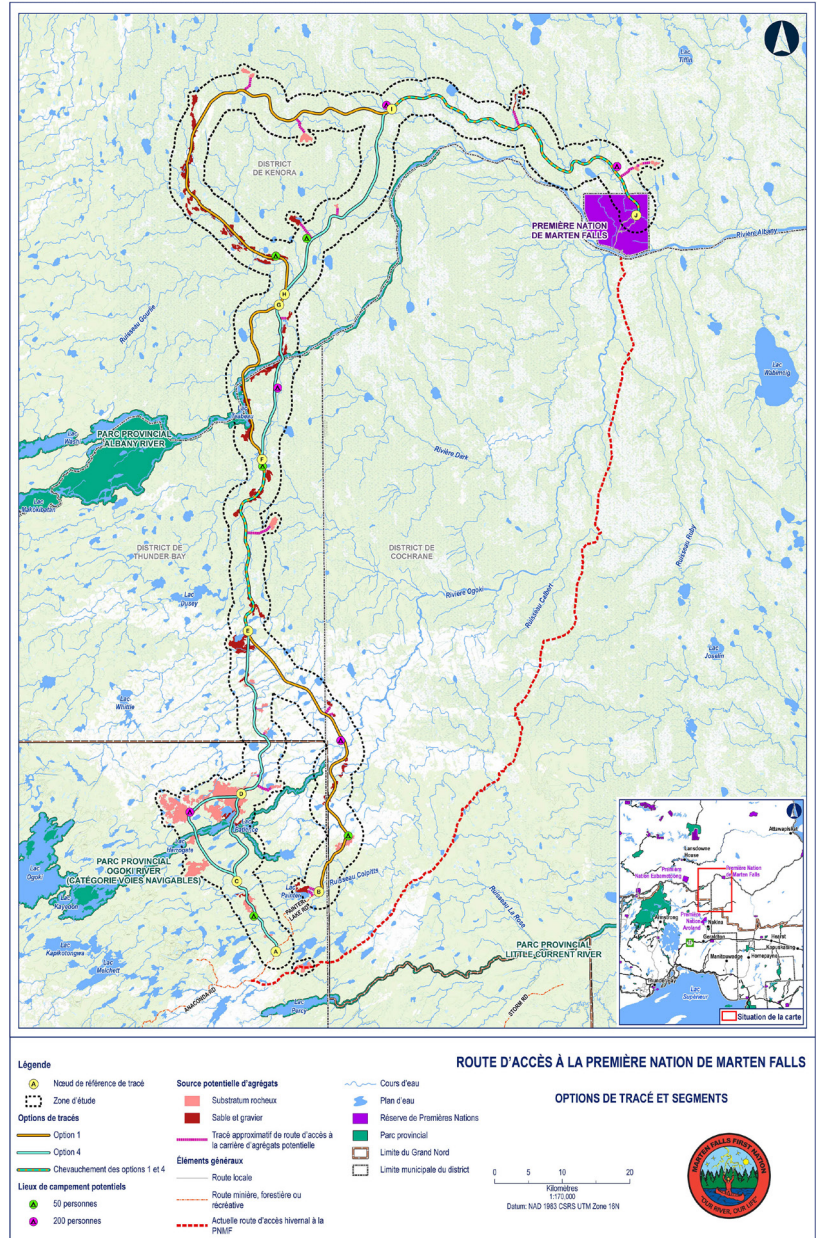
Pour vous renseigner sur les processus d'évaluation environnementale et d'étude d'impact et sur l'avancement de ce projet, veuillez consulter le site

<https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Si vous êtes dans l'impossibilité de participer à cet événement, ou si vous avez des questions ou des commentaires au sujet du projet, vous pouvez communiquer avec l'équipe du projet, au 1-800-764-9114 ou à info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca, en tout temps durant le processus.

Merci de votre participation

Les renseignements personnels fournis (nom, adresse et numéro de téléphone) sont recueillis, conservés et divulgués selon les dispositions de la Loi sur les évaluations environnementales et de la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information municipale et la protection de la vie privée* pour des raisons de transparence et de consultation. Les renseignements personnels soumis feront partie des dossiers accessibles au grand public, à moins que l'on demande expressément qu'ils restent confidentiels.



A6.1.3 PIC Notice - Cree





MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL - SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Mamawapowin ekwa wîcihiwew asici Marten Falls (wâpistan'kiskiciwan)

**Nistam Peyakoskanesiwak (MFFN) Miyoskamin
Misakâmê pihtokwepayiw asici mâmawâyâwin
meskanaw ekwa kahkiyaw awiyak kwayaskomowewin
Kamik #5: ekosi kespayik ihtakon ekwa âcimowin
asici pimitimew ekwa meskanaw kistatahikan
nawasonikewin**

Wîcihiwew mina kiskino'hamaw nânitâw ohci
kakeskimiwewin ohci:

- Oskâyi âcimowin aspin ekwa kahkiyaw awiyak kwayaskomowewin kamik #4 ewakomîna kikway ekwa kiyaw kihkâwihtâkwaw asici mamaweyas ekwa nîyanân iteyihtamiwin asici nâkateyihcikewin;
- Oskâyi âcimowin asici kikway kiskino'hamaw kahkiyaw iyiniw ekwa ostêsimâwoyasiwêwin kaskihtâwin mina kîkway ka miywanamihk (ATRI) – (IOK) mamawapowin;
- Oskâyi âcimowin asici isâyâwin ohci mitoni kwayask;
- Tante nehiyaw kiskitamawin ekwa âpatan aisici atoskewin;
- Pihkohtawin asici iyaskohc kihci atoske ekosi asici: kiskeyimowewin pimitimew ekwa tante kotaka koyakihtakihk kîkwaya mina nawasônikan;
- Oskâyi asici oyakihcikewin ekwa tanehki kihci; mina;
- Iyaskohc ekwa nîkânote kanahipayik.

**Wîcihiwew ekwa kakeskimiwewin asici,
kîkway kiteyehamihk mina kihcihkawisiwin
ispehtaweyihtakwahk ohci kahkiyaw pihtokwepayiw
asici, meskanaw ohci miyoskamin, nîpin, takwakin**

Nânitâw atoske

Nistam peyako'sêht'wâwin MFFN ôtenaw ohci kiwetinohk Ontario, peyakwayak anita kipê'chewin askoc Albany mina Ogoki sîpîya, 170km nawac poko cîkâhtaw kiwetinohk'sâkâstenohk asici Nakina, Ontario. Mâmâwi e' âyahk MFFN asici meskanaw pihtokwepayiw ekwa sâpweyihamowin asici oyecihcikewin kahkiyaw askîwin meskanaw âniskotâw MFFN asici Ontario's kâ'piskitahastâhk kihci mêskanaw ohpikiwin sâwanohk, yahki pihtokwepayiw mina osihcikewin nîsohkamâtowin ekwa ayîwak kwayask pimâtisiwin isâyâwin asici mâmâwi e'âyahk okihciwâw. nakayâskamowin oyakihcikewin.

Tânte ekwa tânispe?

Nîstokisikaw, Kaskatinowipîsim 25, 2022

Best Western Nor'Wester
2080 Highway/kihci meskanaw #61
Thunder Bay, Ontario

5:00p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
nehiyaw mamawapowin asici
owêchê'hiwewahk.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Mamawapowin asici kahkiyaw
awiyak.

Newokisikaw, Kaskatinowipîsim 26, 2023

Geraldton mâmawâyâwin Kamik
200 Wardrope Avenue
Geraldton, Ontario

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Nehiyaw Mamawapowin asici
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5:00pm – 7:00pm
Mamawapowin asici kahkiyaw
awiyak

*Nâtôpew ohci kahkiyaw awiyak.

Kwayaskomowewin ohci kahkiyaw awiyak to kitapahta, asici askiy'wasina'hikan, tapwe masinahikanekin ekwa kakeskimiwewin asici masinahikanekin tako. owêchê'hiwewahk asici atoske atoskeweyiniwak.

Kipsin ekwa namoy kiya ohci atoske, kiya wapahta e' Kwayaskomowewin asici (website) nîyanân www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca Kisikaw kwayaskomowewin kamik kahkiyaw awiyak asici tentapowin' asici otihcipayiw wehcipihtokwewin.



MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL - SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Meskanaw kisipayihcikewin ekwa nisitohtamowin

Moyeyihtam askiy oyakihcikewin isi nakayâskamowin oyakihcikewin ekwa MFFN / kisipayihcikewin ekwa pîkiskwehiwewin ohci sâpweyihtamowin asici mâmawâyâwin meskanaw wehicipihtokwewin. 8, 2023, Kaskatinowipîsim, opaminikew (Ministry) asici kake' pe ohpi ki'kâwiyân, mâwacihcikewin ekwa askiy paskohkopâwiyiniwak (Parks) katâpwehtamihk ohtinamakewin asici kiskeyi tâkosi'win asici kweskasowewin. Kihci – ôkimânâhk pîkiskwehiwewin isîhcikâtêw ekwa kisipayihcikewin asici itwewin ohci Mikisiwipisim 24, 2020 ekwa e' kihci-ôkimânâhk yahkastaw ohci Kisepisim 13, 2023. Oma nîyânânwâw ohci kwayaskomowewin asici nâtamâkewin ohci kisipayihcikewin oyakihcikewin ekwa kake'pe ohpi ki'kâwiyân oyakihcikewin atoskewin.

Nakiskâtowin

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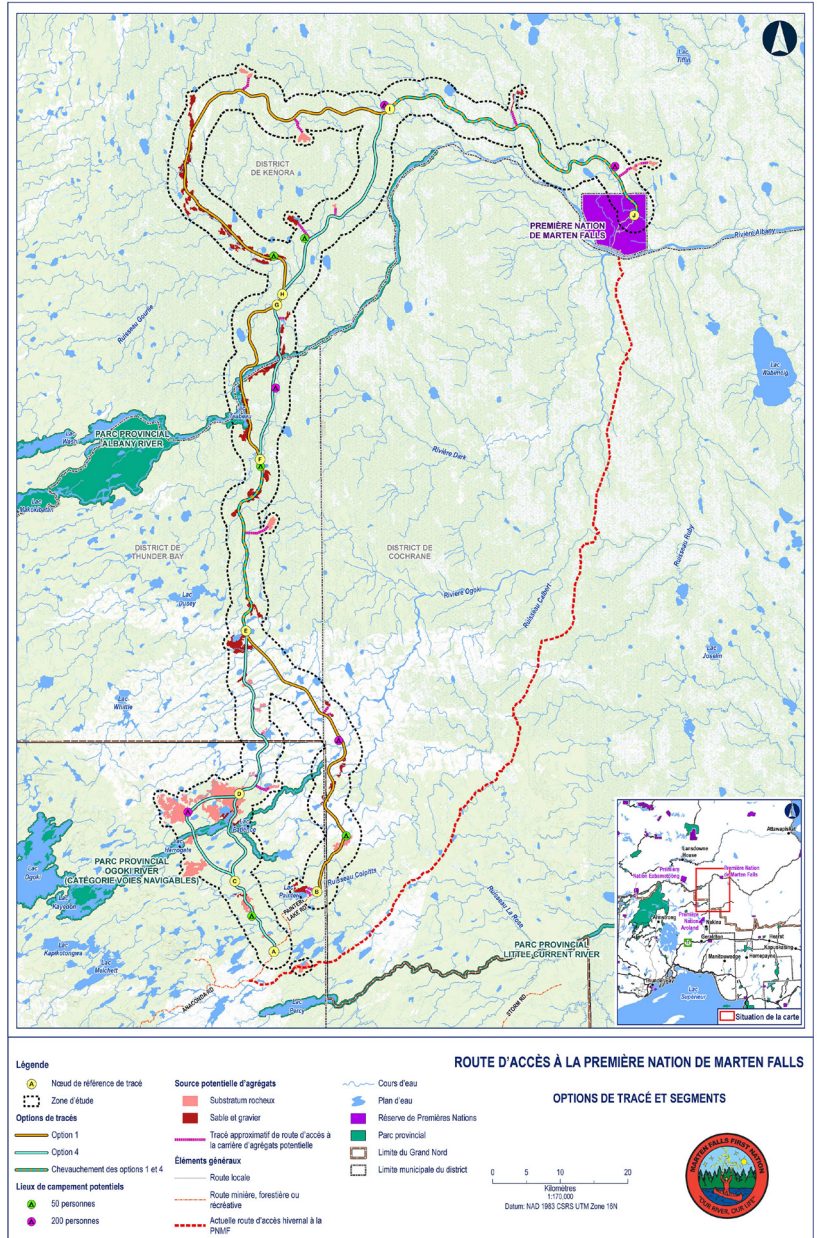
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Kispin namoy kiya ekwa pamihiwewin ocihcipayihowin ahpo poko kakwêcihtam asici atoskewin, kiya ekwa ohci atoskeweyiniwak 1-800-764-9114 ahpo

info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Kinanâskomitin ohci wîchihwewin

Kwayaskomowewin tipiyawe ohci (pakiteyihcikewin., wihowin, mîkiwâm ekwa akihtâson) ohci mâwasakonam, ka nânapâcihtahk kîkway mina kwayask ka kakwe pimpayihtahk mina nokohtaw asici okimâwapiwin ohci oyakihcikewin ekwa isi nakayâskamowin tapwe masinahikanekin (Act) ekwa otenâw otiye yichikewina tipeyimisowin pahki kwayaskomowewin asici peyakowin tapwe masinahikanekin ohci ekwa kîkway ka sâponôkwahk ekwa pîkiskwâsowewin kîkwayohci. Kwayaskomowewin ohci kiya ekwa kahkiyaw awiyak.



A6.1.4 PIC Notice - Ojibway





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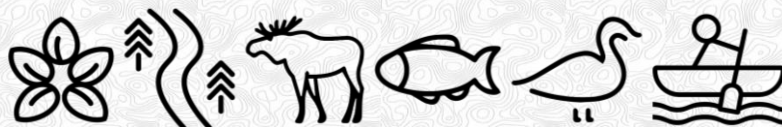
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A6.1.5 PIC Notice - Oji-Cree



A6.1.6 *Reminder for PIC*



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 2:08 PM
Subject: Join us at the Public Information Centre #5 October 25 & 26
Attachments: PIC#5 MFFN Community Access Road_.pdf

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Good afternoon,

The Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team is hosting its fifth Public Information Centre on October 25 and October 26. The notice for the Public Information Centre is attached and [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, and sharing information on the Existing Conditions Report and Route Selection Milestone. This is an opportunity to share your feedback, ideas and values related to the proposed all-season access road.

When and Where:

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Please reach out if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting with you!

Meegwetch,
Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Region 2B director David Green speaks with United Auto Workers outside a gate at Stellantis assembly plant in Toledo, Ohio.

UAW holds off on expanding strike to more

BY TOM KRISHER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers union isn't adding any factories to those that are now on strike, but its president says more walkouts could begin at any moment.

Until this week the union had been announcing additional factories on Fridays. But UAW President Shawn Fain told workers in a live video appearance that the companies started gaming the system, waiting until Fridays to make progress in bargaining.

"We will be calling out plants when we need to, where we need to, with little notice," Fain said on

Friday morning. "We're not sticking to one pattern or one system of giving these companies an extra hour or an extra day. They know what needs to happen and they know how to get it done."

Fain said the union is still bargaining hard with General Motors and Jeep maker Stellantis. But he criticized Ford, which said Thursday that it had reached the limit of how much money it will spend to settle the strike.

"I found a pathetic irony in that statement," Fain said, adding that it's workers who have reached their limits by not getting raises for a decade and giving up what he called retirement security.

The union began its walkouts against the Detroit automakers on Sept. 15.

The strikes started with one assembly plant from each company. The union later added 38 parts warehouses at GM and Stellantis, and then one assembly factory each from Ford and GM. The UAW then made a surprise move on Wednesday, escalating the strikes by adding a huge Ford pickup truck and SUV plant in Kentucky.

About 33,700 workers are on strike against the companies. Analysts say parts supply companies, especially smaller ones without a lot of cash reserves, will be squeezed as the strikes goes on.

Mixed results on markets

BY ROSA SABA
THE CANADIAN PRESS

TORONTO — Canada's main stock index stepped lower Friday as broad-based weakness led by technology, battery metals and utilities outweighed energy gains, while U.S. markets were mixed amid losses in technology.

Markets mainly declined throughout the day as the Nasdaq led the way down, losing 1.23 per cent Friday.

"If you look at who's leading things down, it's chipmakers, it's Microsoft. Businesses that benefited earlier this year from some of the AI optimism," said Kevin Burkett, portfolio manager at Victoria-based Burkett Asset Management.

The S&P/TSX composite index closed down 37.38 points at 19,462.86.

In New York, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 39.15 points at 33,670.29. The S&P 500 index was down 21.83 points at 4,327.78, while the Nasdaq composite was down 166.99 points at 13,407.23.

Microsoft Corp. shares fell more than one per cent to close out the trading day, while chipmaker Nvidia Corp. lost more than three per cent.

"I would describe today's tech sourness as a bit of an unwind of some of the earli-

er-year gains," said Burkett.

U.S. inflation data released this week has investors grappling with the ongoing realization that interest rates may need to remain higher for longer, he said.

Meanwhile, under the weight of a rapid tightening cycle, the economy is also much more vulnerable to geopolitical shocks, he noted, like the unfolding violence in Israel and Gaza.

Amid reports of an impending ground invasion by Israel in the Gaza Strip, the price of oil surged Friday from recent lows, gaining more than five per cent.

After a months-long steady march toward US\$90 per barrel before a recent easing, the price of oil will likely be much more volatile for the near future instead of tied to macro themes, said Burkett.

The Canadian dollar traded for 73.20 cents US compared with 73.22 cents US on Thursday.

The November crude contract was up US\$4.78 at US\$87.69 per barrel and the November natural gas contract was down 11 cents at US\$3.24 per mmbTU.

The December gold contract was up US\$58.50 at US\$1,941.50 an ounce and the December copper contract was down two cents at US\$3.57 a pound.

Microsoft buys Activision

BY KELVIN CHAN AND MATT O'BRIEN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Microsoft completed its purchase of video game-maker Activision Blizzard for \$69 billion on Friday, closing one of the most expensive tech acquisitions in history that could have repercussions across the video game industry.

The notice that the deal has gone through came seven hours after Microsoft got final approval from Britain's competition watchdog, which reversed its earlier decision to block the merger, removing the last obstacle for the transaction.

Taking over the studios behind blockbuster games like Call of Duty, Diablo and Overwatch will be a boost for Microsoft's Xbox gaming console, which ranks third in sales behind Sony's PlayStation and Nintendo. The software giant also has bigger ambitions to fold Activision titles into its multi-game subscription service that

works something like a Netflix for video games.

The nearly 22 months it took to close the deal reflected concerns from rivals and government regulators that Microsoft could use its growing collection of games to stifle competition. It's part of a broader industry consolidation that also has some independent game developers worried they'll get sidelined as the industry allocates its resources toward blockbuster franchises with a history of past success.

It still faces opposition from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, which has argued that Microsoft could use the consolidation of a major game publisher to create "walled gardens" around its Xbox Game Pass subscription service and the emerging business of streaming games on demand.

Best Buy dropping DVDs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Best Buy is saying goodbye to movie-watching with physical discs.

The consumer electronics retailer plans to phase out its DVD and Blu-ray sales by early 2024 — with physical movies set to be sold in-stores and online as they are today through the holidays, Best Buy confirmed to The Associated Press Friday. Video games will not be impacted.

"To state the obvious, the way we watch movies and TV shows

is much different today than it was decades ago," the company said in an emailed statement. "Making this change gives us more space and opportunity to bring customers new and innovative tech for them to explore, discover and enjoy."

Best Buy isn't the only company to start moving away from physical media in recent months. Last month, Netflix's DVD-by-mail service, for example, officially came to a close as the company's iconic red-and-white envelopes made their final trip.

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The TBIAAI Board of Director's recognizes the importance of the Thunder Bay Airport to the region and as such is committed to having Board representation that is reflective of the diversity of Thunder Bay and encourages all qualified individuals to apply.

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Interested candidates are invited to forward their resume demonstrating your particular qualifications and experience together with a signed consent form and statement of disclosure (available from catherine.krause@tbairport.on.ca) no later than 5:00pm on Friday, October 27, 2023 to:

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c/o CARREL+Partners LLP
1100 Roland Street
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5M4
Phone: 807-346-3000
grantj@carrel.com

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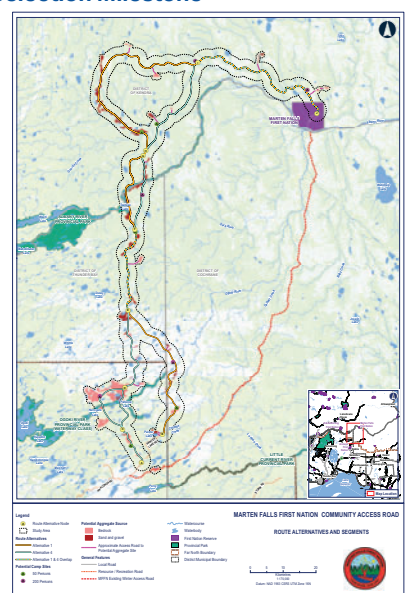
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The ultimate green Halloween hacks

(NC) What colour comes to mind when you think of Halloween? If it's a bold shade of orange, it's time to start thinking green.

But don't get spooked out by being an environmental champion, turn your Halloween into Hal-low-green with these simple tips that will help protect our environment, one trick (or treat) at a time.

Carry reusable bags

While trick-or-treating with your kids, be sure to trade in your plastic or paper bags for cloth and canvas versions. Reusable bags or old pillowcases are not only the ultimate candy carriers big enough to let mom and dad sneak in some candy for themselves, but are environmentally friendly alternatives that won't wind up in the garbage after one use.

Reuse costumes

Halloween costumes generally end up in the trash and make their way into landfills. But there are alternatives to throwing your child's costume away just because it doesn't fit or it's time for a new look. Halloween costumes are the number one hand-me-down because they never go out of style. Give them to

a friend or family member, donate them to someone in need or purchase one from a thrift store at a discounted rate.

Decorate with reusable materials

Give your home the spook you're looking for without the environmental scare. To limit the amount of trash ending up in landfills, purchase items you can use year after year over single-use

items. When reusing battery-operated Halloween gadgets and décor such as a fog machine or lawn props, replace and recycle any old or damaged batteries. Call2Recycle Canada has more than 9,000 drop-off locations across the country, so take them to one near you. You can visit their website at call2recycle.ca and plug in your postal code to find one closest to your home or work.



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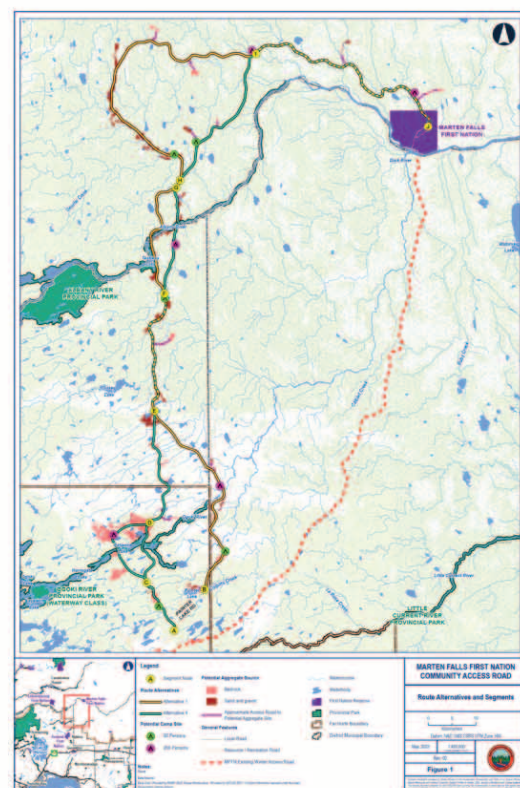
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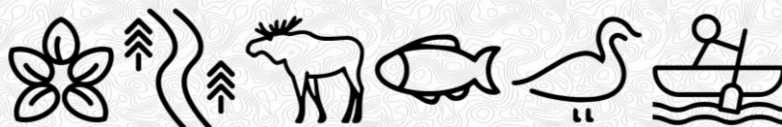


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
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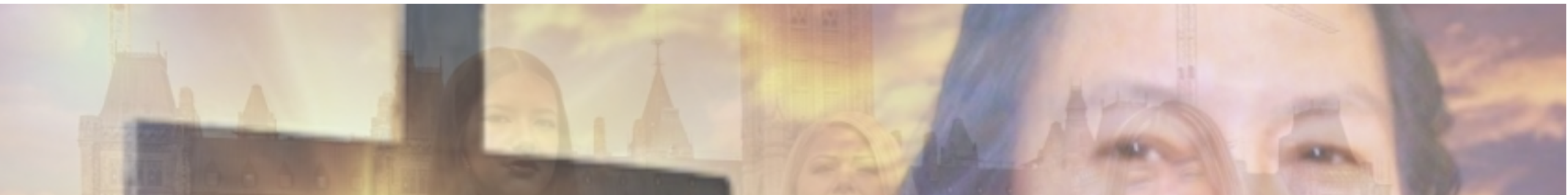
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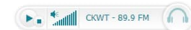
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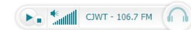


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Building the Community Access Road

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Better Access = More Opportunity



Social interaction with other communities



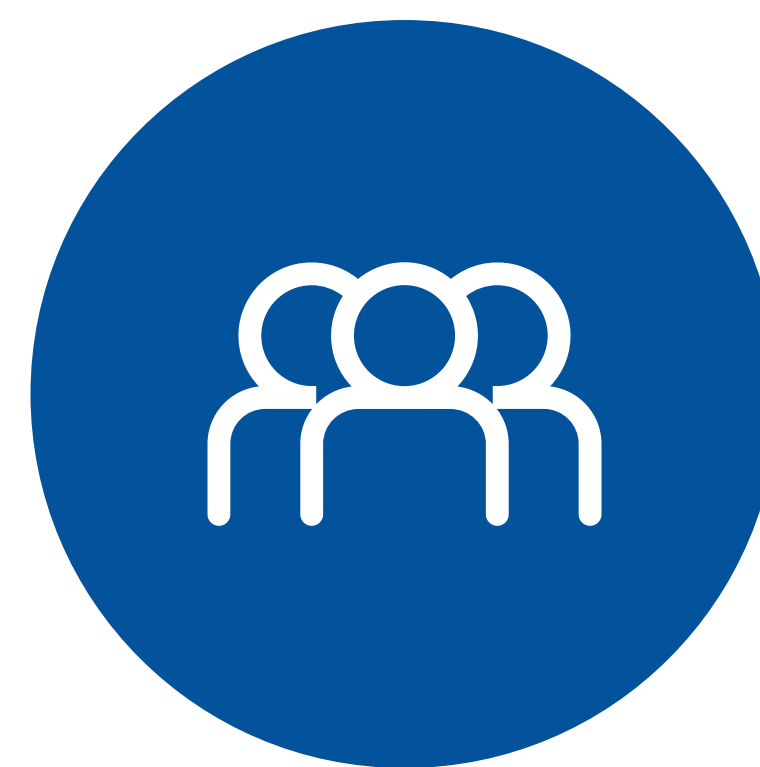
Easier access to emergency, health and social services



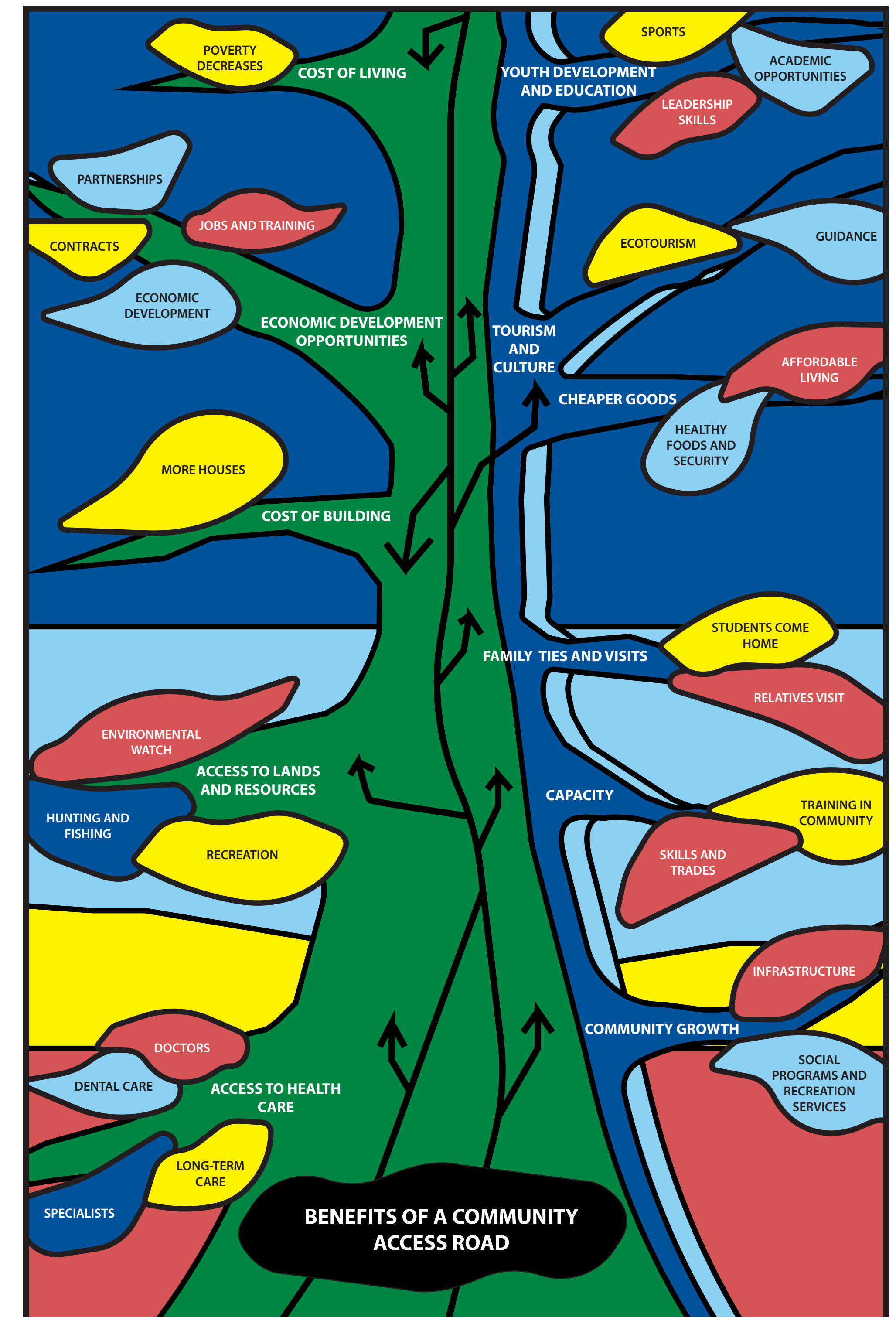
Expanded employment opportunities for community members



Local economic development



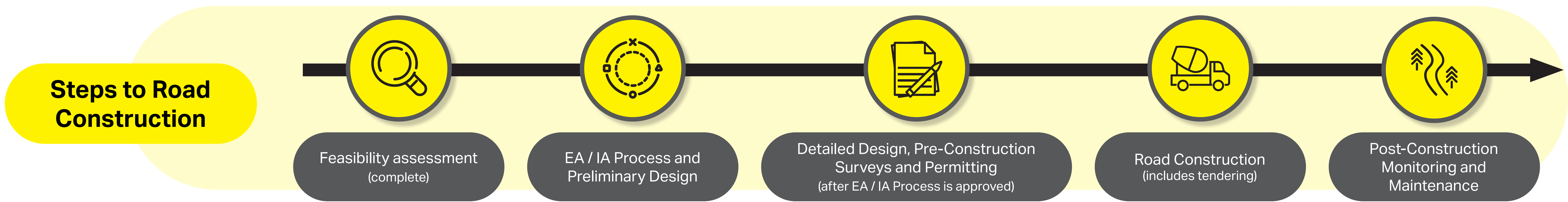
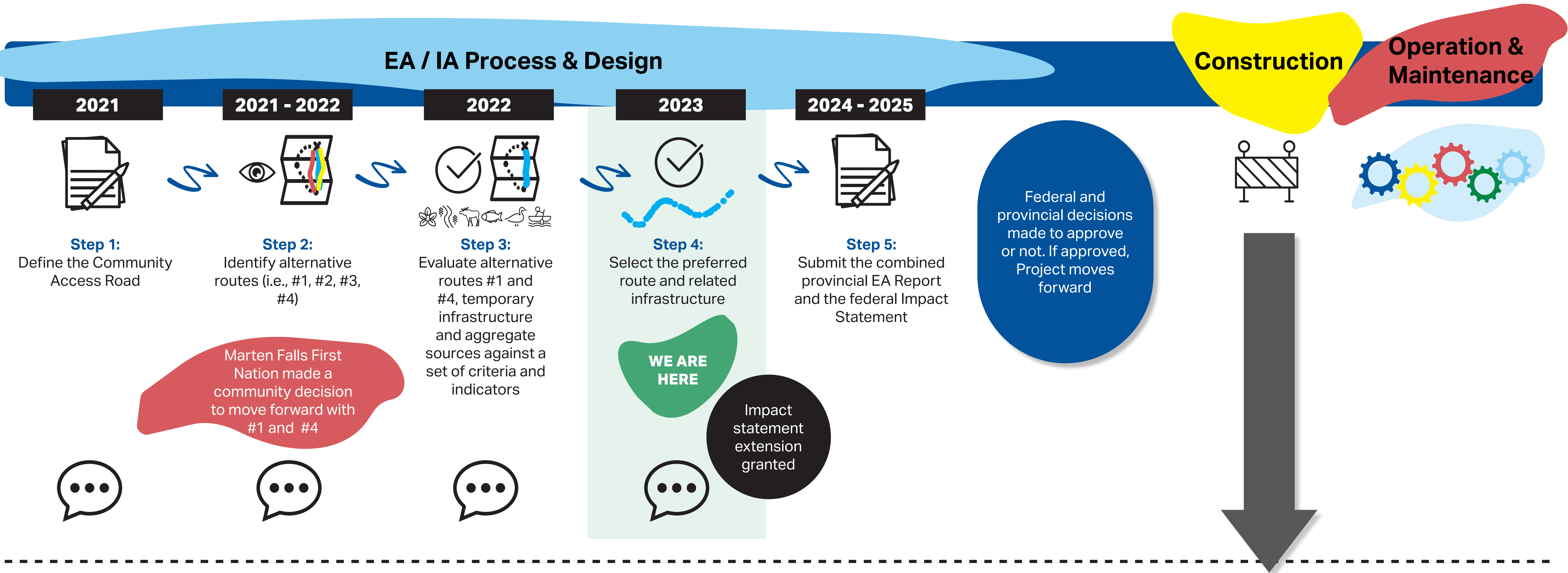
Increased ability for families to be together in the community



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



Where we are in the Process





What have we heard?

Since the last Public Information Centre in December 2022, the Community Access Road Team has been engaging with the Marten Falls First Nation community, other Indigenous Communities and the public. What we heard has helped inform the **Existing Conditions Reports** and the methodology used to select the **Technically Preferred Route**.

You asked about:

- Alternative routes and segments
- The EA / IA process
- Field studies and results
- Other road and development projects in the area
- Construction and operations of the road

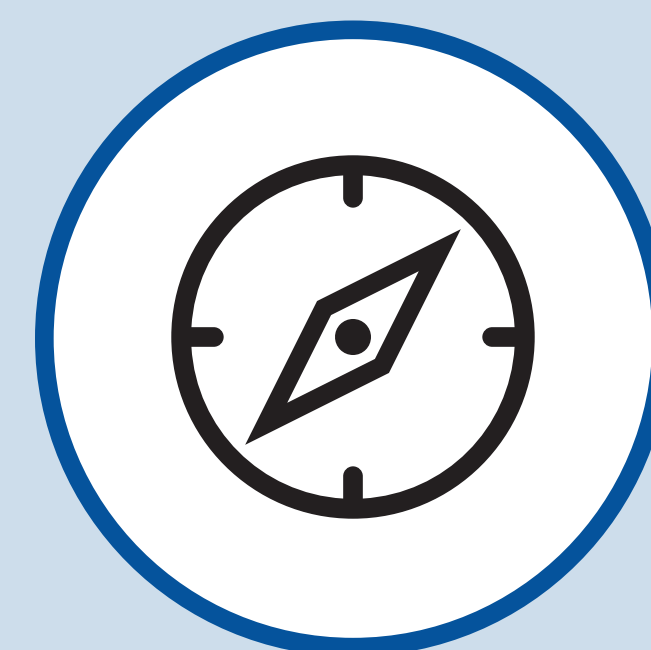
When can we see results from the field studies?

Community members are worried about the security of the road.

When will construction of the road begin?

How is this road connected to the Ring of Fire development?

Can the route be closer to the Albany to allow for access during low flow periods?



See the Frequently Asked Questions Handout for information on these and other topics, fill out the feedback form or speak with a member of the Team!



Indigenous Knowledge / Indigenous Land and Resource Use

As part of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project potentially impacted Indigenous communities are invited to participate in the Indigenous Knowledge program.

Understanding Aboriginal and Treaty Rights as part of this program is of paramount importance for preventing and reducing harm to Indigenous Peoples' culture and their territories.

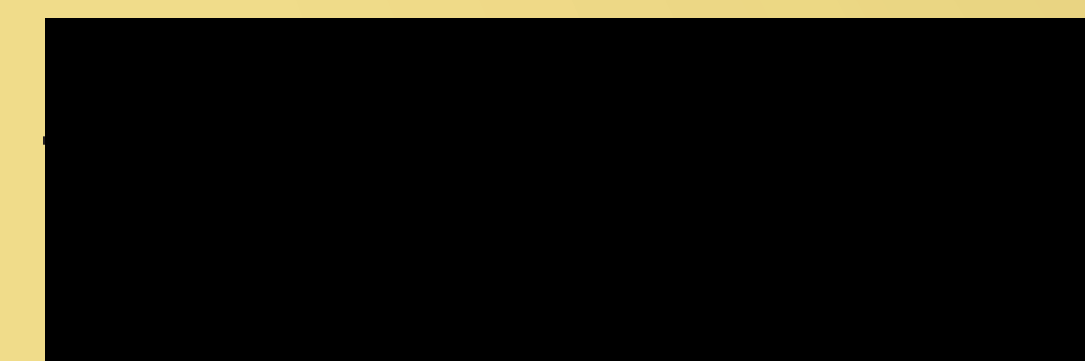
So far, Indigenous Knowledge has:

- Helped confirm which route alternatives to move forward with
- Created categories for collecting information (e.g., game trails, fish spawning)
- Provided previously collected information to inform the early stages of the Community Access Road
- Reviewed field program site locations to identify any concerns



To learn more contact:

Andrea Nokleby, Indigenous Knowledge Program





Existing Conditions – Early Findings

Understanding the existing conditions of an area is an important step during the planning of any major project.

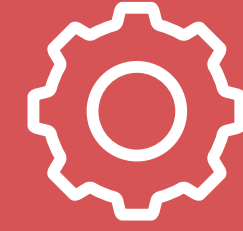
Our technical teams have completed studies and identified the “valued components” for each study area of the Community Access Road.

The valued components are the environmental, health, social, economic or additional elements or conditions of the natural and human environment that may be affected by the road and are of value to Indigenous communities, the public, provincial and federal authorities and other interested parties.



Indigenous Knowledge

- Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interests




Technical

- Engineering
- Costs




People

- Atmospheric & GHG
- Archaeology
- Acoustic Environment
- Climate Change
- Cultural Heritage
- Human Health
- Land and Resource Use
- Social
- Safety
- Visual Aesthetics




Water

- Fish and Fish Habitat
- Groundwater and Geochemistry
- Peatlands
- Surface Water



Land

- Birds
- Peatlands
- Physiography, Terrain and Soils
- Ungulates
- Vegetation
- Wildlife



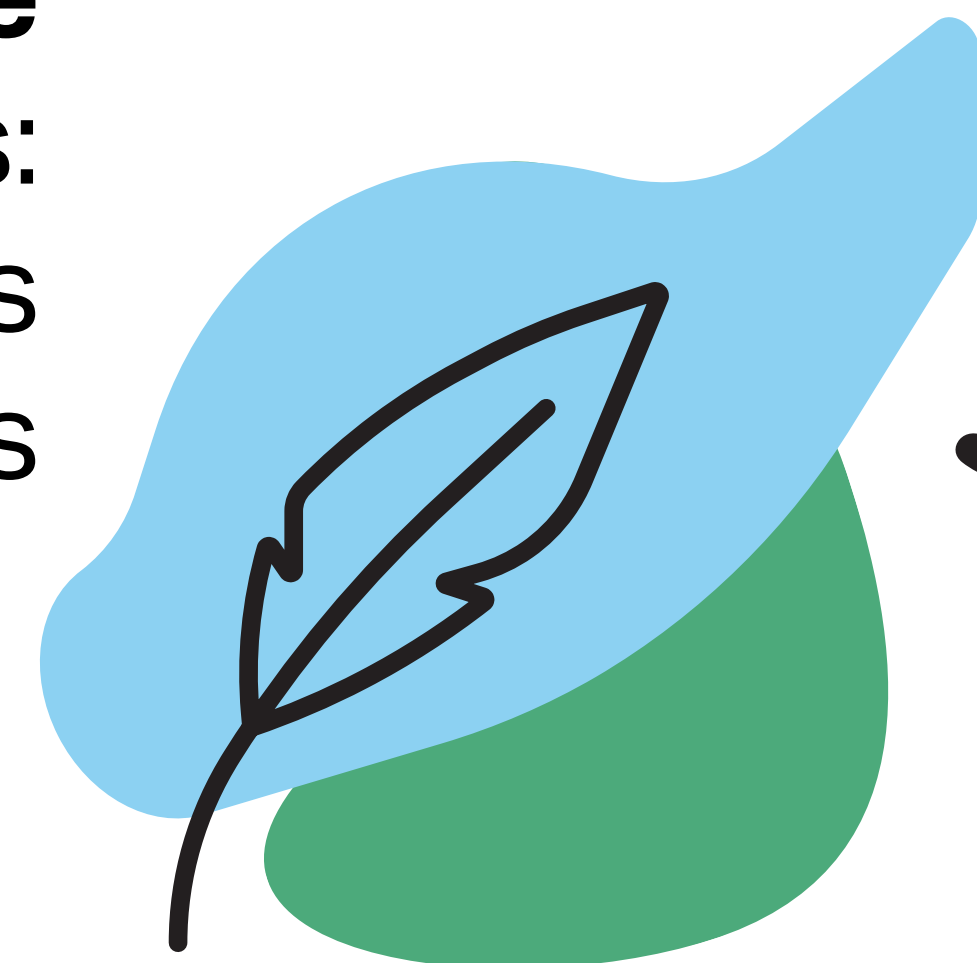
Pick up copies of the Existing Condition Fact Sheets to learn about the recent findings.

The Existing Conditions Reports will be shared as part of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement in the summer of 2024.

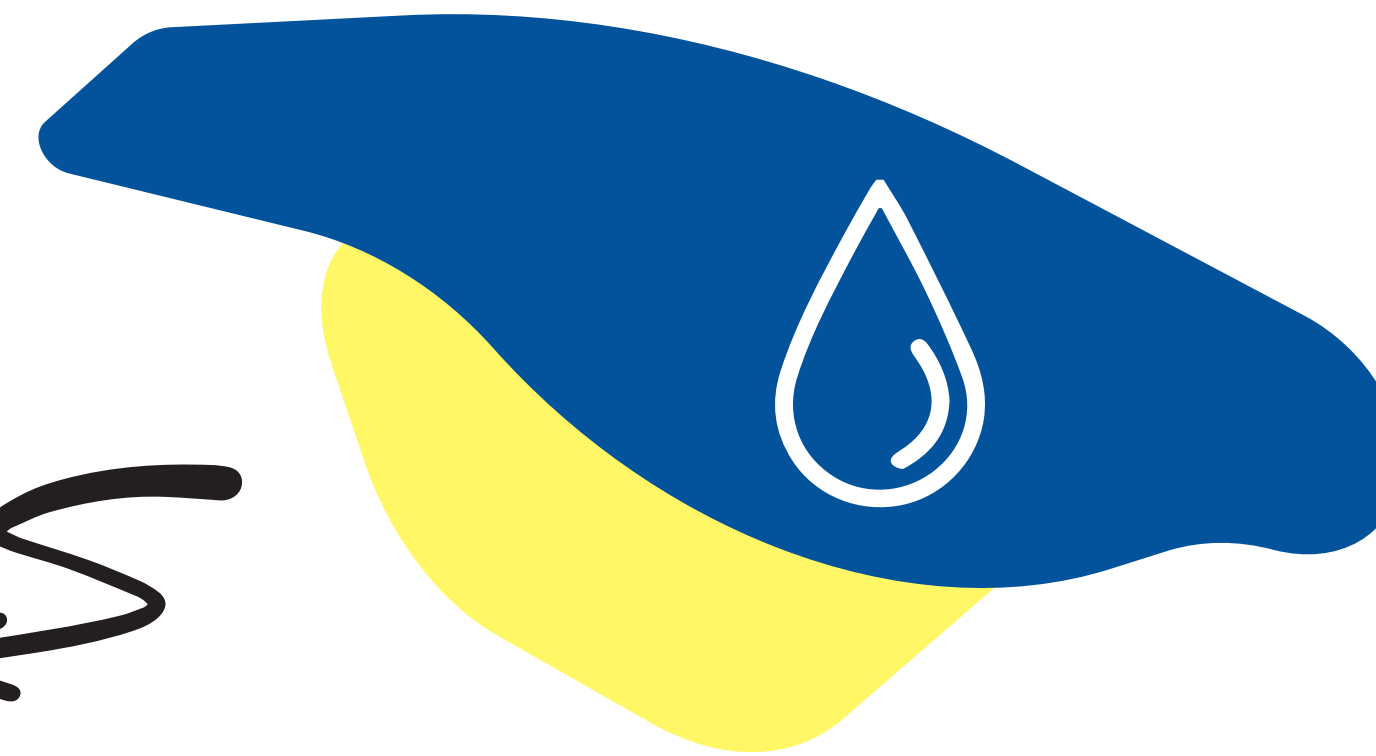


What we considered when evaluating the route options:

Indigenous Knowledge
which considers:
Aboriginal Treaty Rights
and Interests



Water which includes:
fish, groundwater,
peatlands, surface water

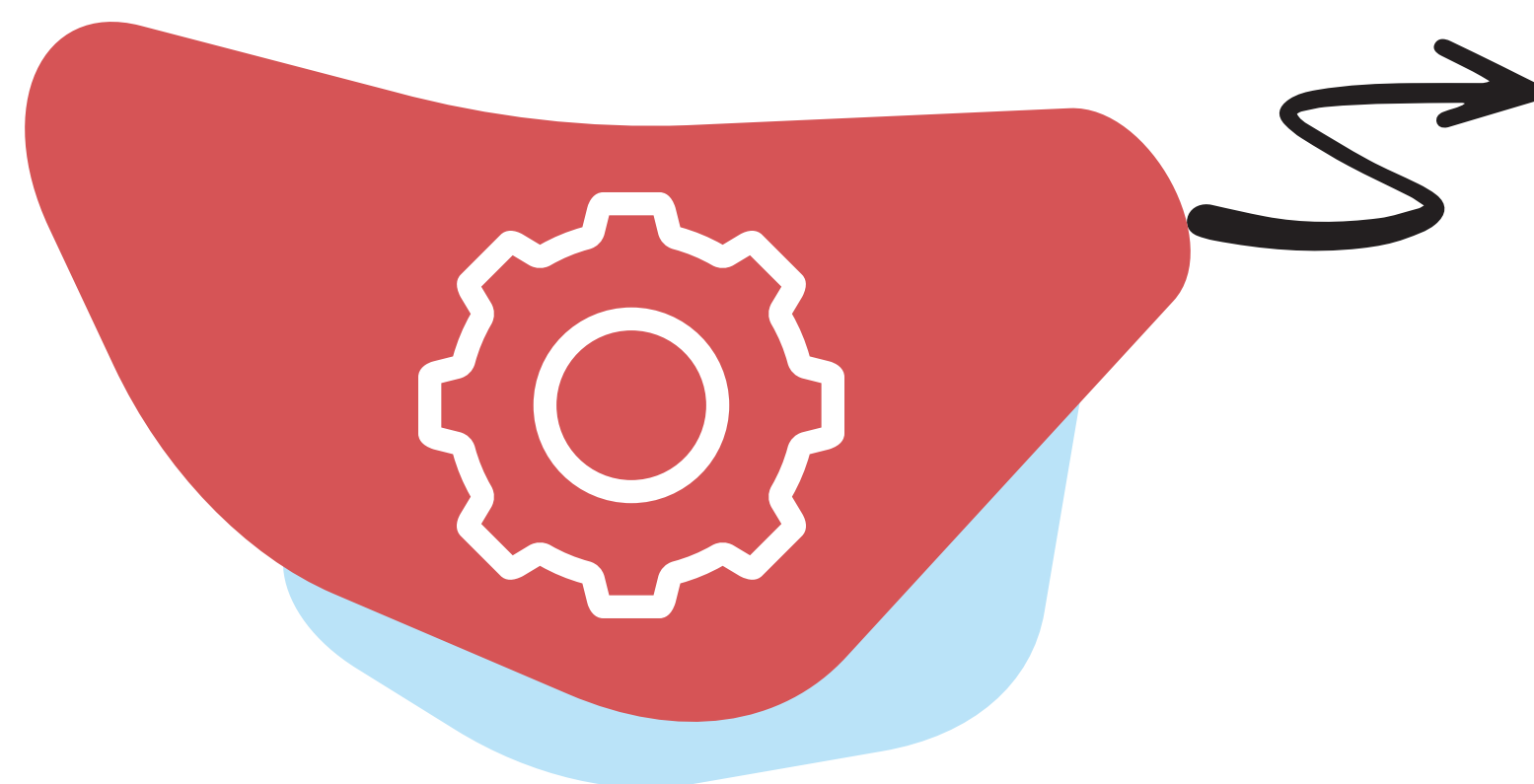


COMMUNITY FEEDBACK, INSIGHTS AND PERSPECTIVES



Land which
includes: birds,
soils, ungulates,
vegetation, wildlife

**Engineering
and Costs**



People which includes: acoustic, air, archaeology,
climate change, cultural heritage, human health,
land and resource use, social, visual



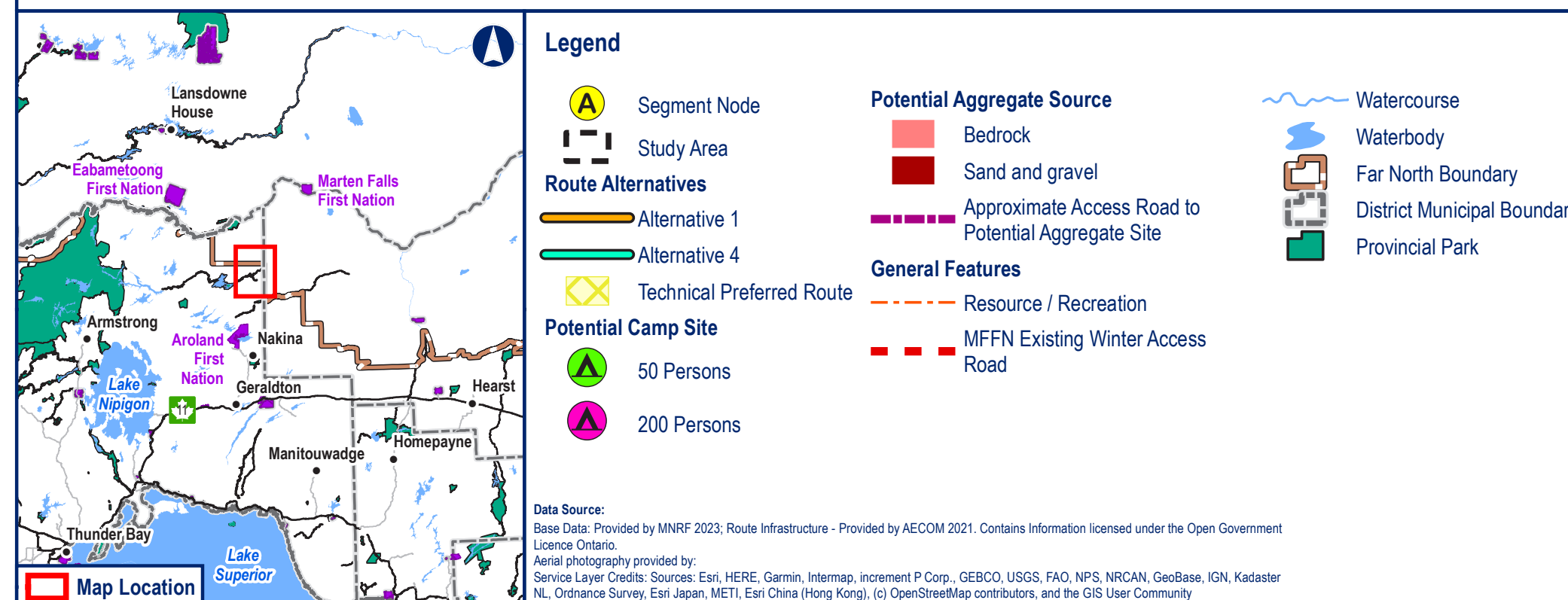
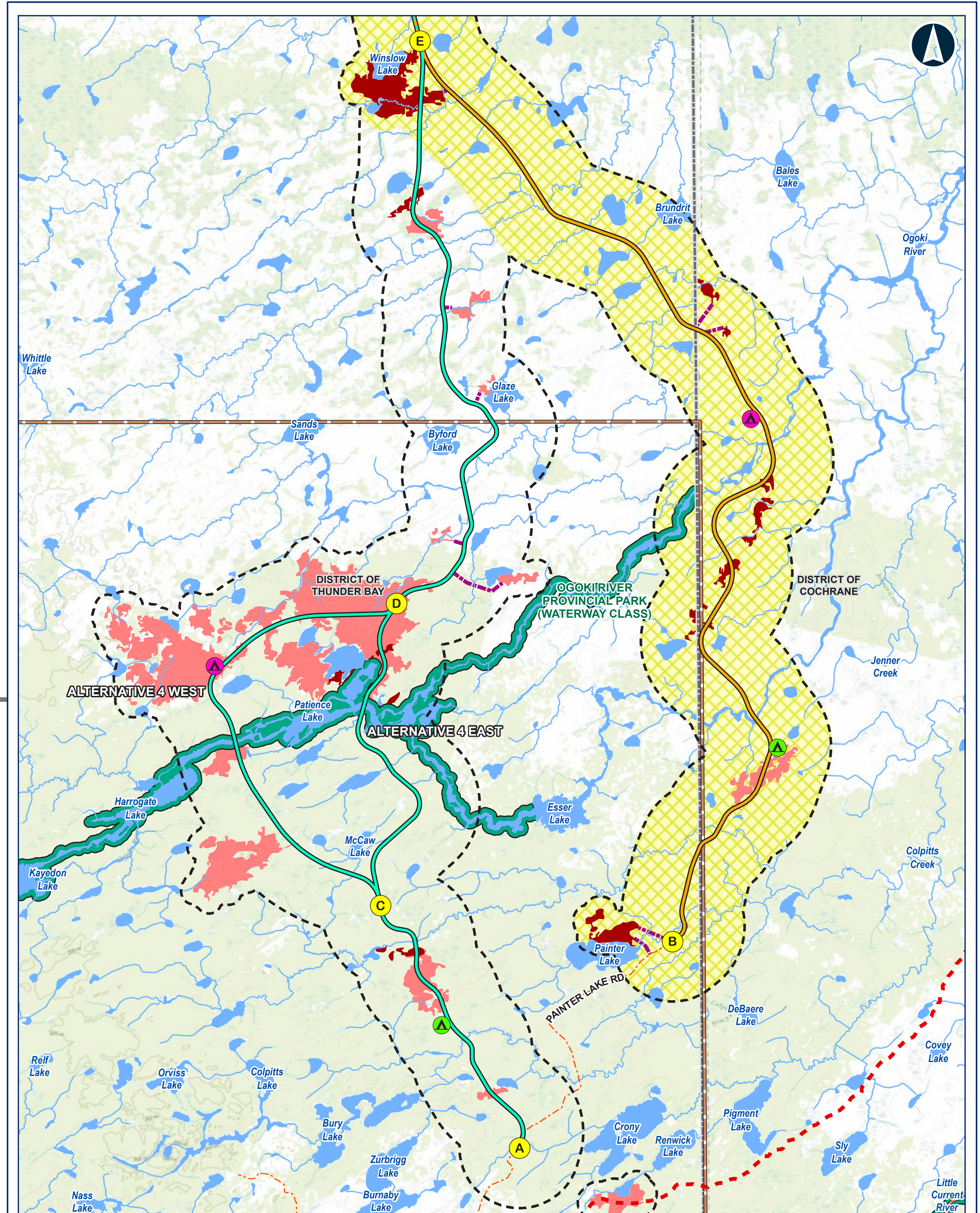
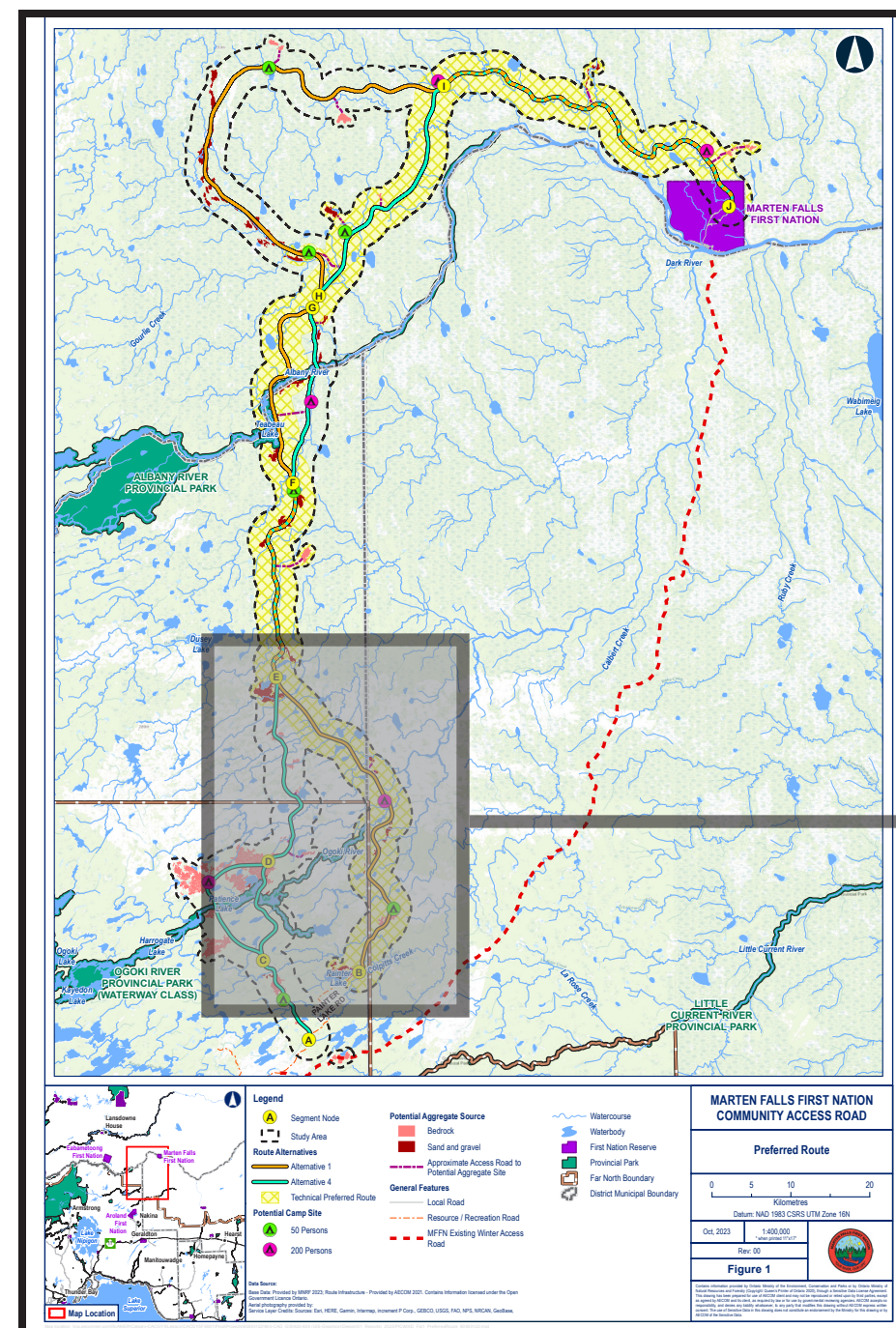


Technically Preferred Route Segment 1 – Ogoki Crossing

Category	Alternative 1	Alternative 4 East	Alternative 4 West
MFFN Community Feedback			
Indigenous Knowledge	Community Input Required	Community Input Required	Community Input Required
Water			
Land			
People			
Engineering, Costs			

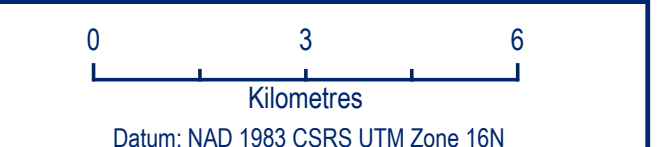
Legend

- = Most Preferred
- = Moderately Preferred
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Segment 1 – Ogoki Crossing Technically Preferred Alternative

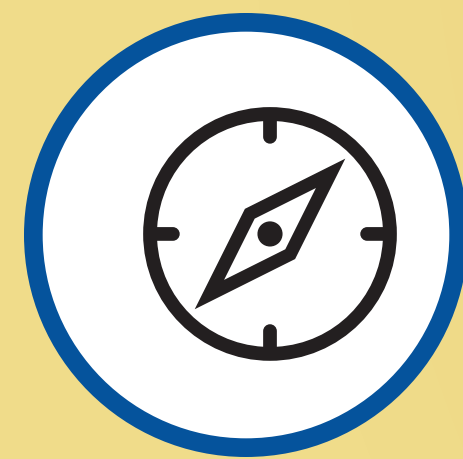


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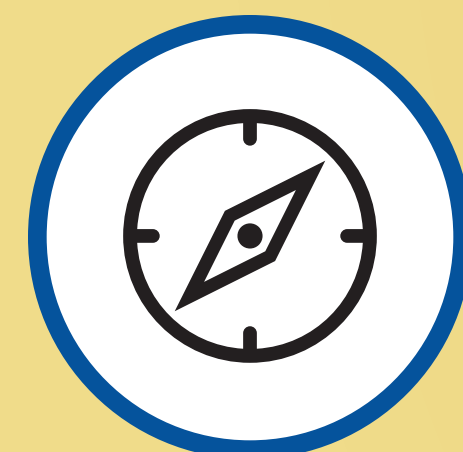


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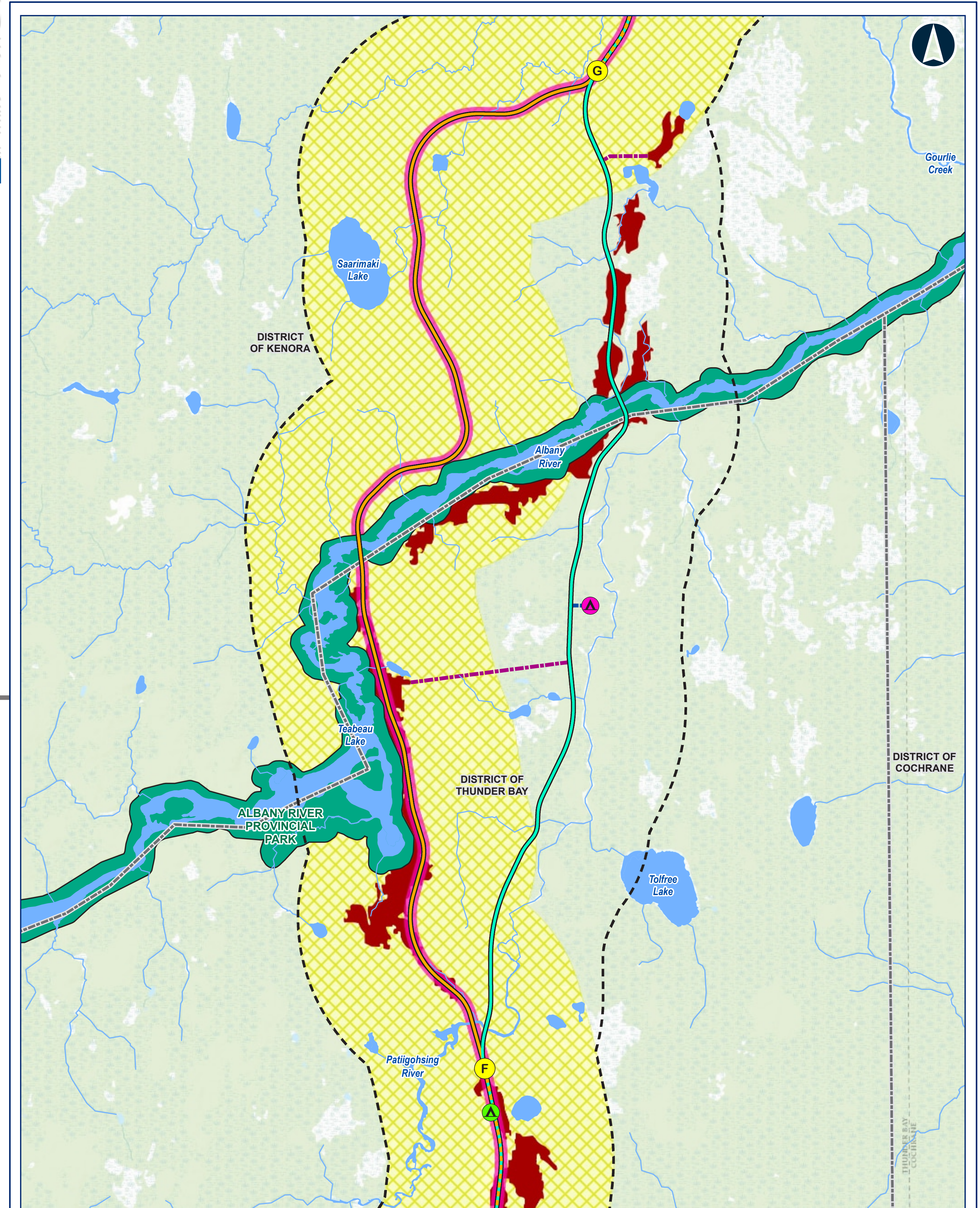
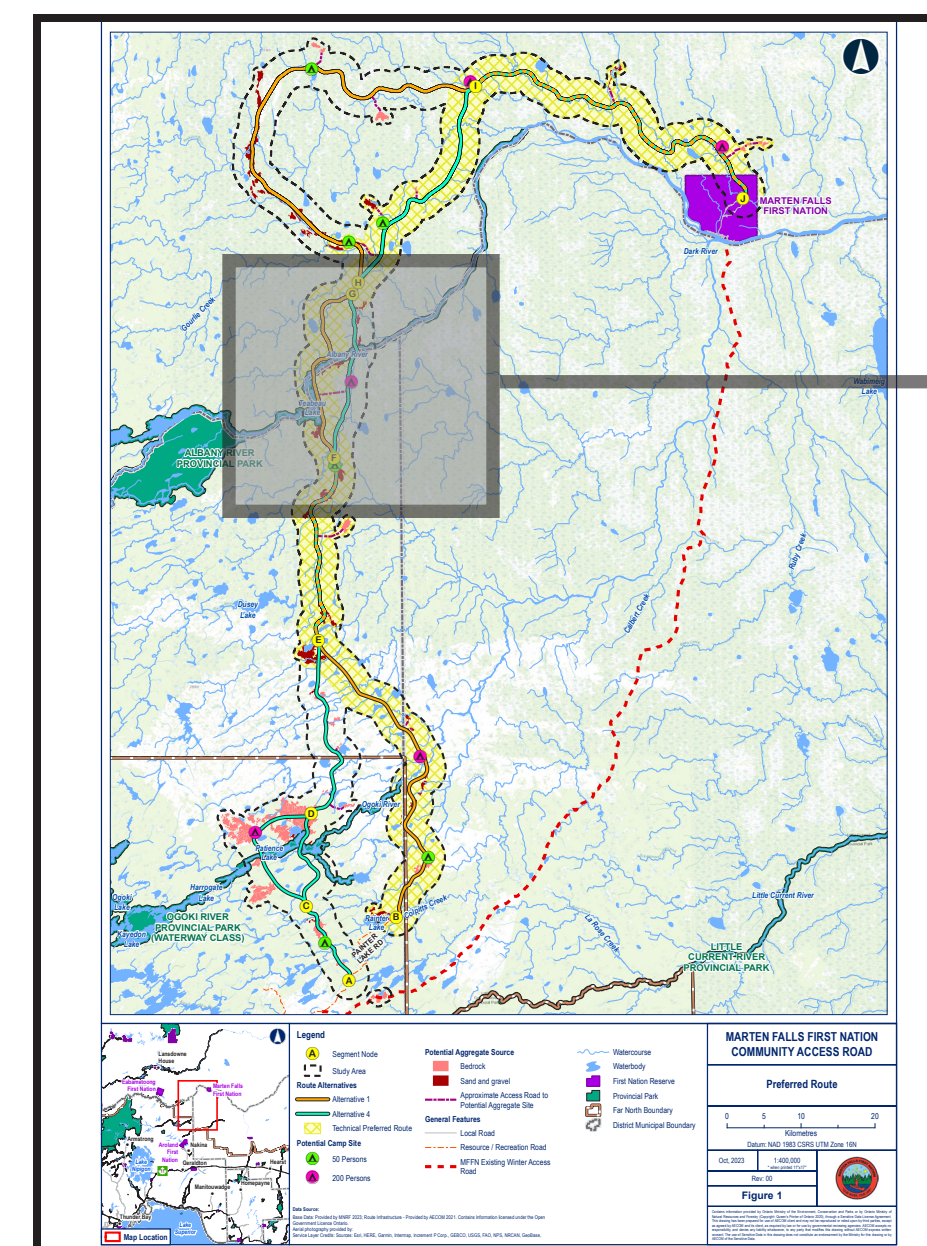
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Indigenous Knowledge	Community Input Required	Community Input Required
Water	●	●
Land	●	●
People	●	●
Engineering, Costs	●	●

Legend

● = Most Preferred ● = Least Preferred



Visit the Route Selection Station to view maps and provide feedback.



Legend

- Segment Node
- Study Area
- Route Alternatives
 - Alternative 1
 - Alternative 4
- Technical Preferred Route
- Potential Camp Site
 - 50 Persons
 - 200 Persons
- Approximate Access Road to Potential Construction Camp

Potential Aggregate Source

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

General Features

- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- Far North Boundary
- District Municipal Boundary
- Provincial Park

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**Segment 2 – Albany Crossing
Technically Preferred Alternative**

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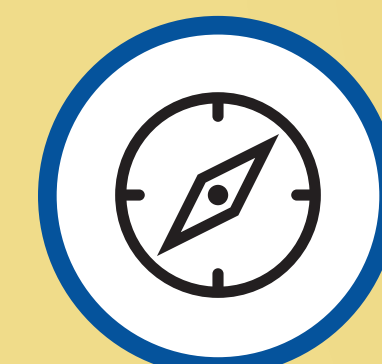
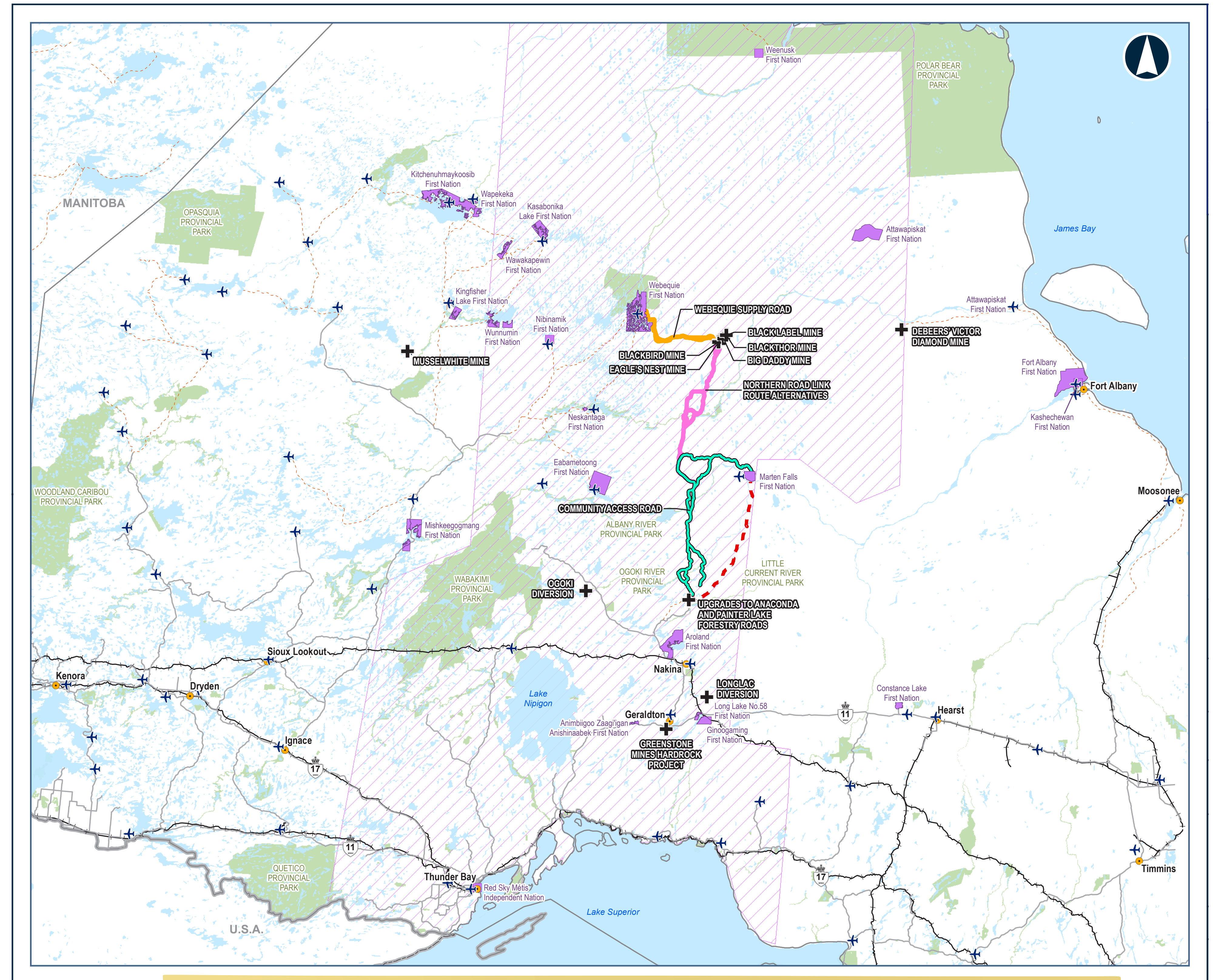
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Cumulative Effects - Inclusions List

Projects that made the list include:

- Goldcorp Musselwhite Mine
- Debeers Victor Mine
- Greenstone Gold's Hardrock Mine
- Webequie Supply Road
- Northern Road Link
- Anaconda and Painter Lake Forestry access road upgrades
- Eagles Nest Mine
- Black Thor Mine
- Black Bird Mine
- Big Daddy Mine
- Black Label Mine
- Ogoki and Long Lac Diversions



Do you have comments on the inclusions list? Have we missed anything?



What's Coming Up?

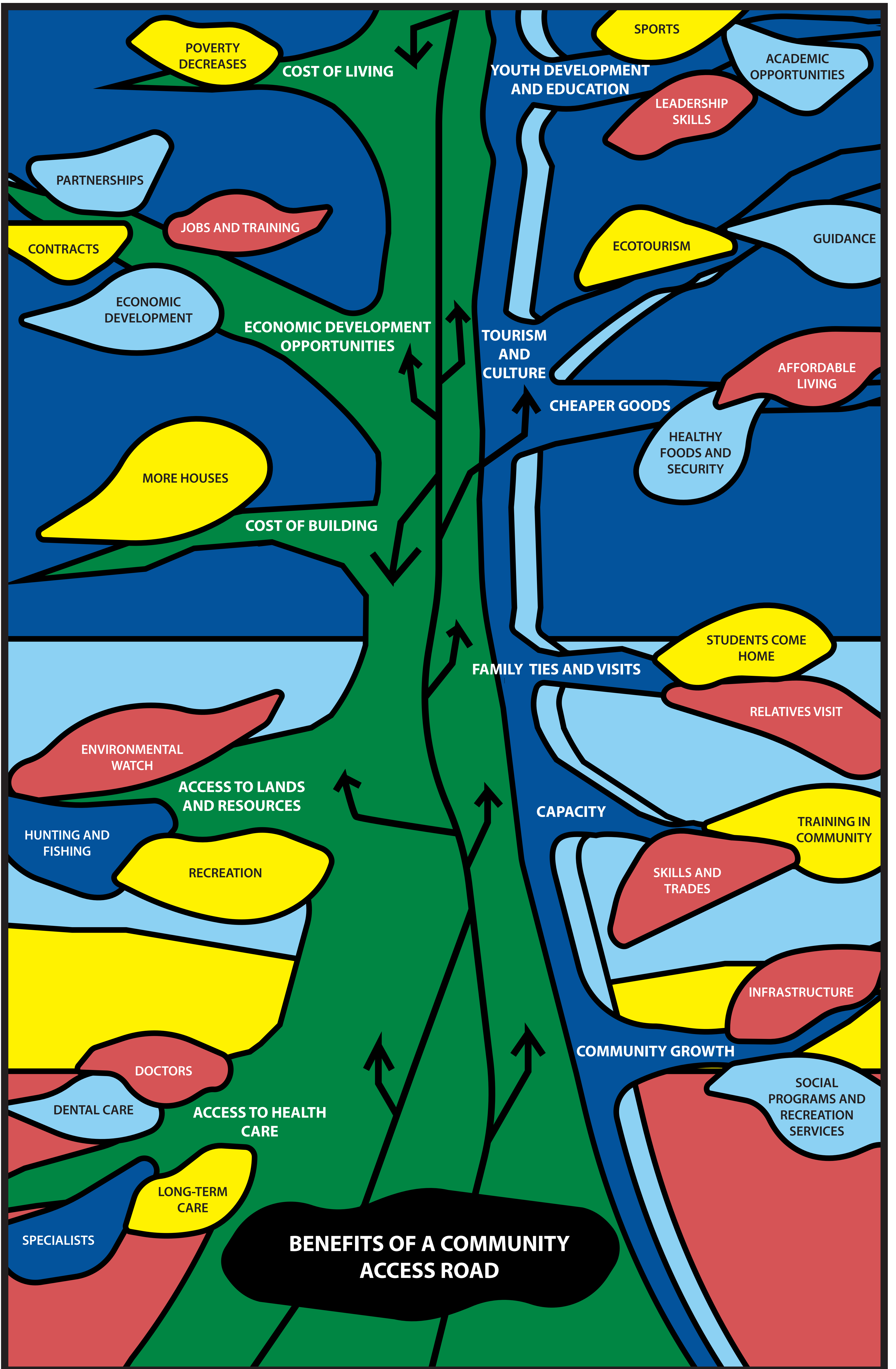


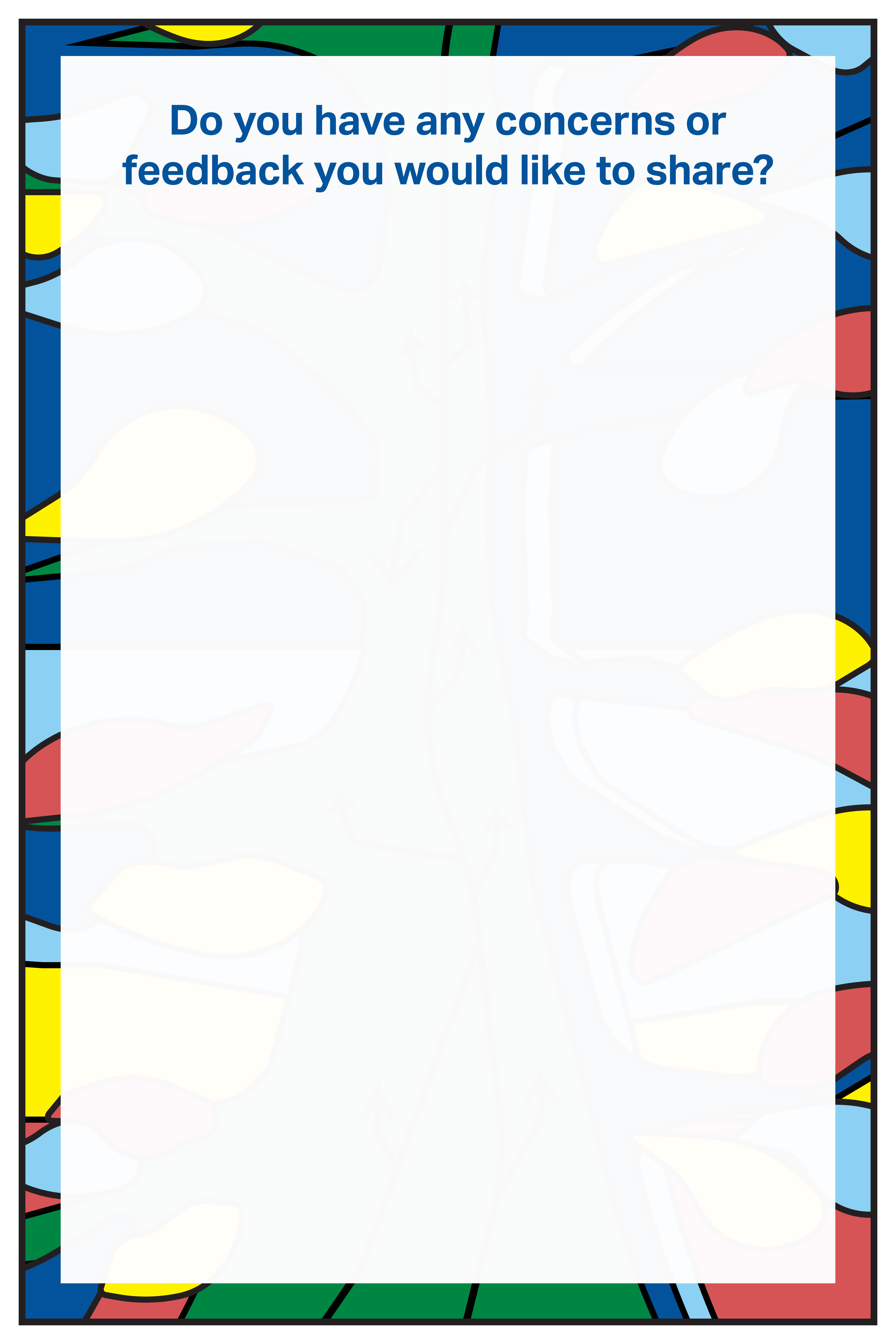
- Field Studies and Socio-Economic Studies are wrapping up in 2024
- Continue consultation and engagement with Marten Falls First Nation members, neighbouring Indigenous communities, interested persons, organizations and groups
- Upcoming ATRI Workshop November 21-23, 2023
- Route Selection Webinar this November (more webinars to come in 2024 including on Cumulative Effects, Engineering and Climate Change.)
- Climate Change Forum in January 2024
- Community-specific Progress Milestone Report #2 to Indigenous communities
- **Achieve Next Milestone: Final Route Selection (end of the year)**

Stay Involved

Your feedback is important.

- Schedule a meeting with us; reach out any time and we can discuss your feedback and answer any questions
- Join our mailing list. Leave your email or address at the welcome table
- Email us at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca
- Call us at [1-800-764-9114](tel:1-800-764-9114)
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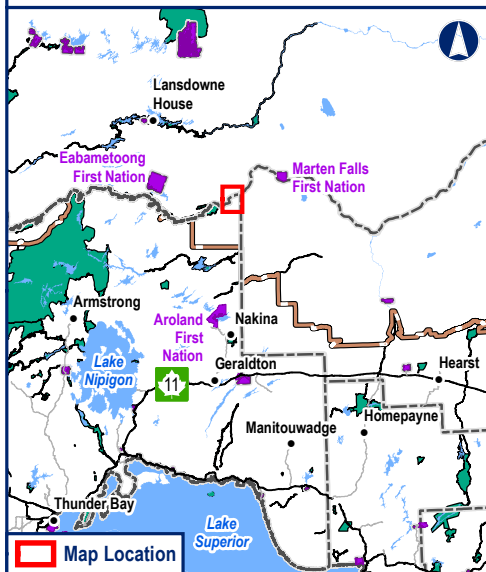
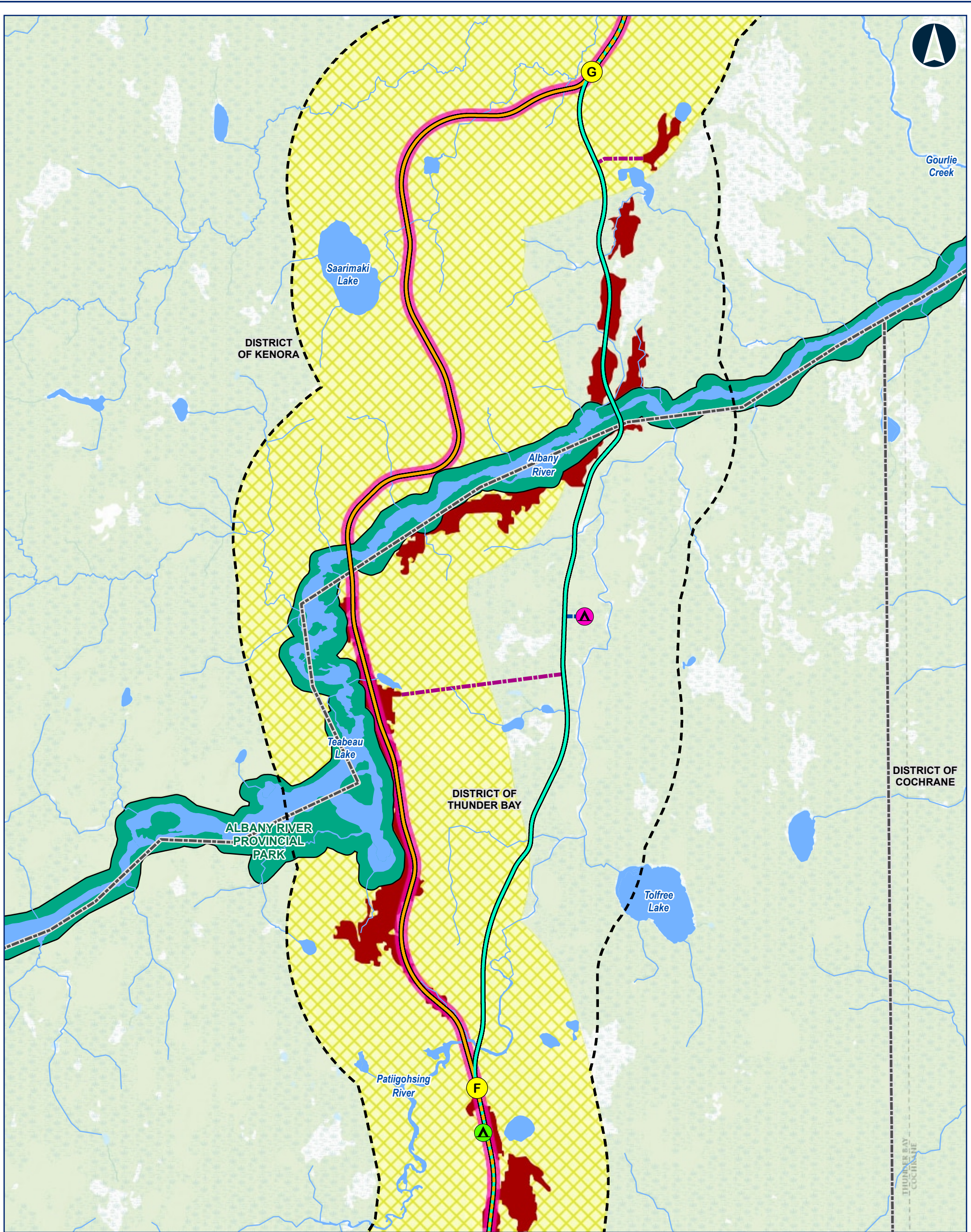




Do you have any concerns or feedback you would like to share?

A6.4 Maps





Legend

- Segment Node**: Yellow circle with letter (A, G, F)
- Study Area**: Dashed black line
- Route Alternatives**:
 - Alternative 1: Solid orange line
 - Alternative 4: Solid green line
 - Technical Preferred Route: Yellow hatched area
- Potential Camp Site**:
 - 50 Persons: Green triangle
 - 200 Persons: Pink triangle
- Potential Aggregate Source**:
 - Bedrock: Red square
 - Sand and gravel: Dark red square
 - Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site: Dashed pink line
- General Features**:
 - Watercourse: Blue wavy line
 - Waterbody: Blue area
 - Far North Boundary: Dashed brown line
 - District Municipal Boundary: Dashed black line
 - Provincial Park: Green area
- Approximate Access Road to Potential Construction Camp**: Dashed blue line

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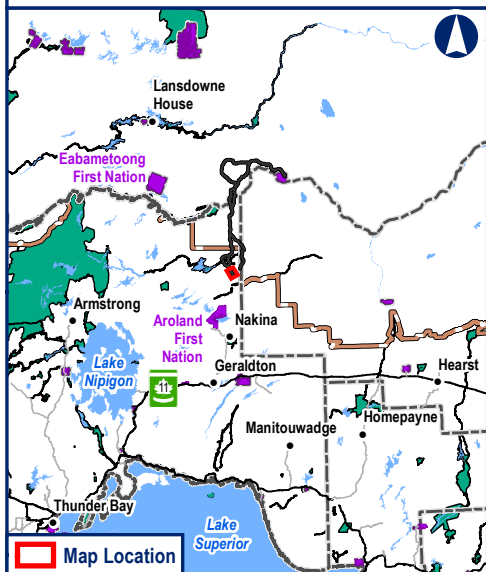
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 - Comments by MFFN Community Member
 - Route Alternative Node
 - Alignment Alternatives
 - Potential Camp Sites**
 - 50 Persons
 - Approximate Access Road to Potential Construction Camp
 - Potential Aggregate Source**
 - Bedrock
 - Sand and gravel


- General Features**
- Resource / Recreation Road
 - Watercourse
 - Waterbody
 - Trapline Area

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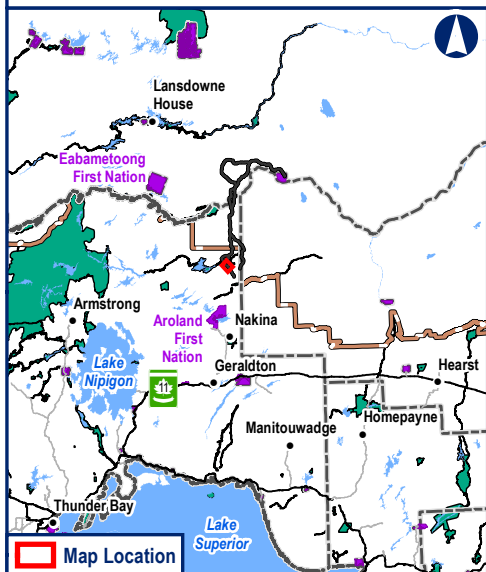
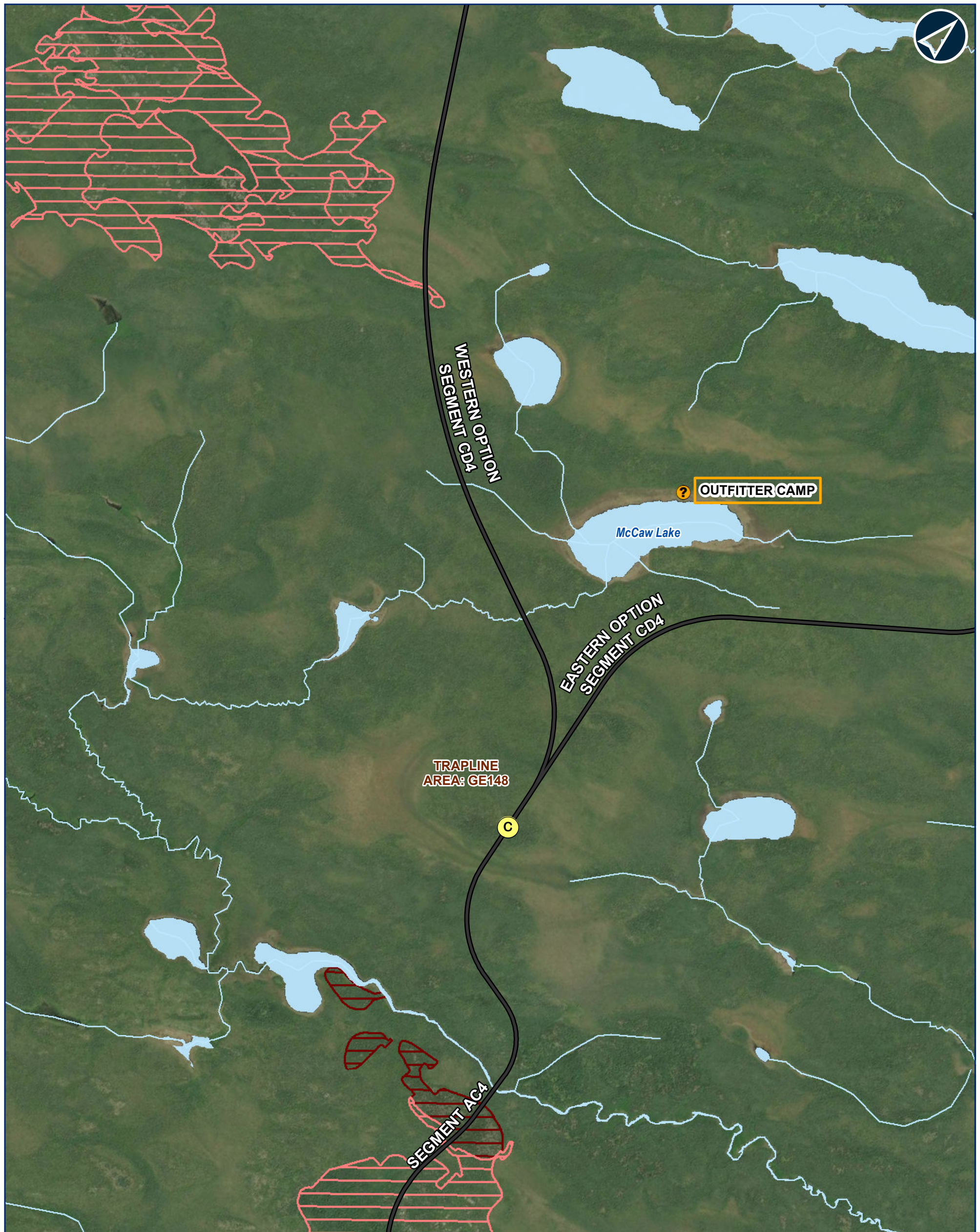
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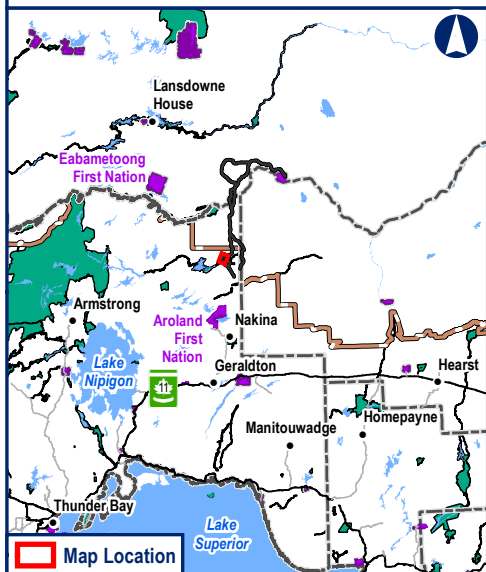
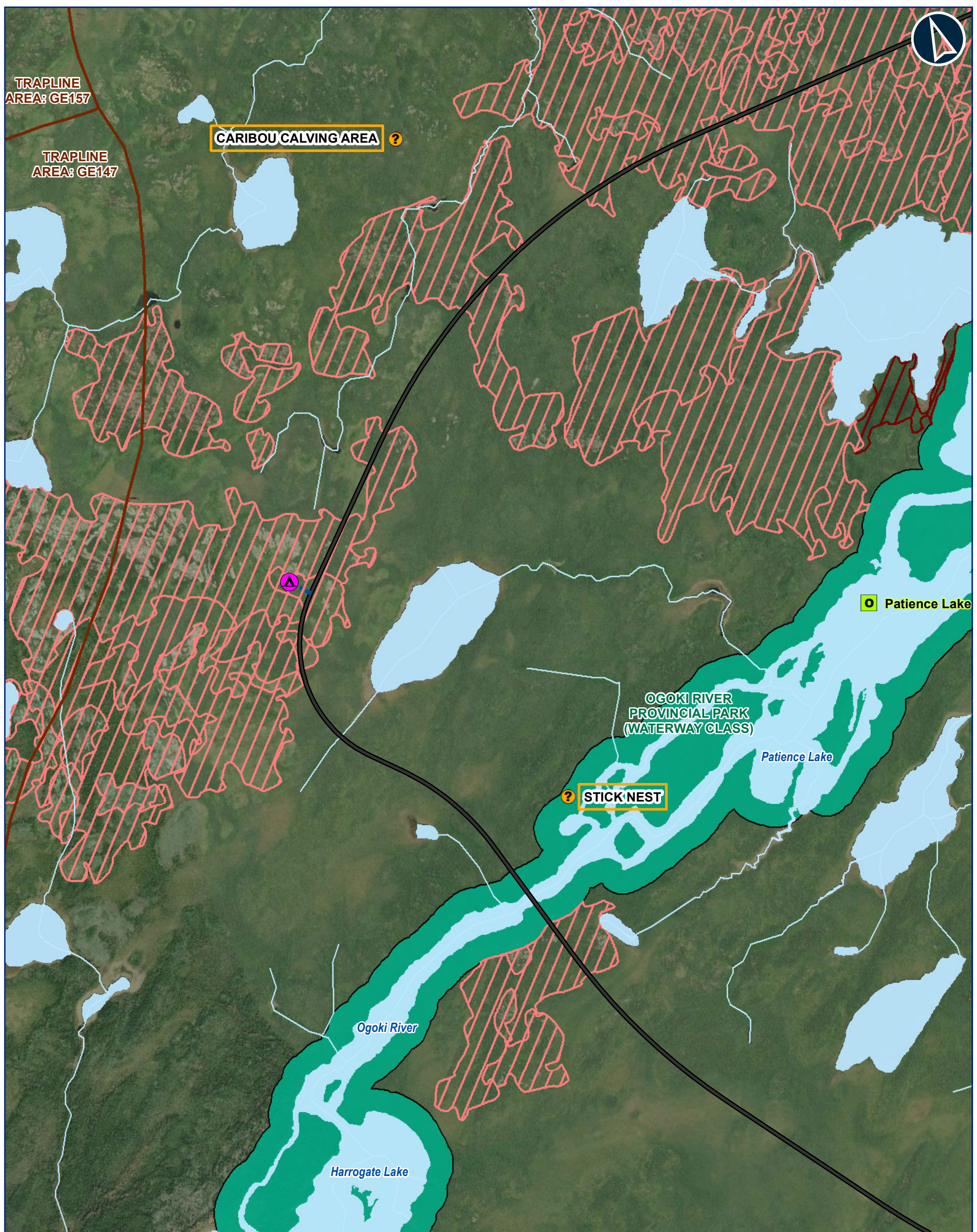
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 - A Route Alternative Node
 - Alignment Alternatives
- Potential Aggregate Source**
- / Bedrock
 - \ Sand and gravel

- General Features**
- ~ Watercourse
 - Waterbody
 - / Trapline Area

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Legend

- ? Comments by Ministry of Mines
- * Comments by MFFN Community Member
- A Route Alternative Node
- Tourism Outfitter Location
- Alignment Alternatives
- ▲ Potential Camp Sites: 200 Persons
- Approximate Access Road to Potential Construction Camp
- ▨ Potential Aggregate Source: Bedrock
- ▨ Potential Aggregate Source: Sand and gravel

General Features

- ~ Watercourse
- Waterbody
- Provincial Park
- ▨ Trapline Area

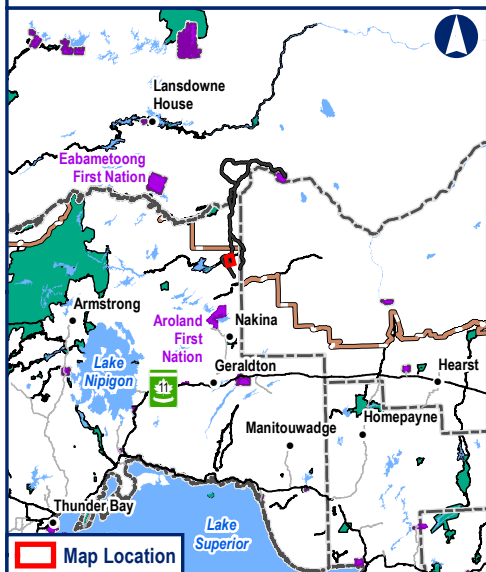
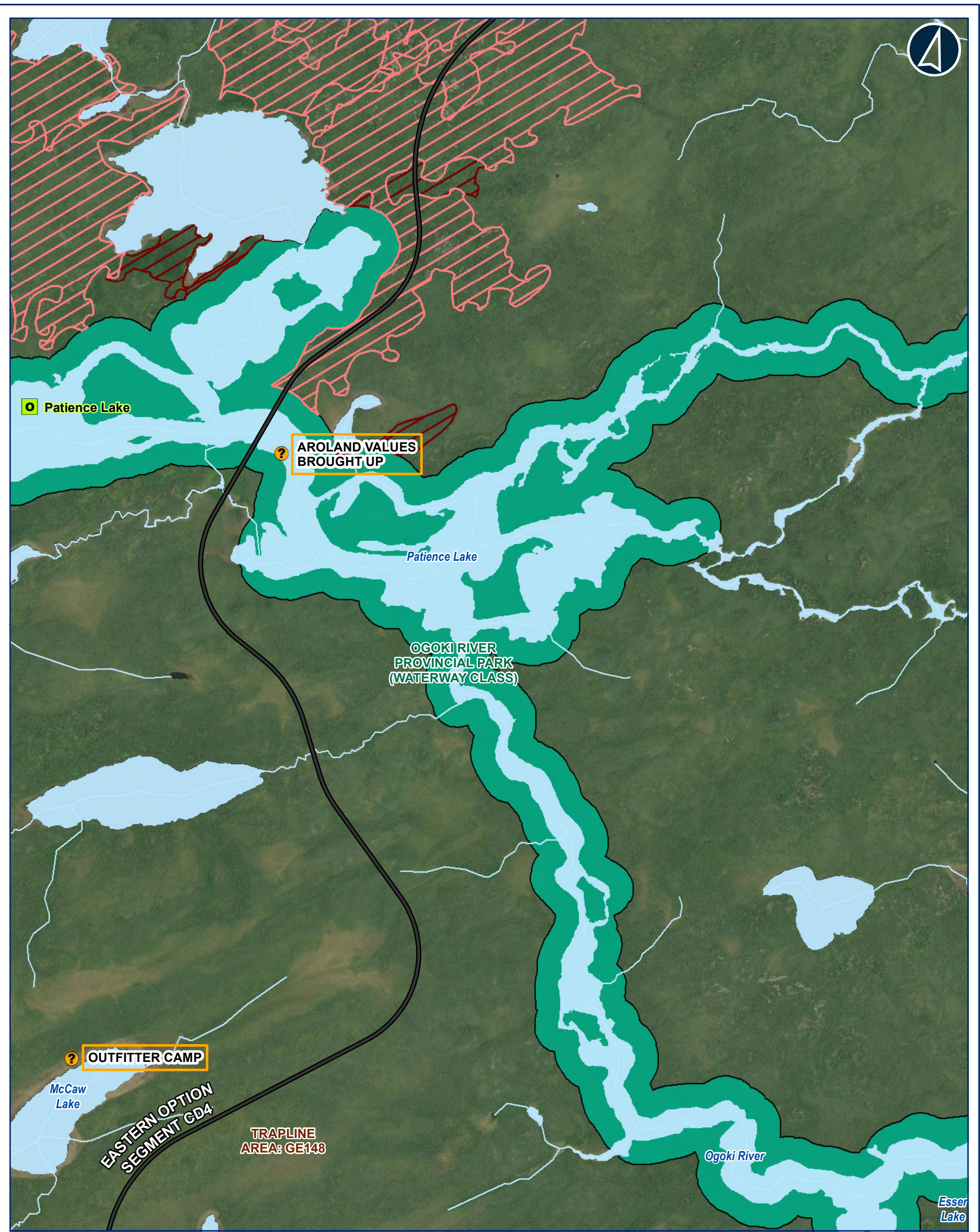
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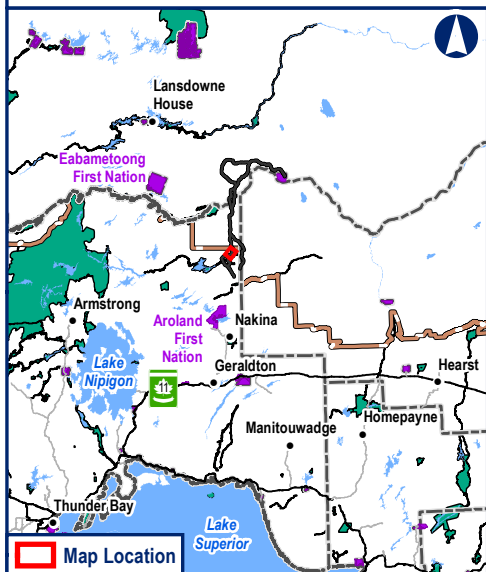
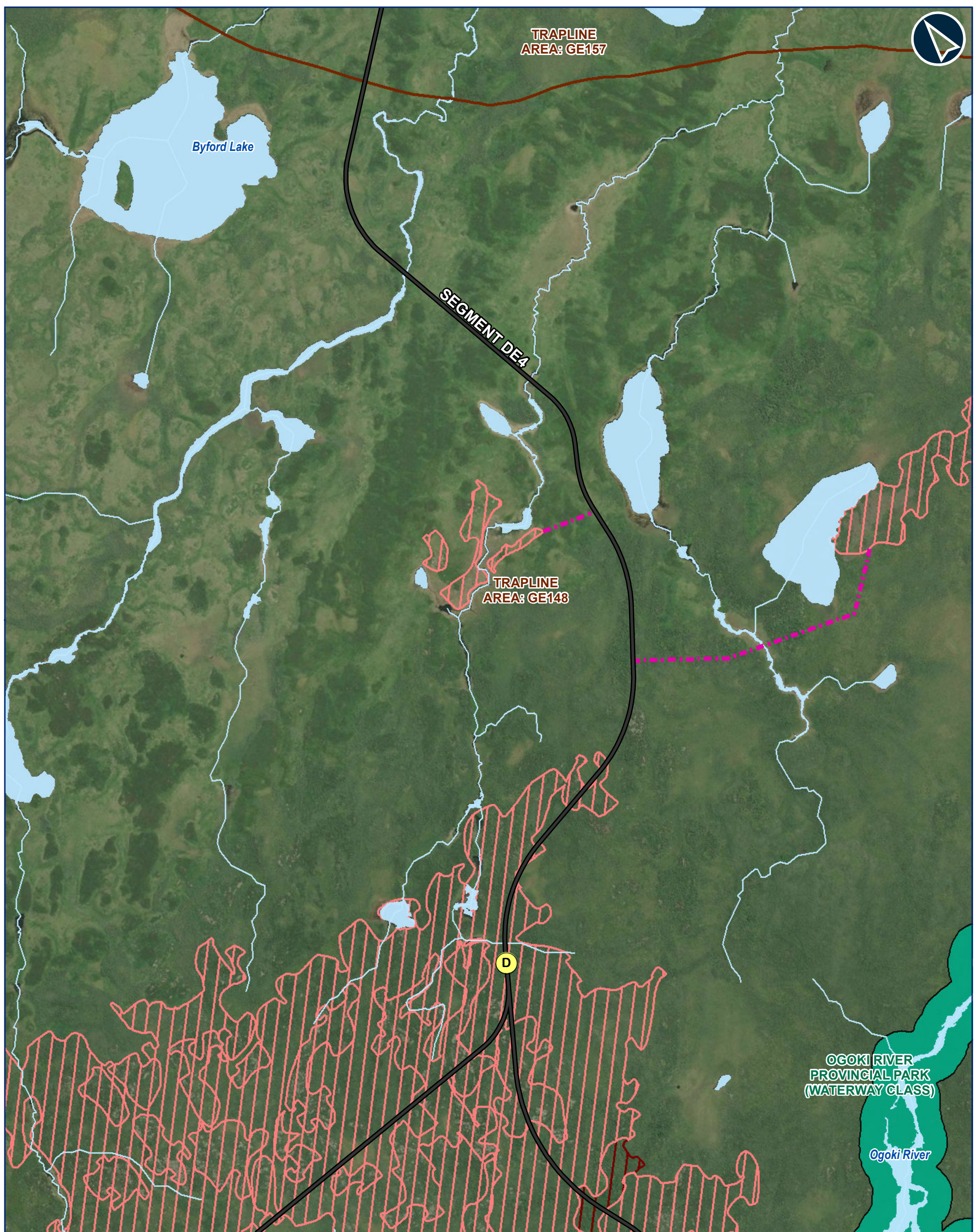
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	Comments by MFFN Community Member		Waterbody
	Route Alternative Node		Provincial Park
	Tourism Outfitter Location		Trapline Area
	Alignment Alternatives		
Potential Aggregate Source			
	Bedrock		
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- Legend**
- Comments by Ministry of Mines
 - Comments by MFFN Community Member
 - Route Alternative Node
 - Alignment Alternatives
 - Potential Aggregate Source**
 - Bedrock
 - Sand and gravel
 - Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site

- General Features**
- Watercourse
 - Waterbody
 - Provincial Park
 - Trapline Area

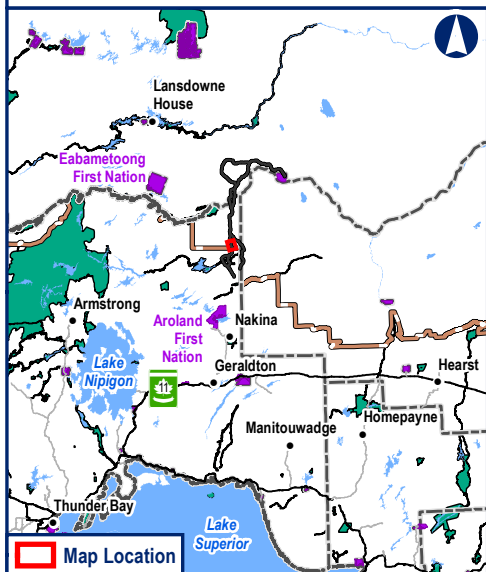
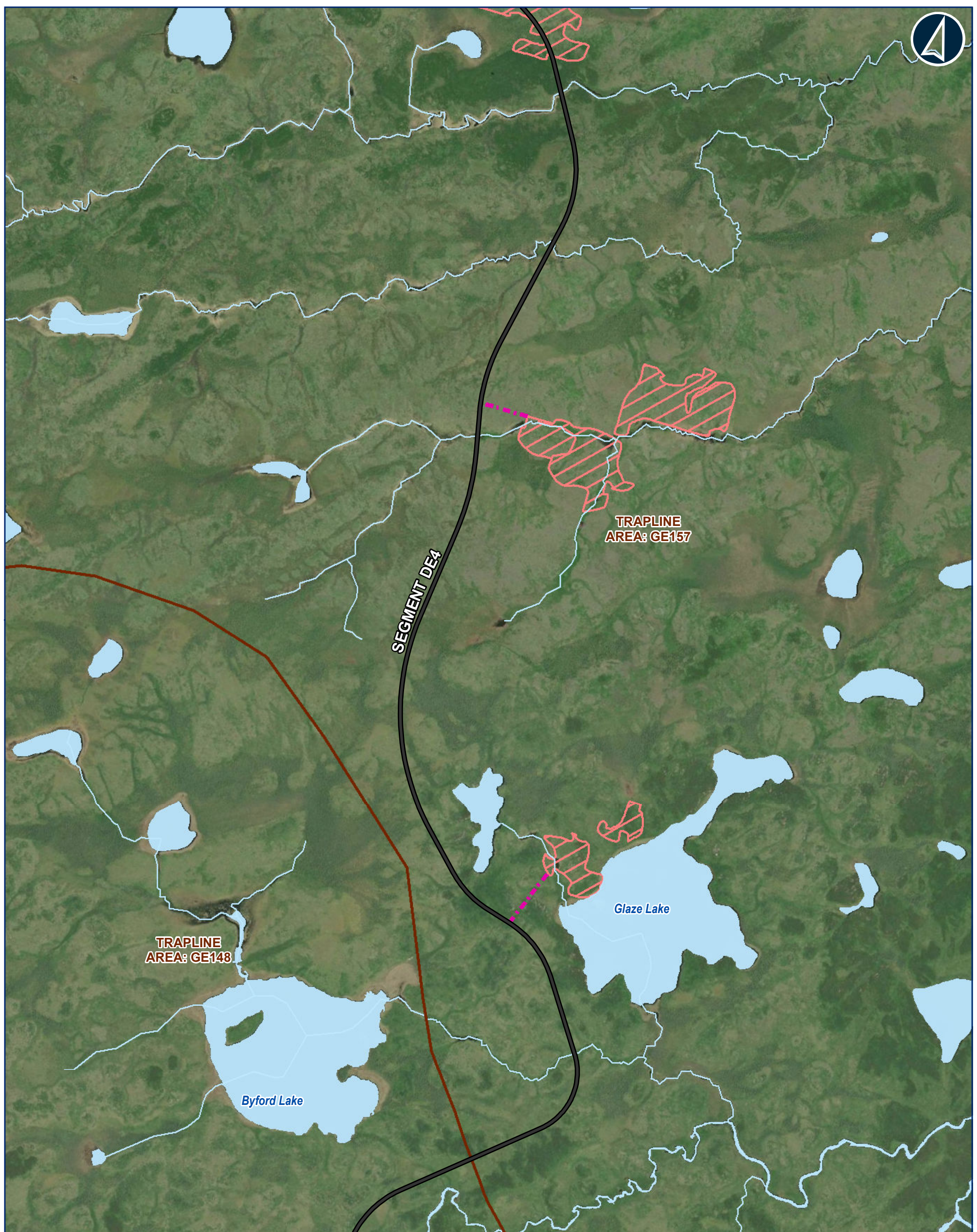
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Legend

- Comments by Ministry of Mines
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- Route Alternative Node
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- Potential Aggregate Source**
- Bedrock
- Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site

General Features

- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- Trapline Area

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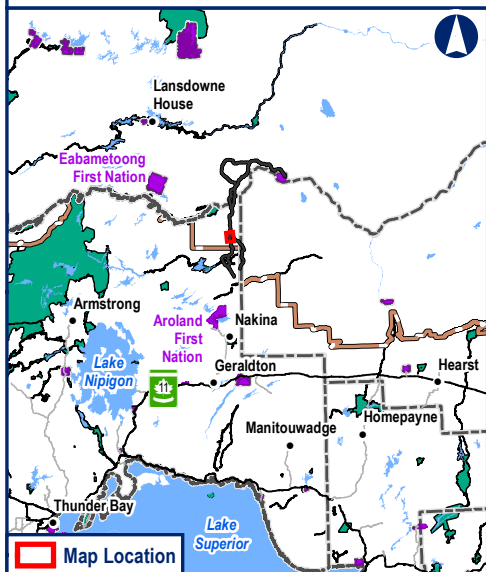
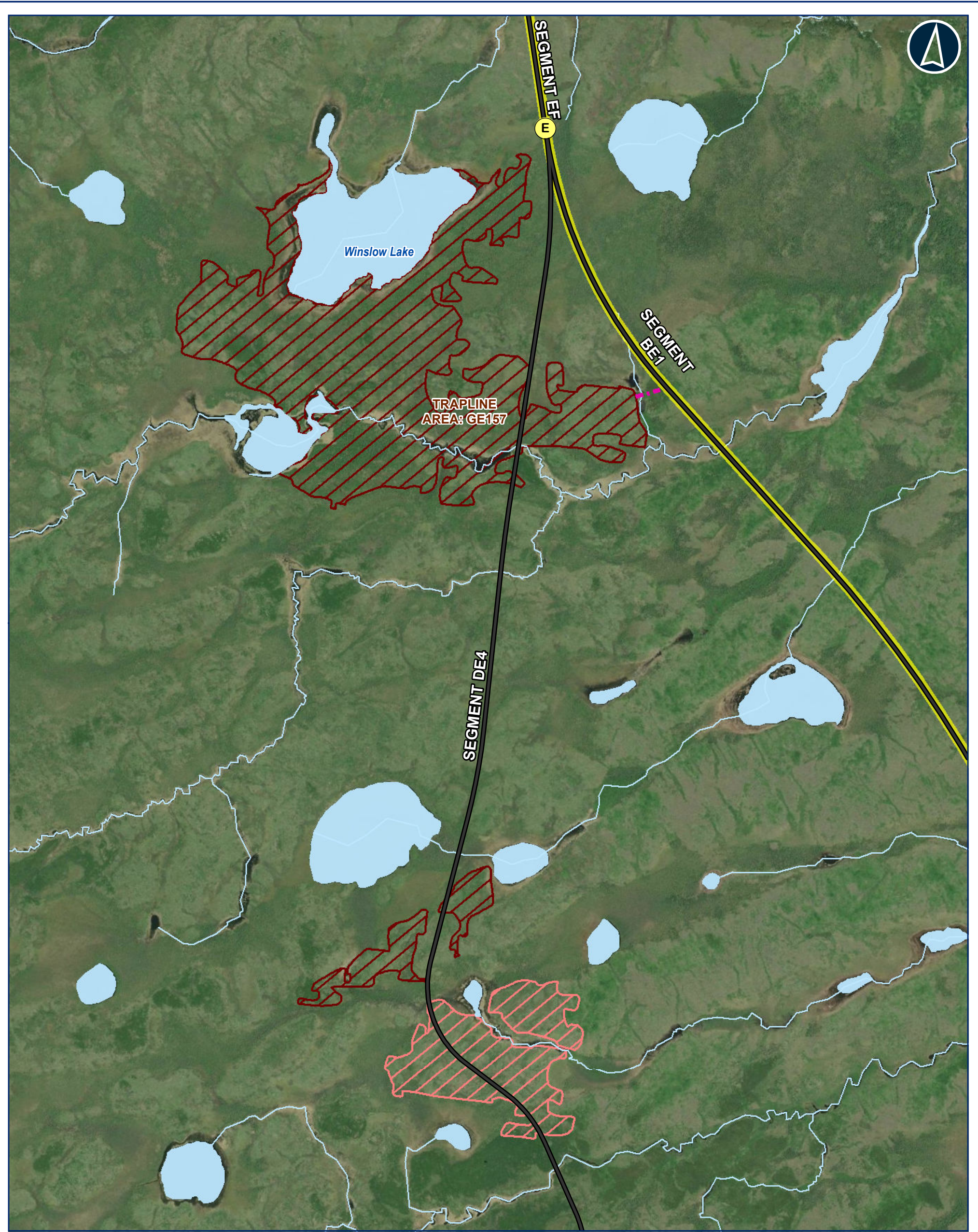
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 - Comments by MFFN Community Member
 - Route Alternative Node
 - Alignment Alternatives
 - Preferred Route
 - Potential Aggregate Source**
 - Bedrock
 - Sand and gravel
 - Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site

- General Features**
- Watercourse
 - Waterbody
 - Trapline Area

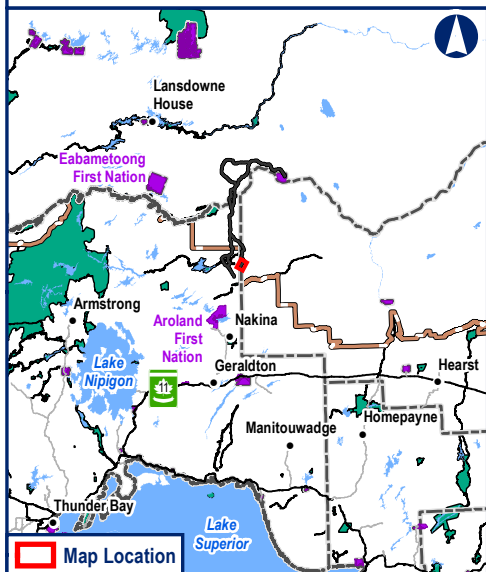
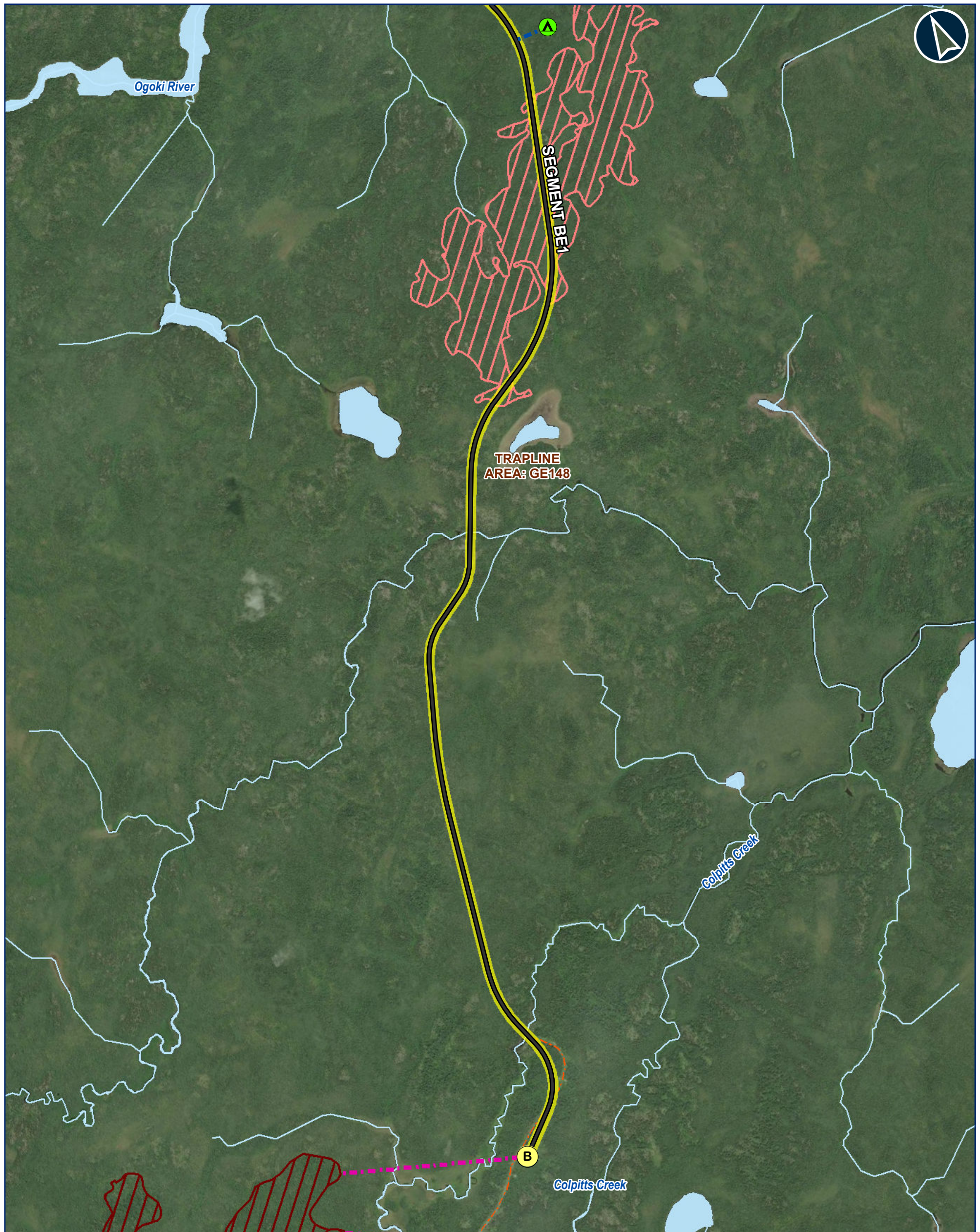
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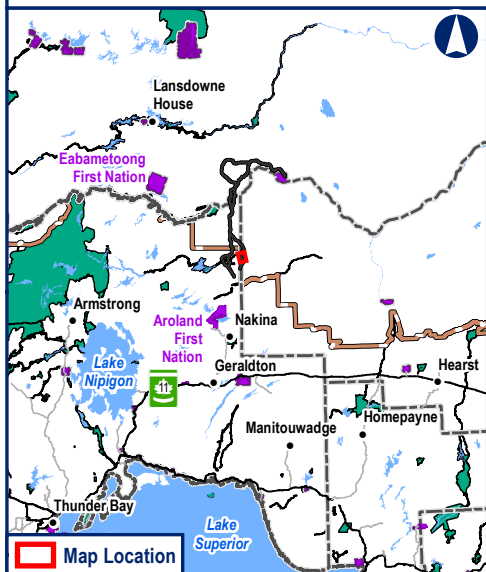
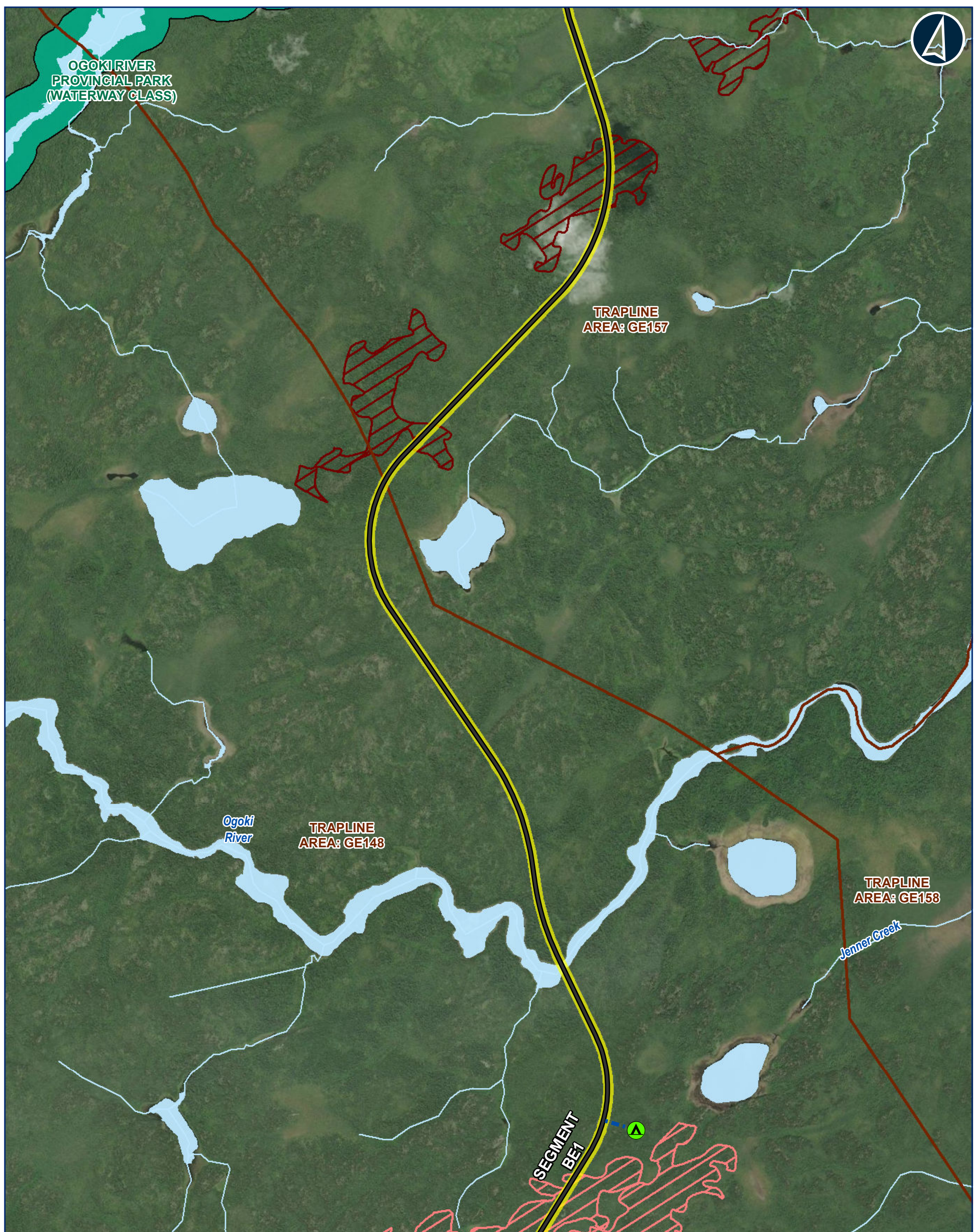
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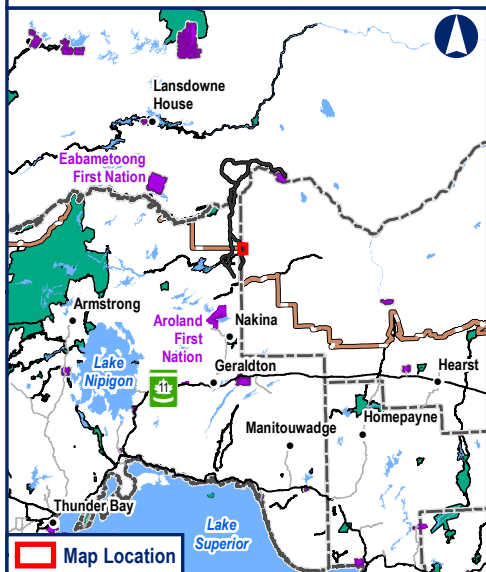
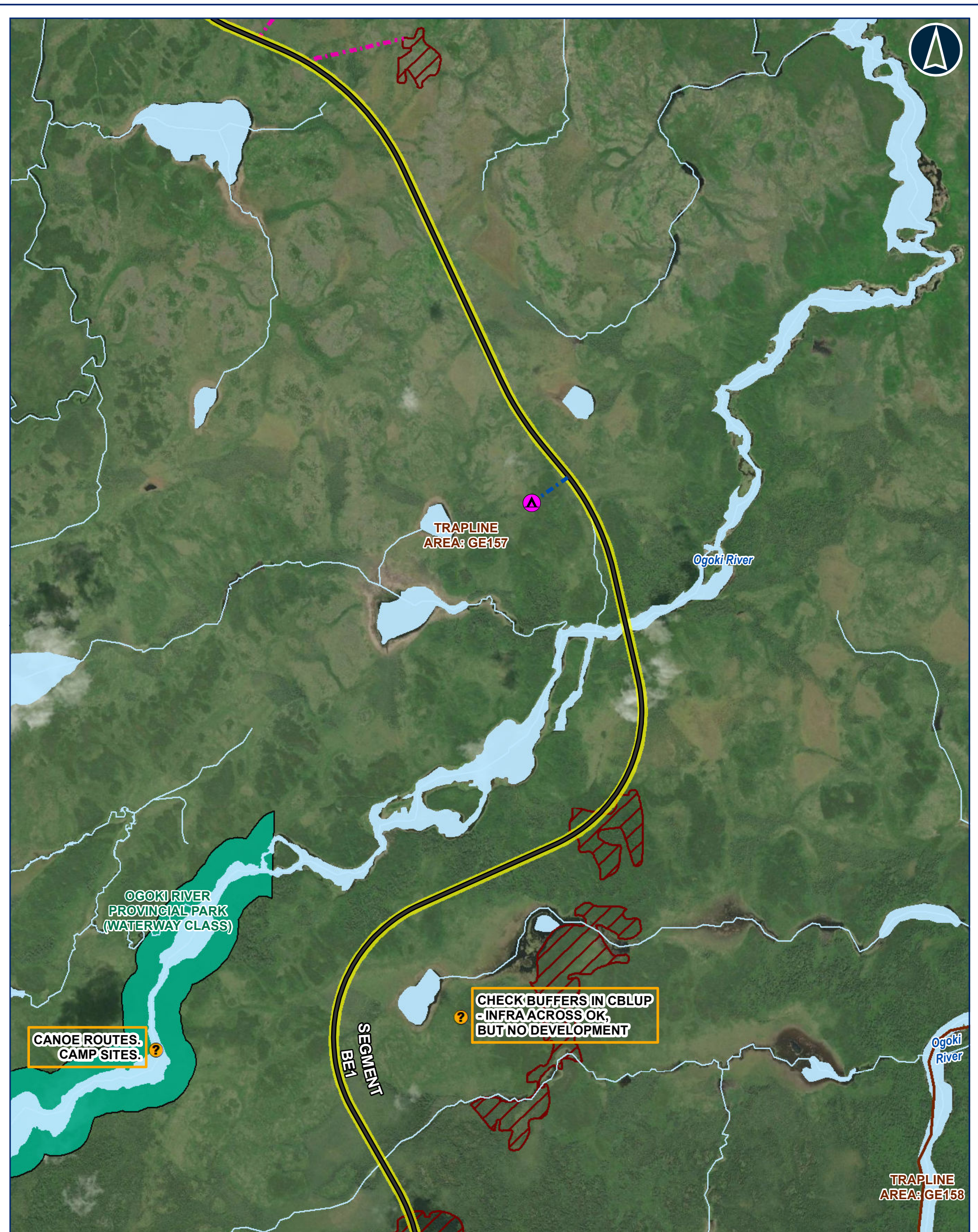
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—	Alignment Alternatives	📐	Trapline Area
—	Preferred Route		
Potential Camp Sites			
🟢	50 Persons		
—	Approximate Access Road to Potential Construction Camp		
Potential Aggregate Source			
📐	Bedrock		
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—	Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site		

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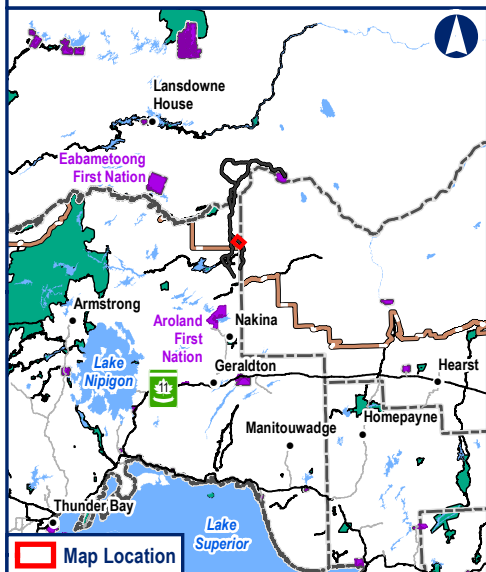
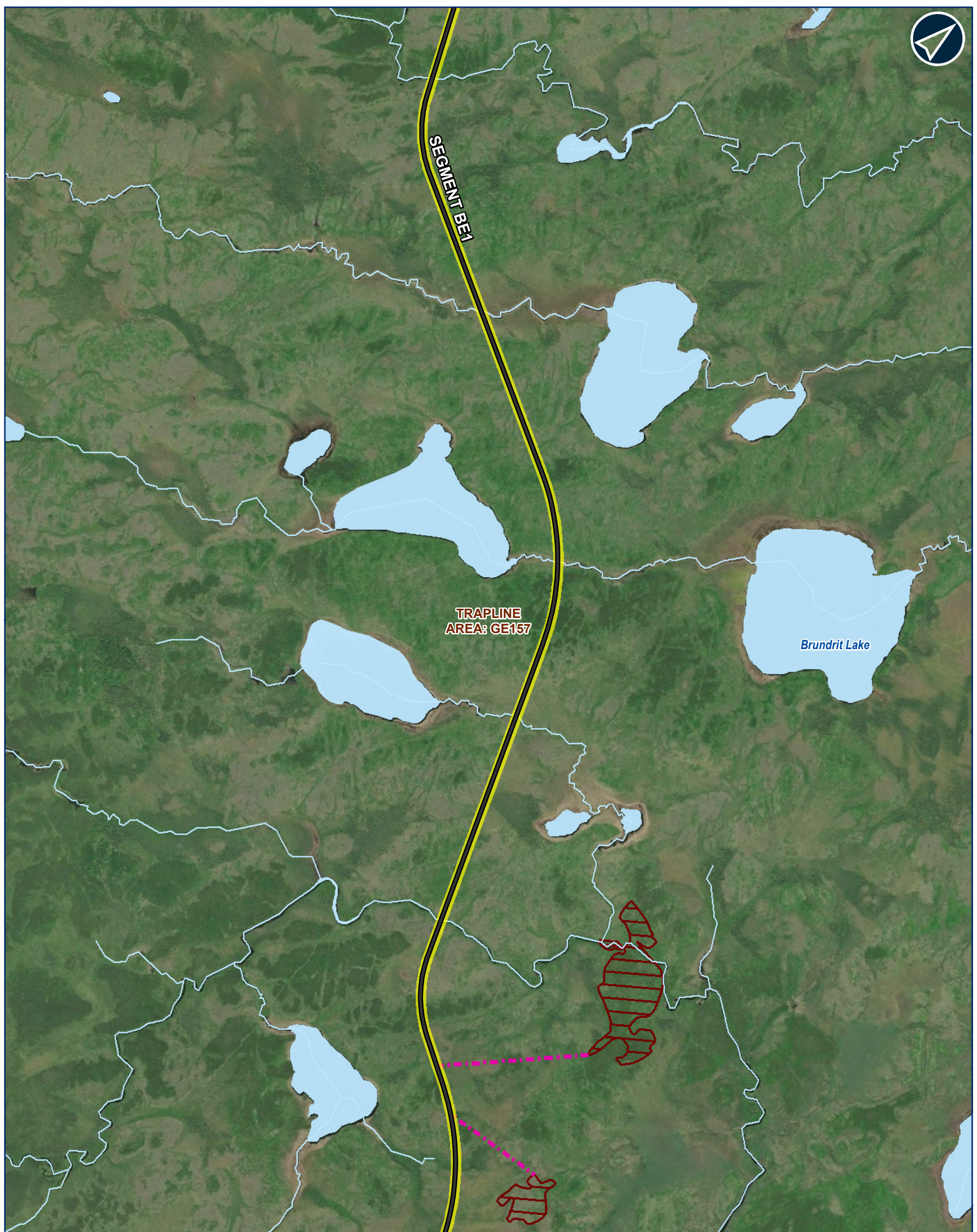
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Preferred Route	Preferred Route	Trapline Area	
Potential Camp Sites			
50 Persons	Approximate Access Road to Potential Construction Camp		
Potential Aggregate Source			
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	Alignment Alternatives		Trapline Area
	Preferred Route		
Potential Camp Sites			
	200 Persons		
	Approximate Access Road to Potential Construction Camp		
Potential Aggregate Source			
	Sand and gravel		
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 - Route Alternative Node
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 - Preferred Route
 - Potential Aggregate Source**
 - Sand and gravel
 - Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site


- General Features**
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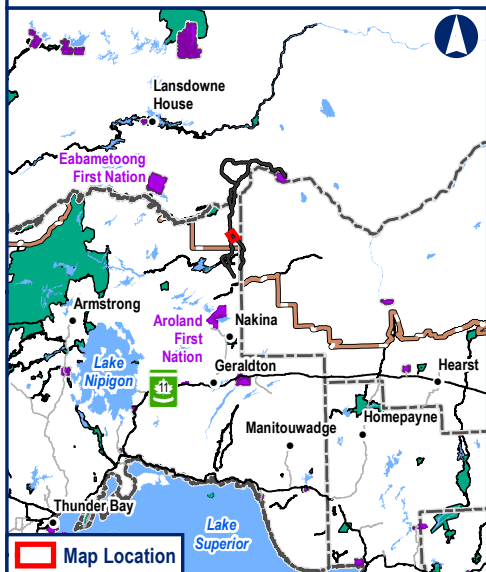
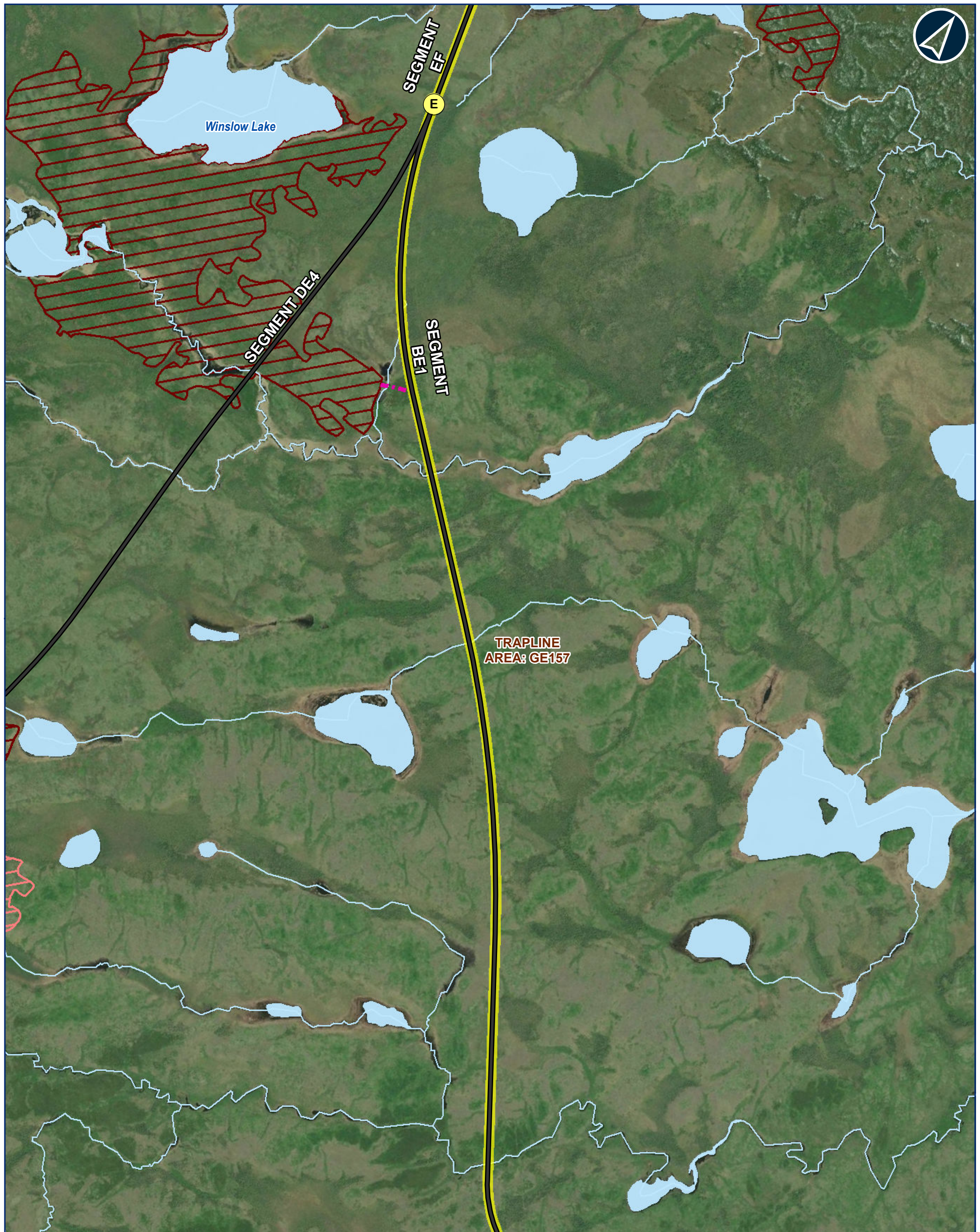
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 - Preferred Route
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 - Bedrock
 - Sand and gravel
 - Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site

- General Features**
- Watercourse
 - Waterbody
 - Trapline Area

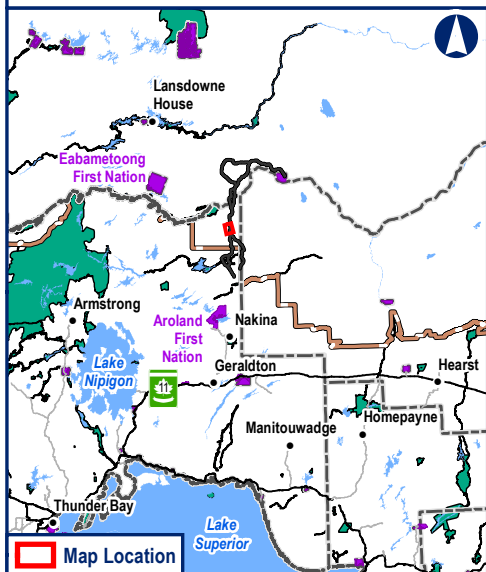
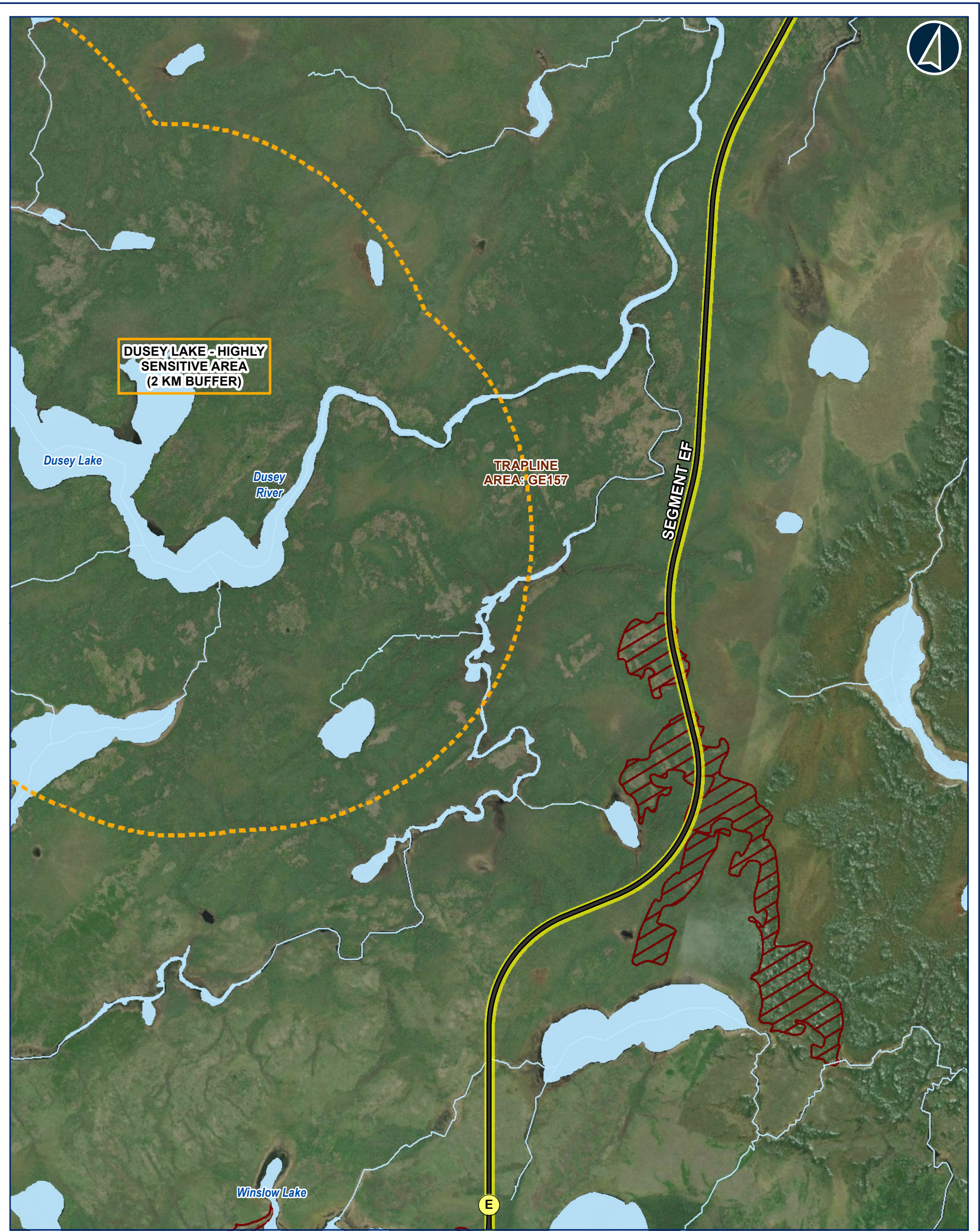
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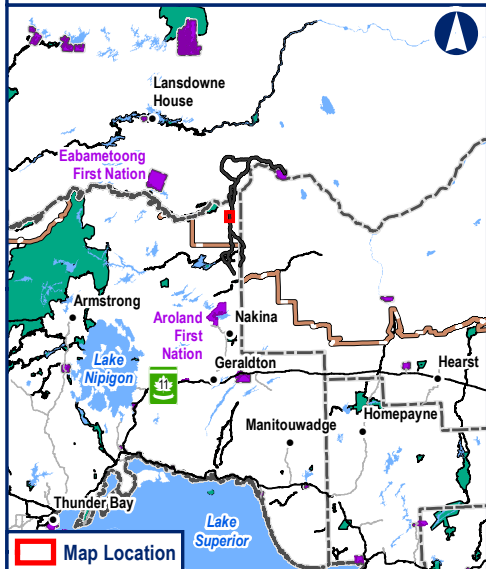
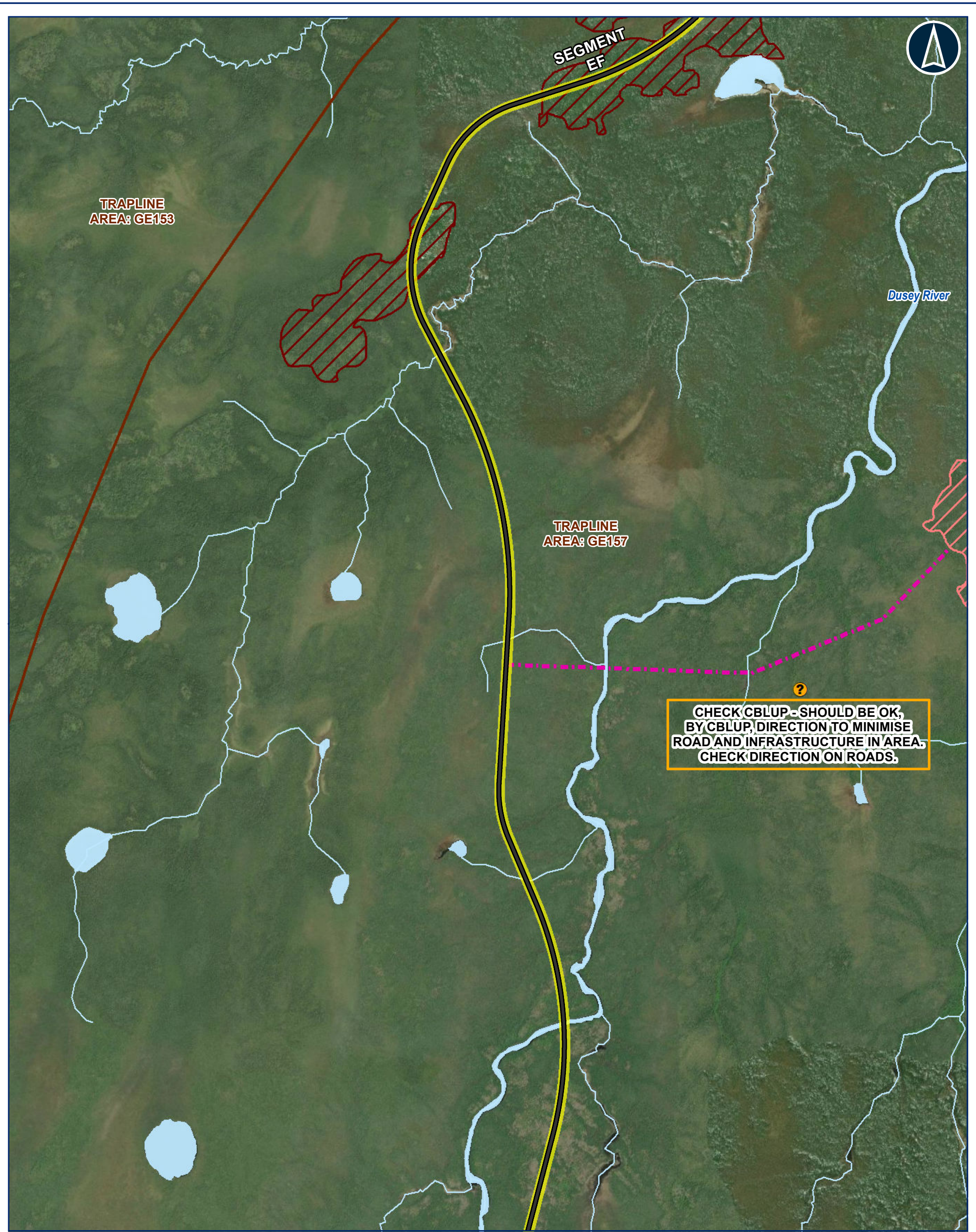
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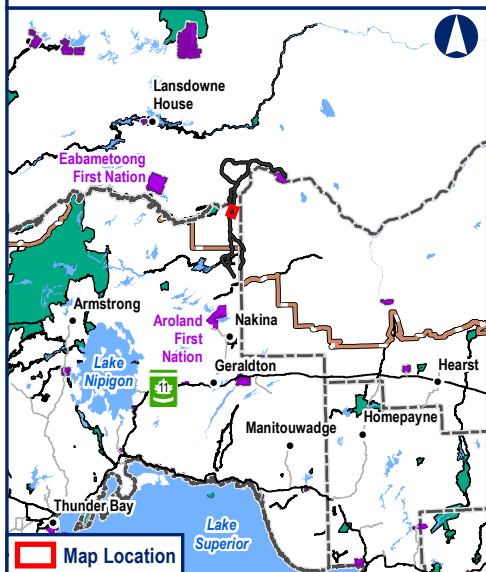
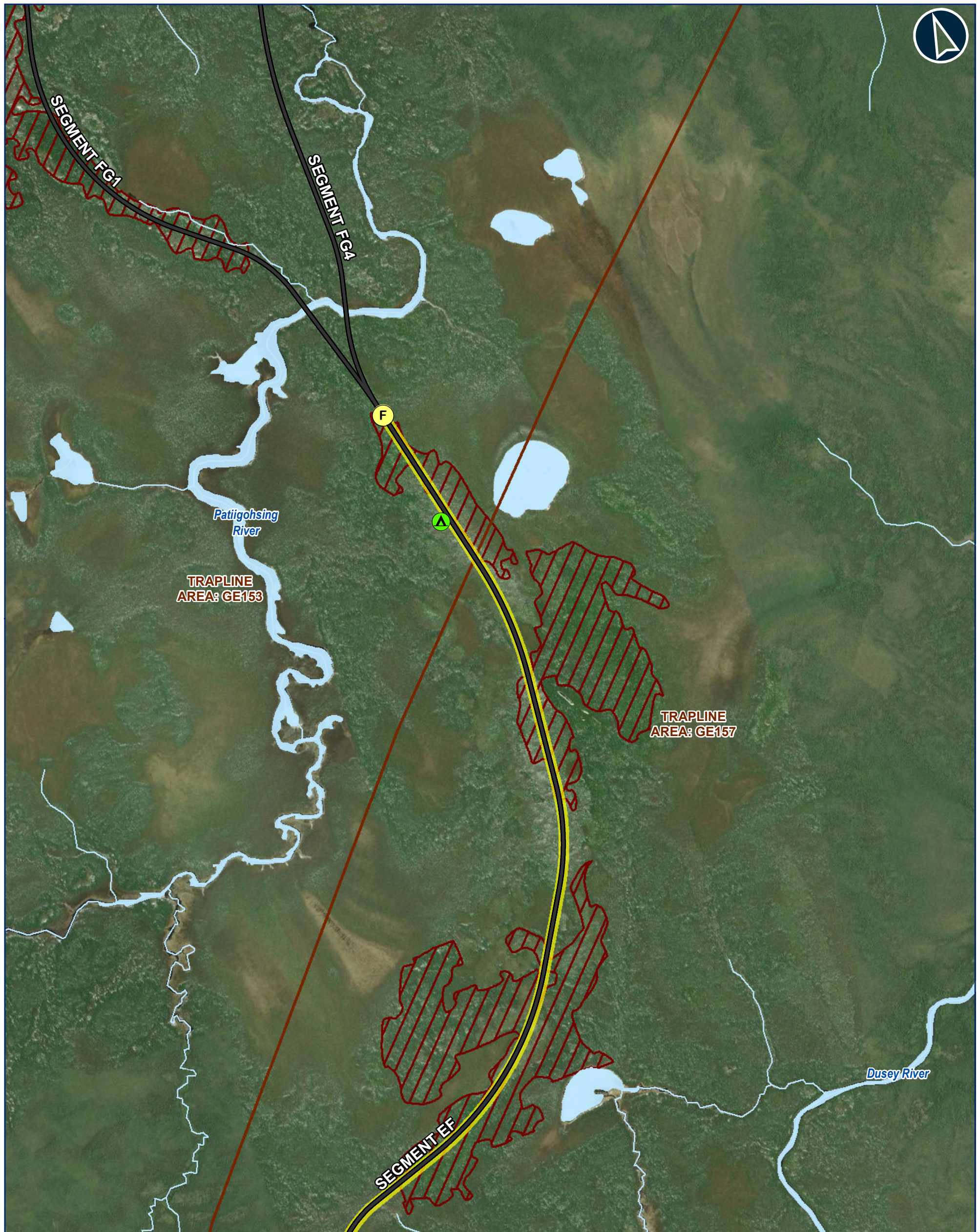
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 - Bedrock
 - Sand and gravel
 - Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site

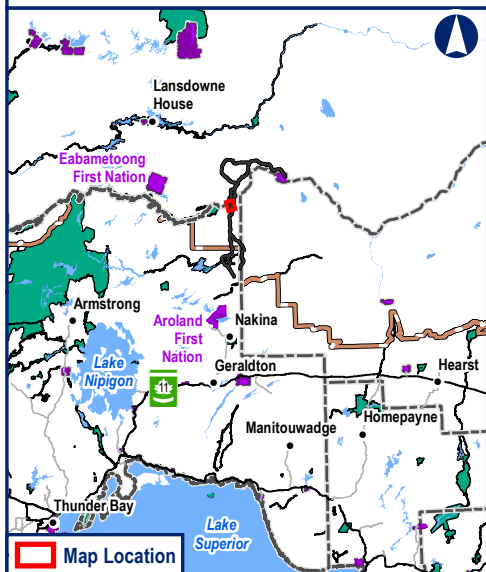
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- Watercourse
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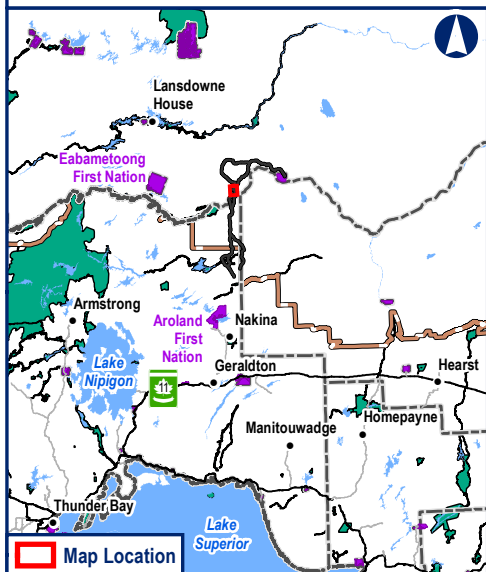
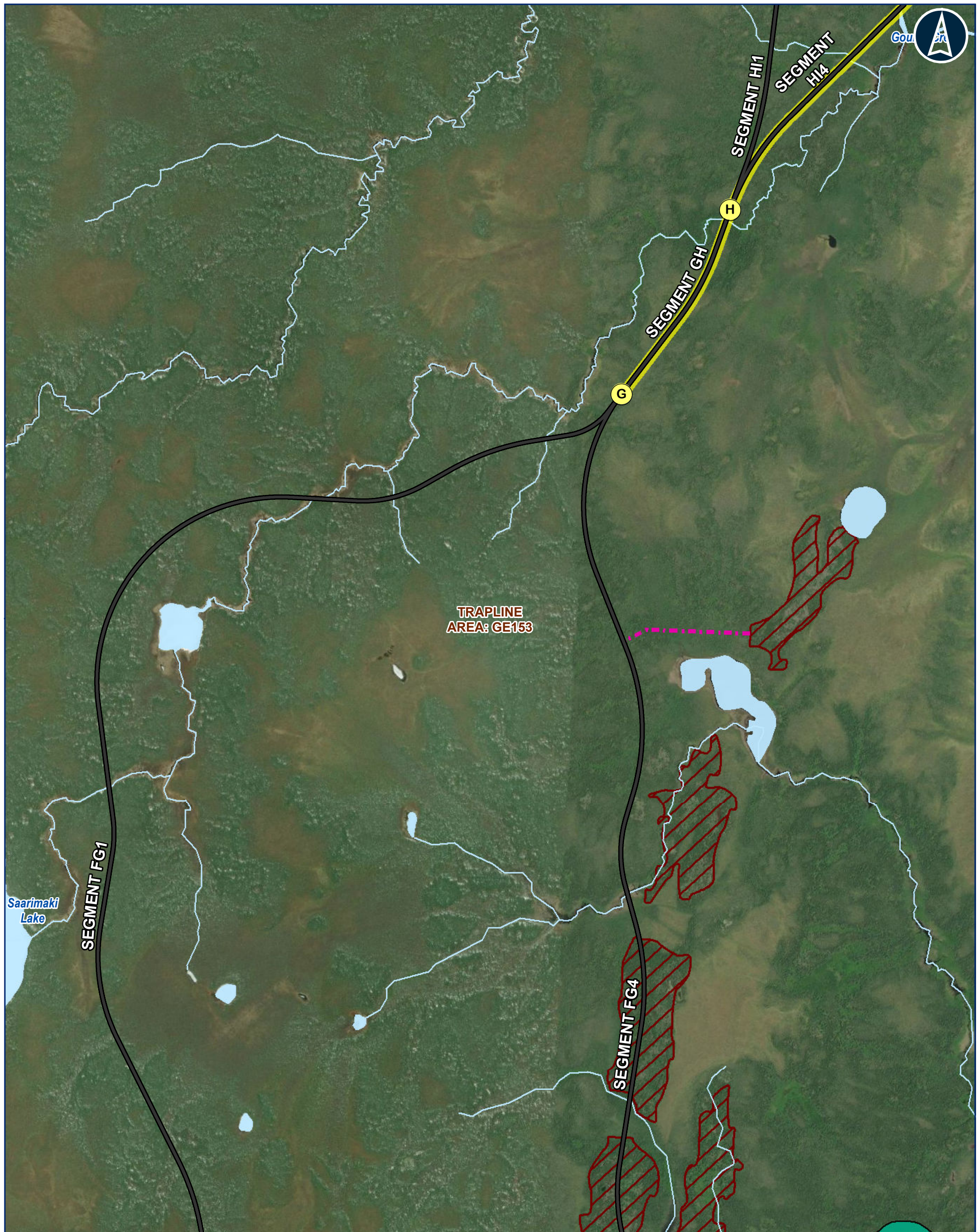
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🔍	Comments by Ministry of Mines	🌊	Watercourse
🌸	Comments by MFFN Community Member	💧	Waterbody
Ⓐ	Route Alternative Node	📐	Trapline Area
—	Alignment Alternatives		
—	Preferred Route		
Potential Camp Sites			
🏕️	50 Persons		
—	Approximate Access Road to Potential Construction Camp		
Potential Aggregate Source			
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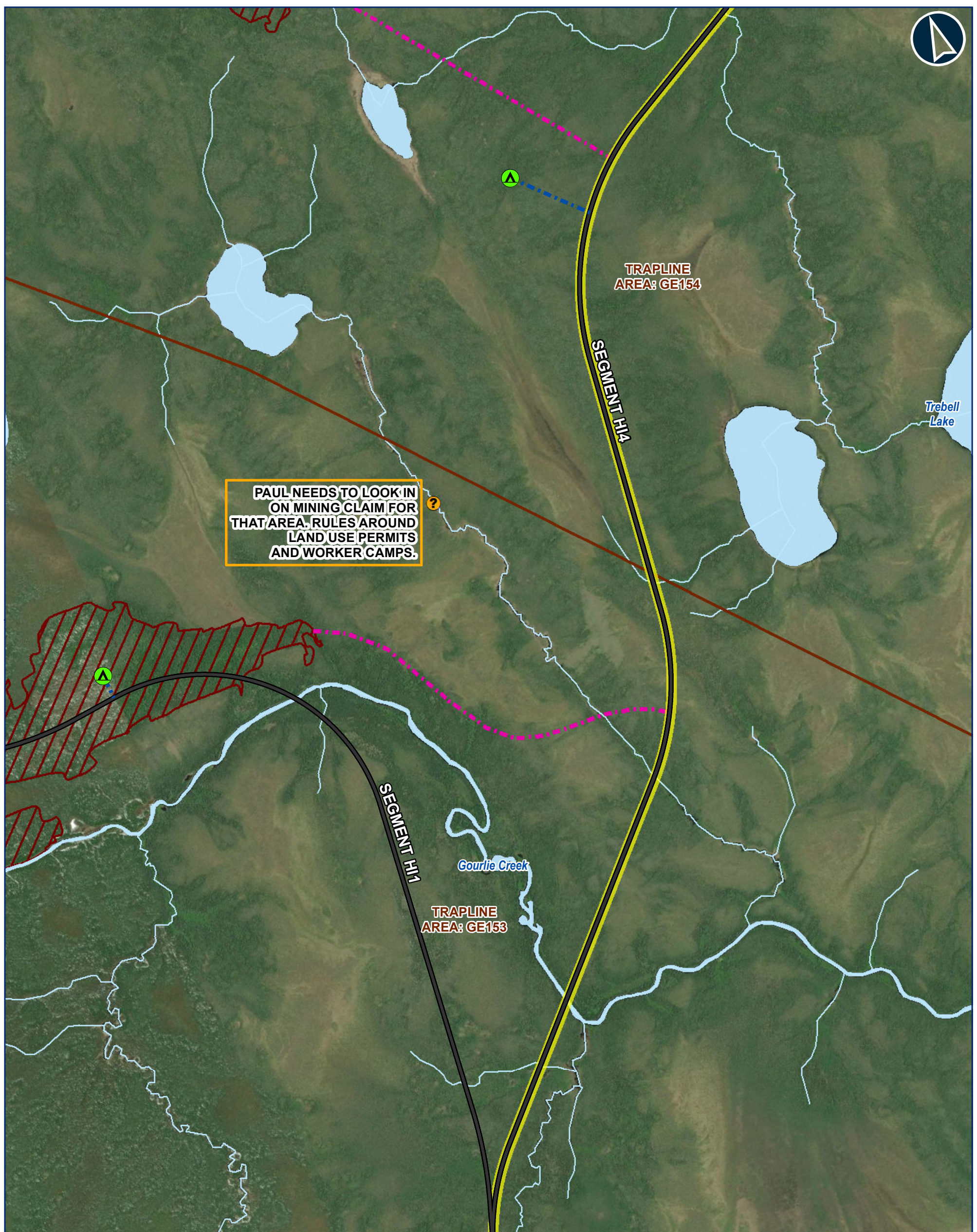
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	Comments by Ministry of Mines		Watercourse
	Comments by MFFN Community Member		Waterbody
	Route Alternative Node		Provincial Park
	Tourism Outfitter Location		Trapline Area
	Alignment Alternatives		
	Preferred Route		
Potential Aggregate Source			
	Sand and gravel		
	Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site		

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	Comments by Ministry of Mines		Watercourse
	Comments by MFFN Community Member		Waterbody
	Route Alternative Node		Provincial Park
	Alignment Alternatives		Trapline Area
	Preferred Route		
Potential Aggregate Source			
	Sand and gravel		
	Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site		

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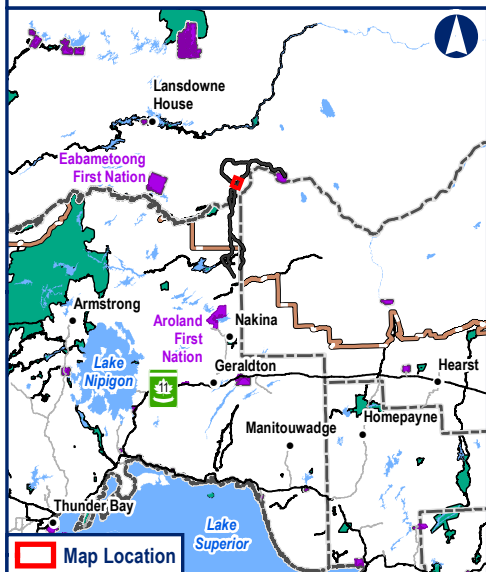
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Trebell Lake

Gourlie Creek

TRAPLINE AREA: GE153

SEGMENT HI1



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 - Comments by MFFN Community Member
 - Route Alternative Node
 - Alignment Alternatives
 - Preferred Route
 - Potential Camp Sites**
 - 50 Persons
 - Approximate Access Road to Potential Construction Camp
 - Potential Aggregate Source**
 - Sand and gravel
 - Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site

- General Features**
- Watercourse
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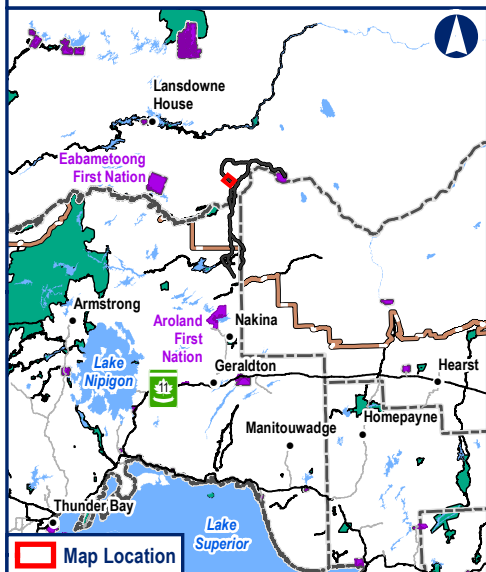
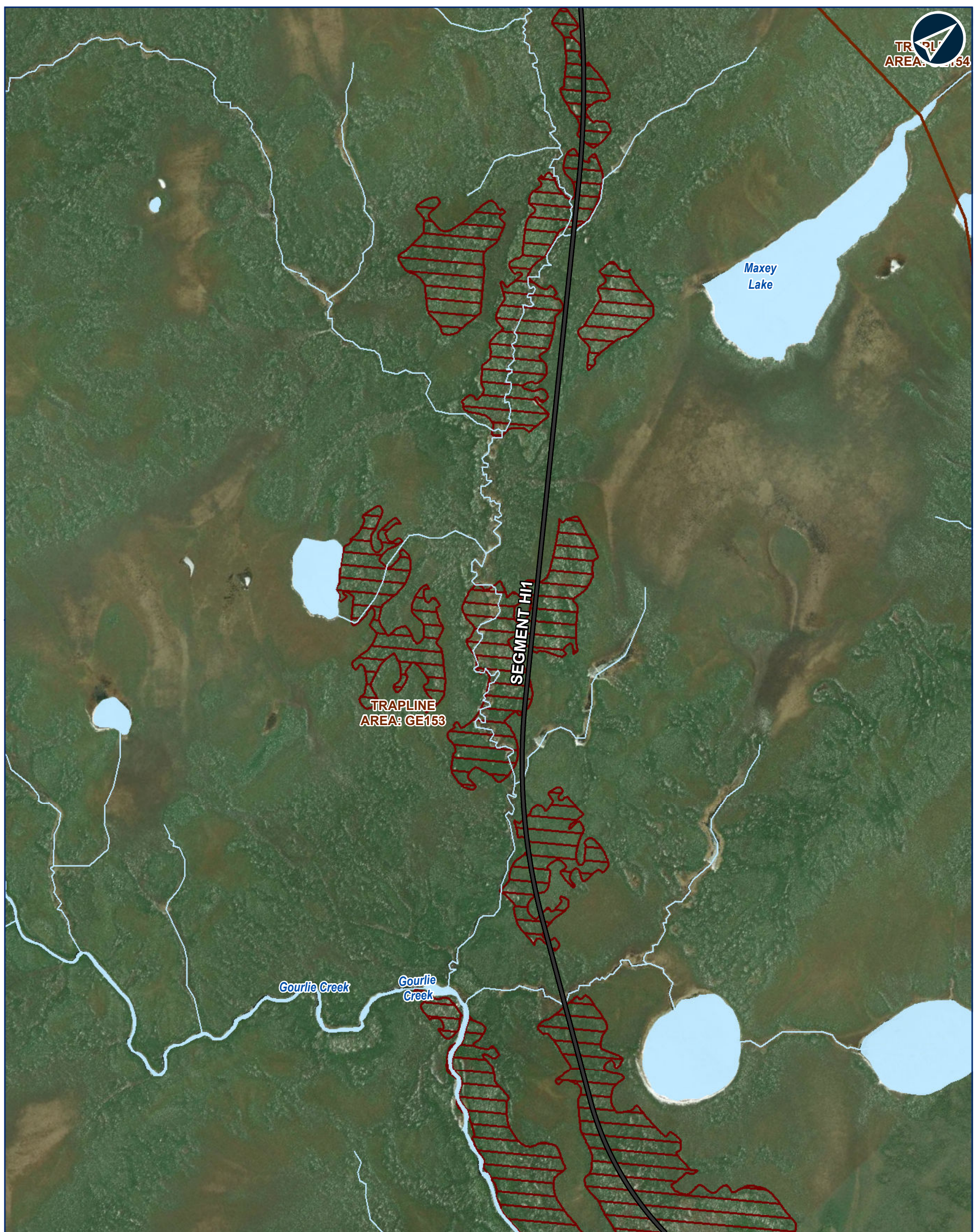
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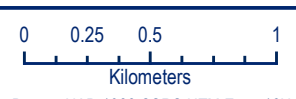


- Legend**
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- Potential Aggregate Source**
- Sand and gravel

- General Features**
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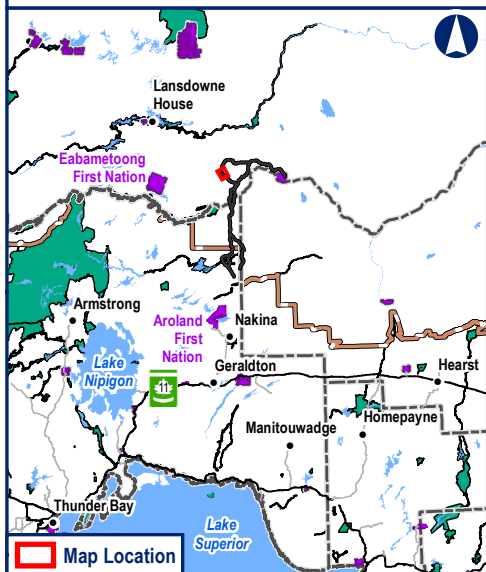
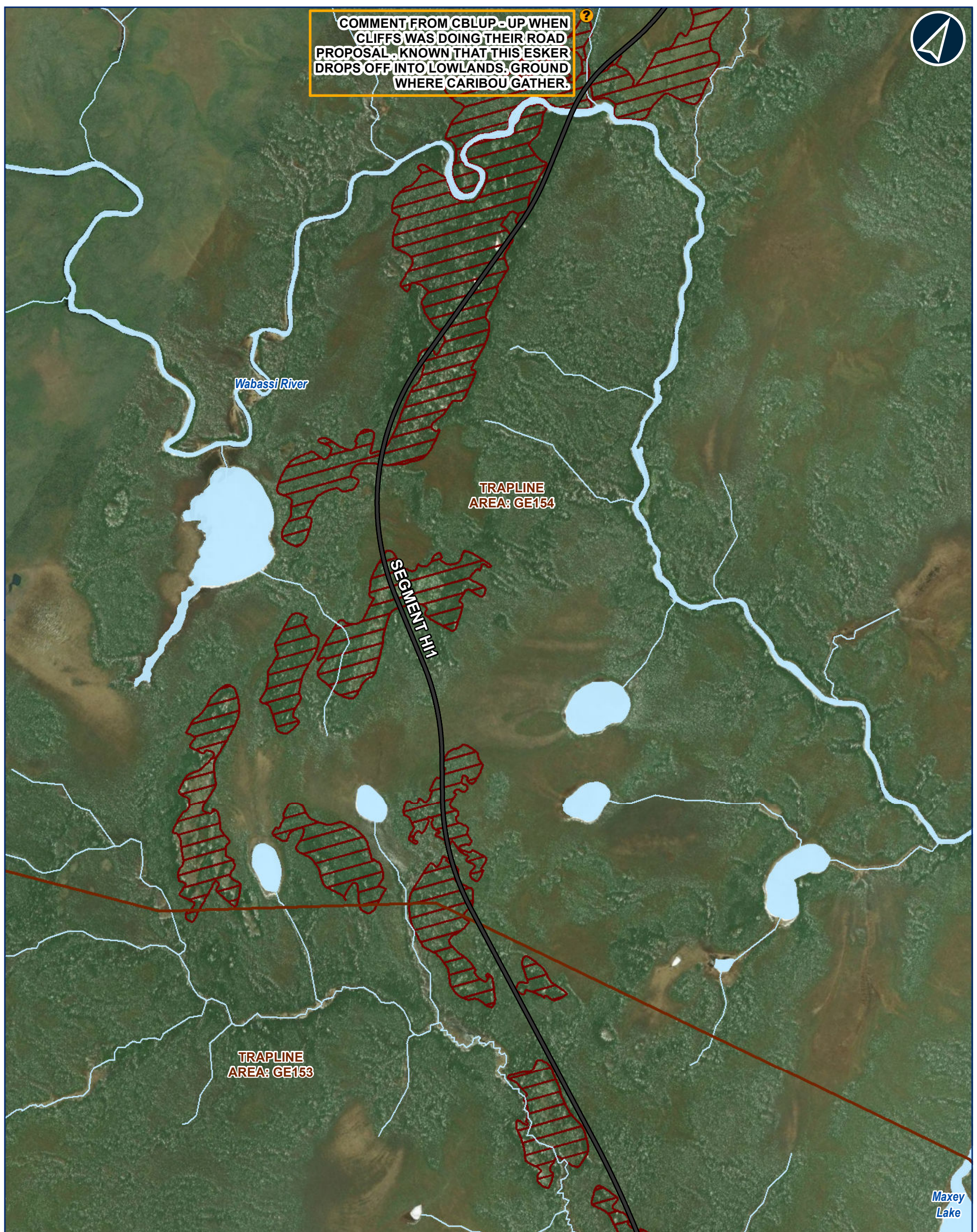
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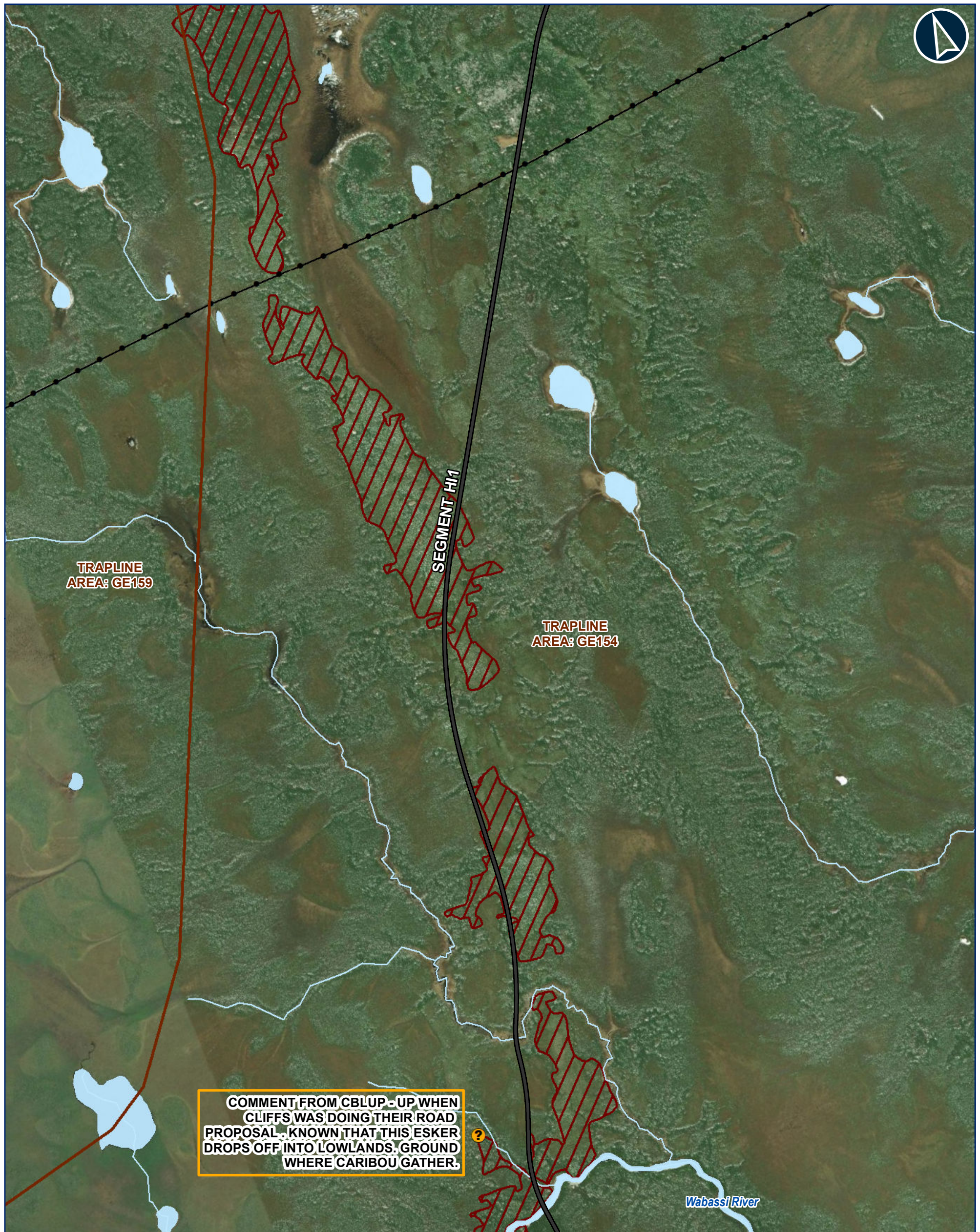
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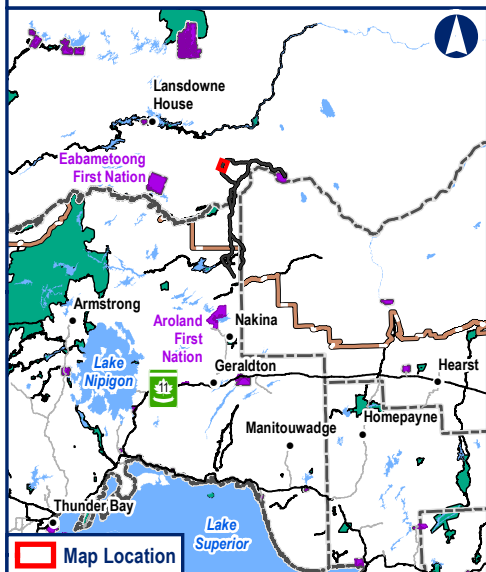
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 - A Route Alternative Node
 - Alignment Alternatives
 - Potential Aggregate Source**
 - Sand and gravel

- General Features**
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- Legend**
- Comments by Ministry of Mines
 - Comments by MFFN Community Member
 - Route Alternative Node
 - Alignment Alternatives
 - Potential Aggregate Source**
 - Sand and gravel


- General Features**
- Rapid Lynx Broadband Project
 - Watercourse
 - Waterbody
 - Trapline Area

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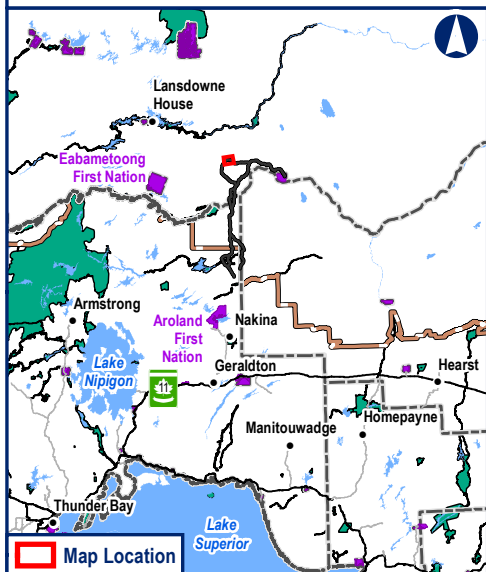
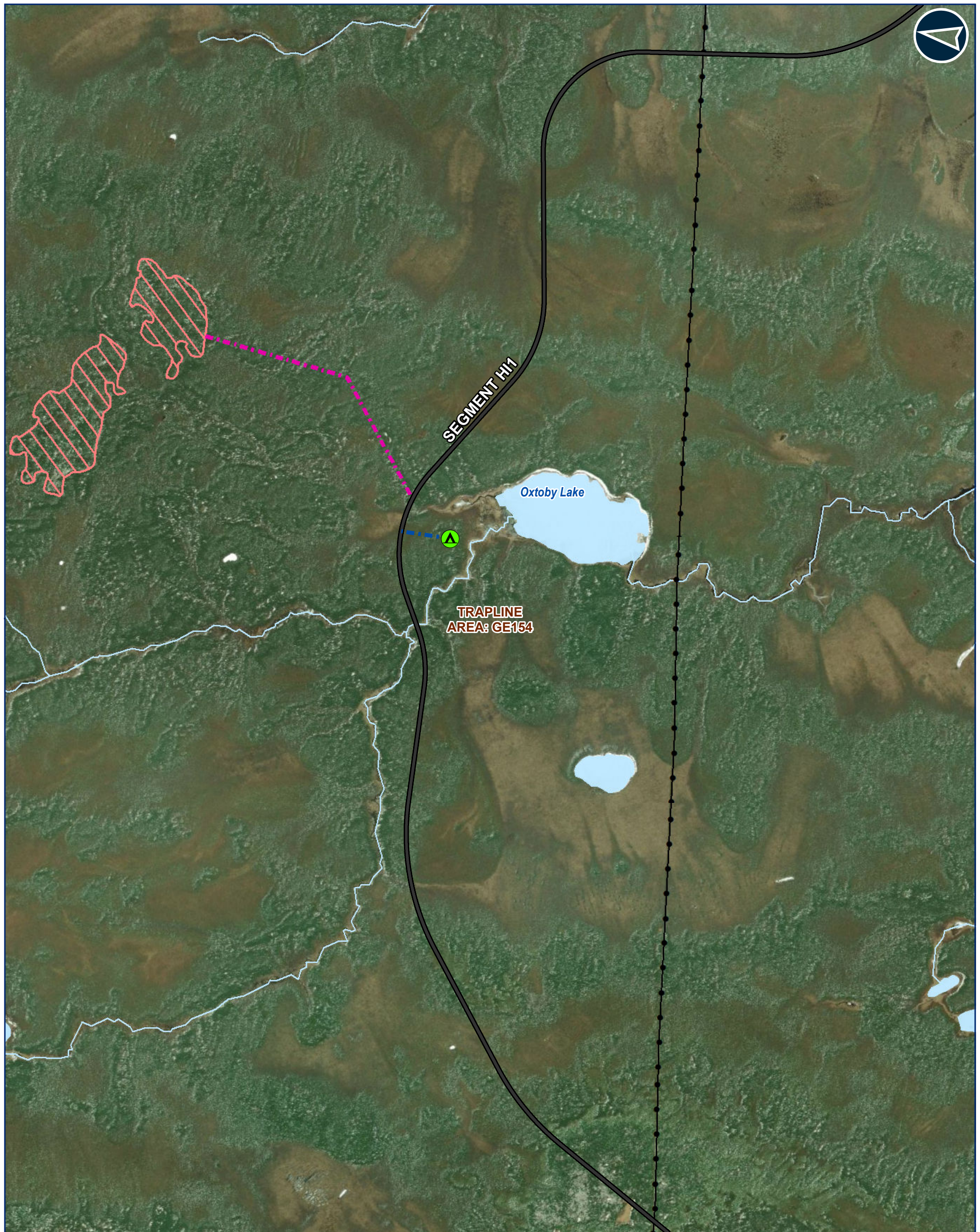
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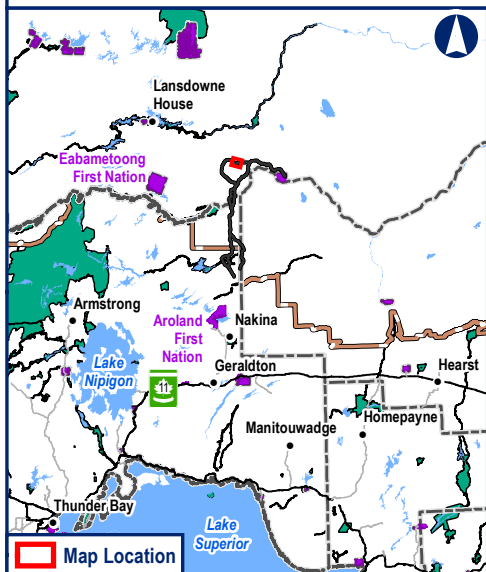
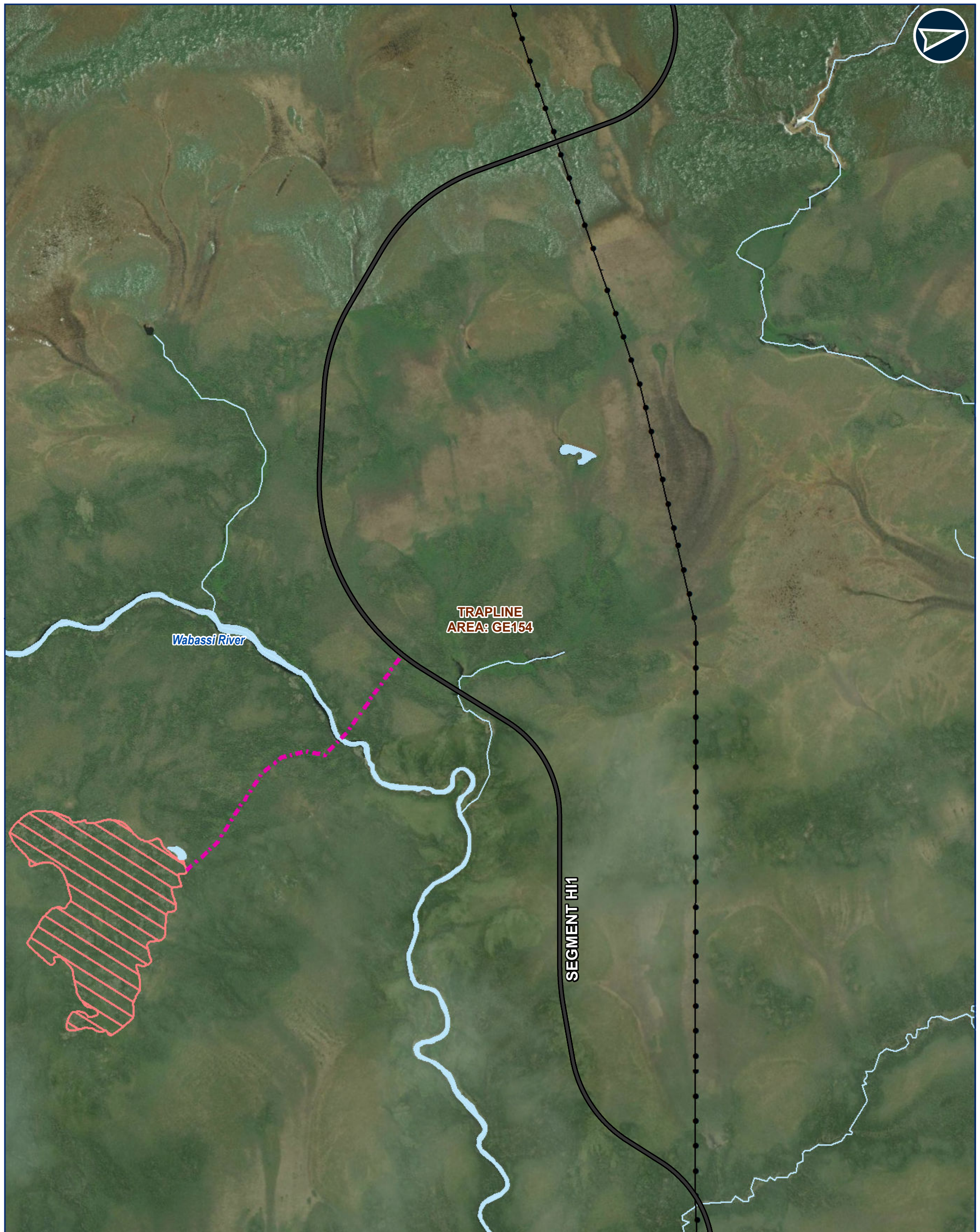


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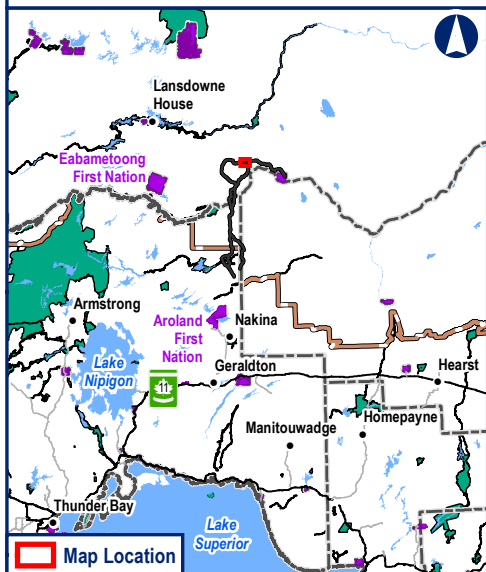
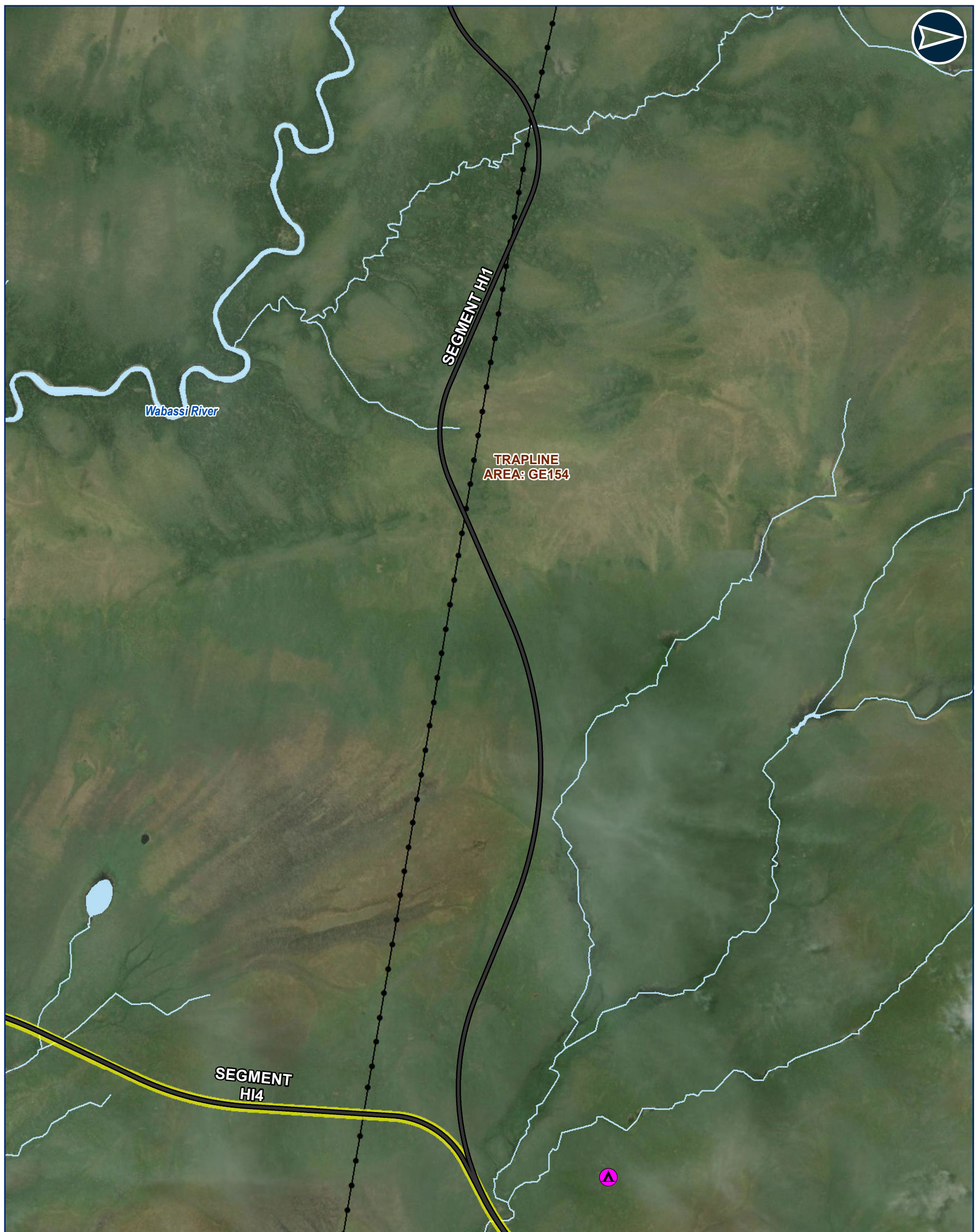
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Comments by MFFN Community Member	Approximate Access Road to Potential Construction Camp	Trapline Area	
Route Alternative Node	50 Persons		
Alignment Alternatives	Bedrock		
Potential Camp Sites	Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site		
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Approximate Access Road to Potential Construction Camp			
Potential Aggregate Source			
Bedrock			
Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site			

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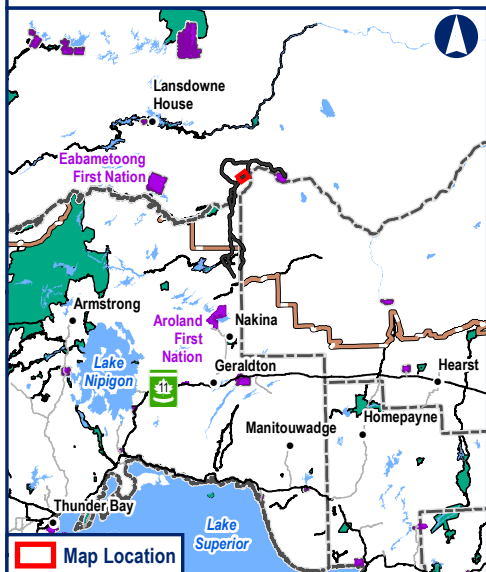
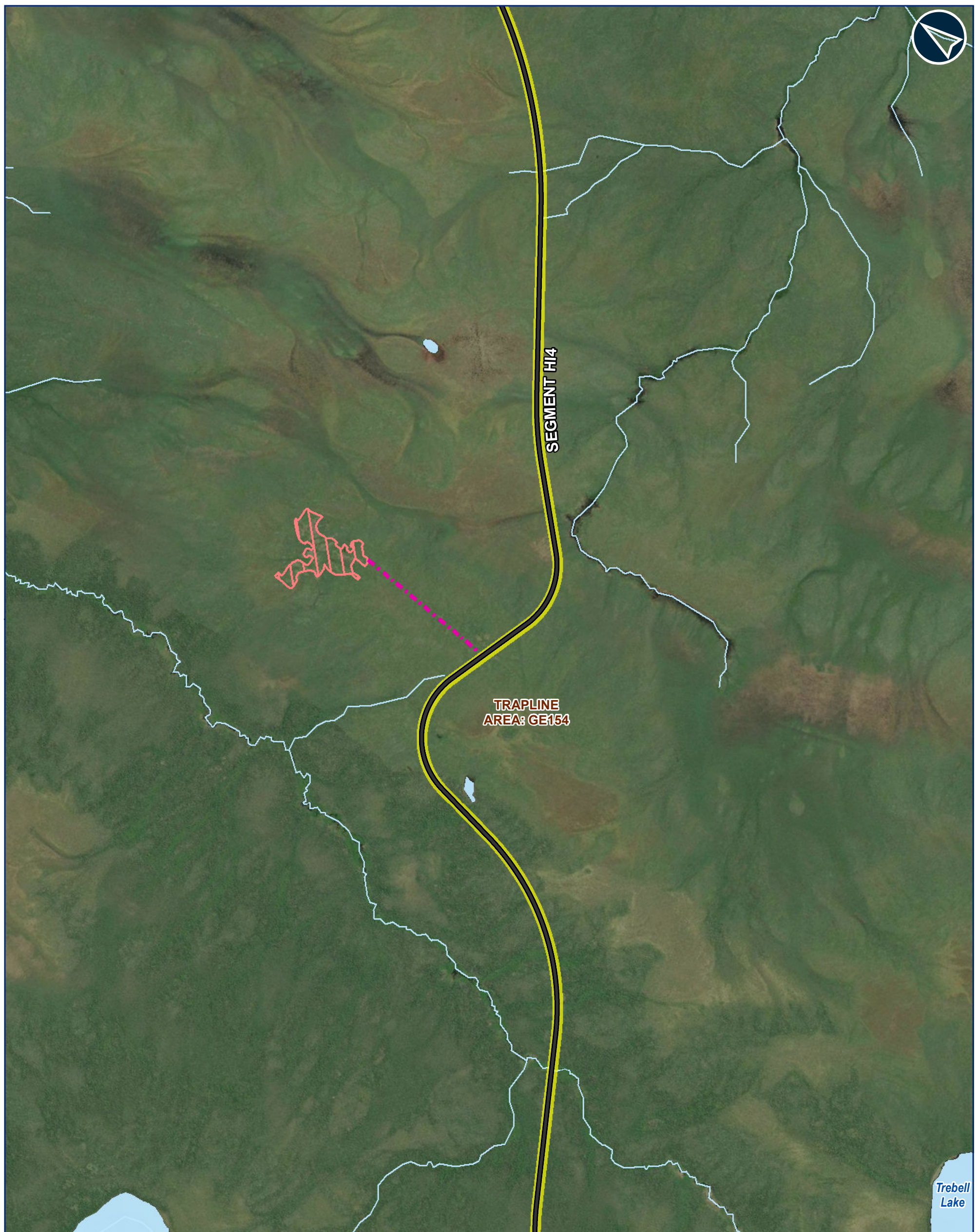
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Comments by Ministry of Mines	Rapid Lynx Broadband Project	Watercourse	Waterbody
Comments by MFFN Community Member	Route Alternative Node	Trapline Area	
Alignment Alternatives			
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Bedrock			
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Legend Comments by Ministry of Mines Comments by MFFN Community Member Route Alternative Node Alignment Alternatives Preferred Route Potential Camp Sites 200 Persons		General Features Rapid Lynx Broadband Project Watercourse Waterbody Trapline Area	
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- Legend**
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 - Comments by MFFN Community Member
 - Route Alternative Node
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 - Preferred Route
 - Potential Aggregate Source**
 - Bedrock
 - Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site

- General Features**
- Watercourse
 - Waterbody
 - Trapline Area

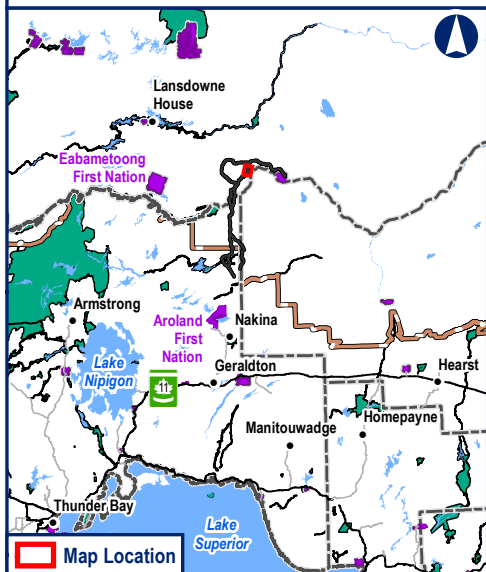
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- Legend**
- Comments by Ministry of Mines
 - Comments by MFFN Community Member
 - Route Alternative Node
 - Alignment Alternatives
 - Preferred Route


- General Features**
- Watercourse
 - Waterbody
 - Provincial Park
 - Trapline Area

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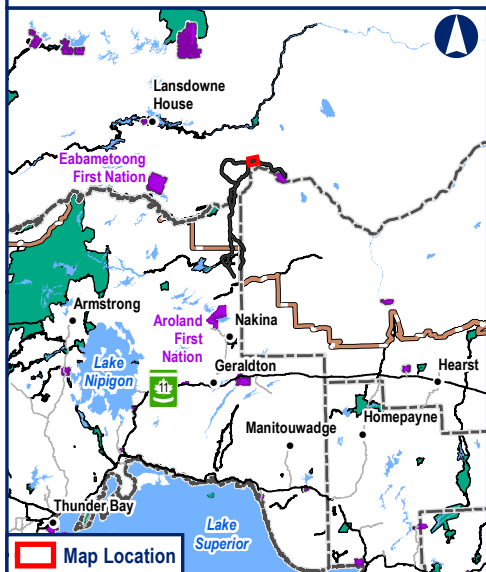
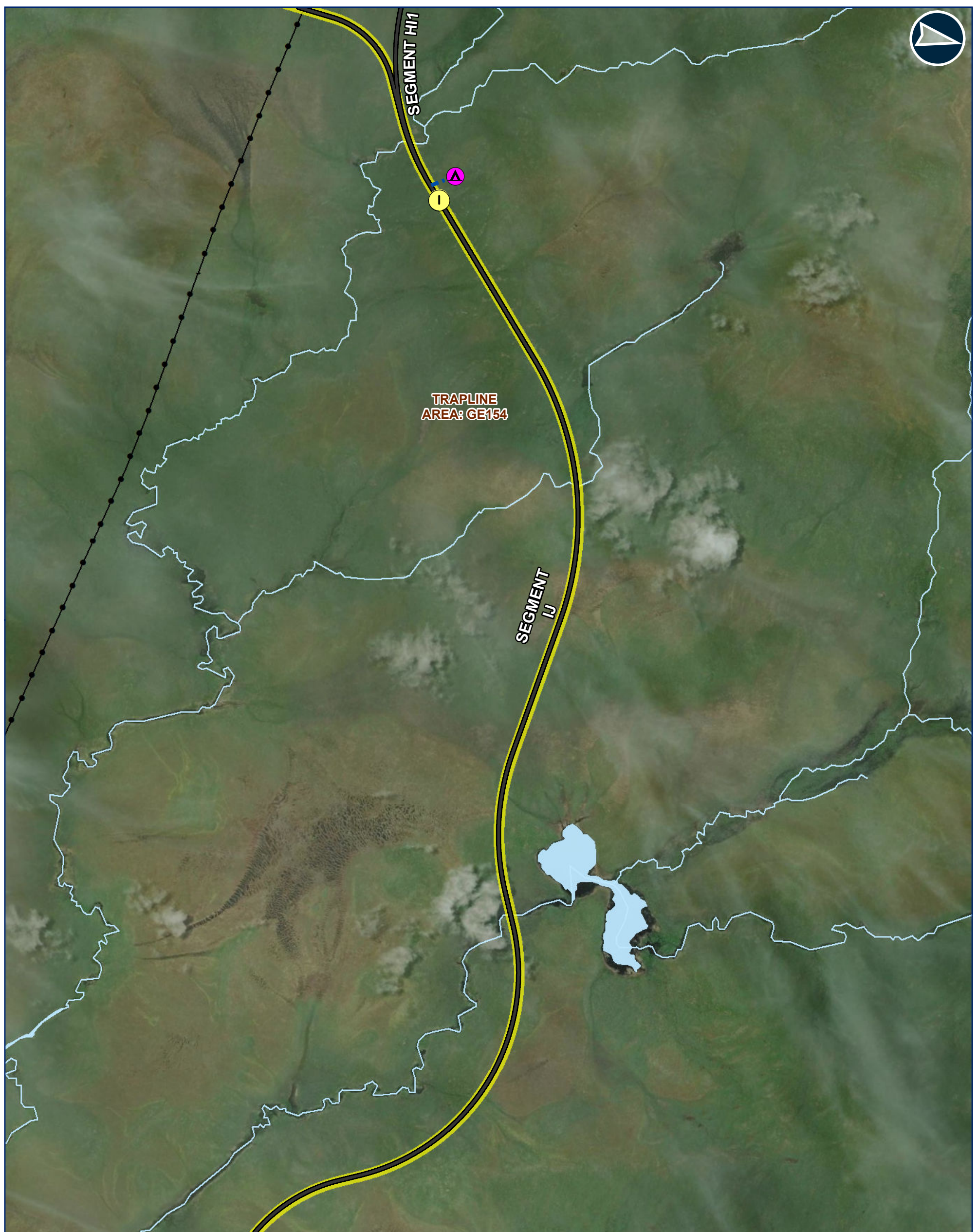
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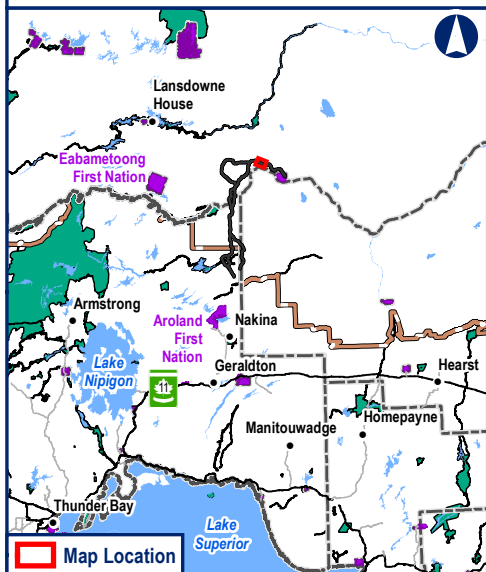
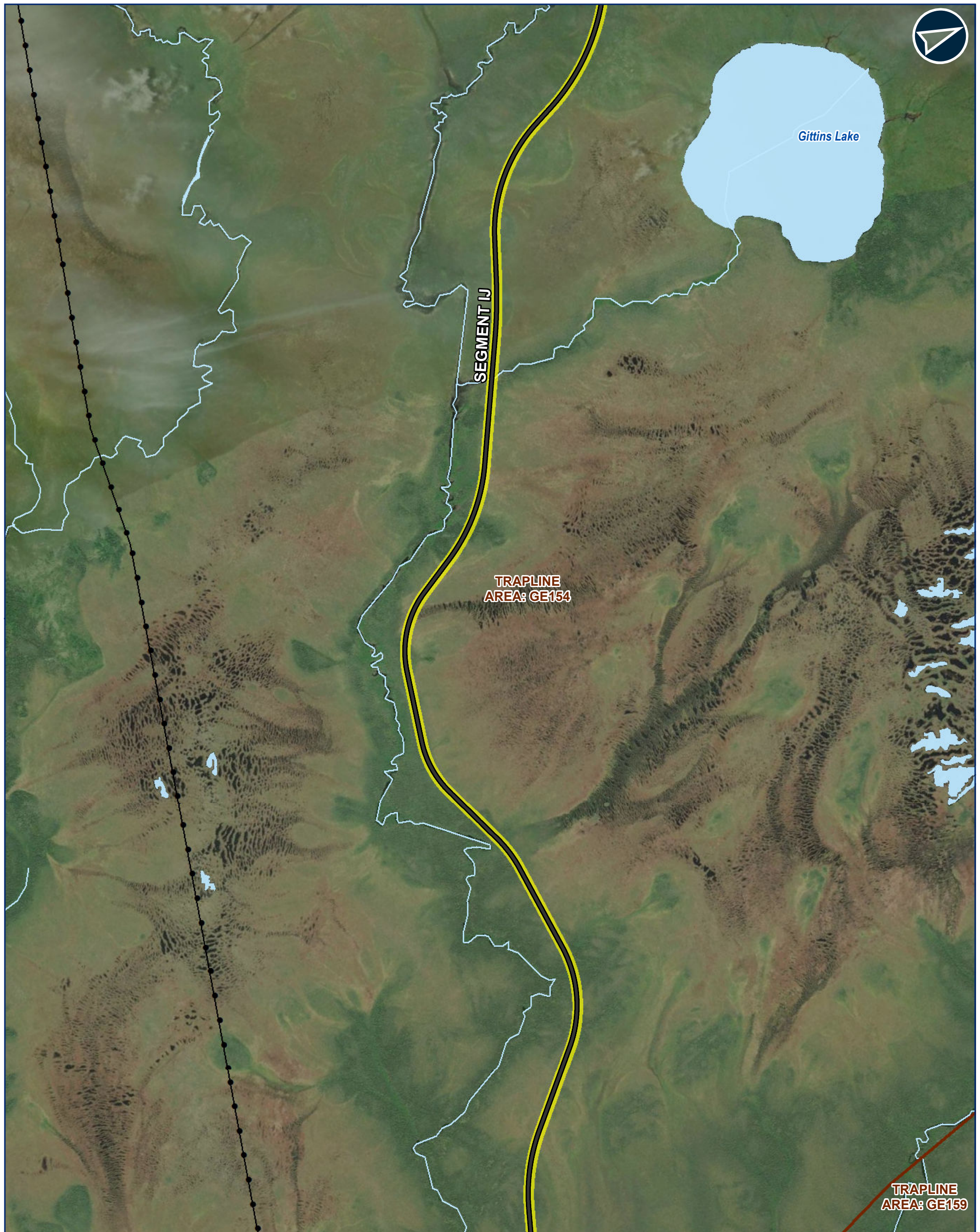


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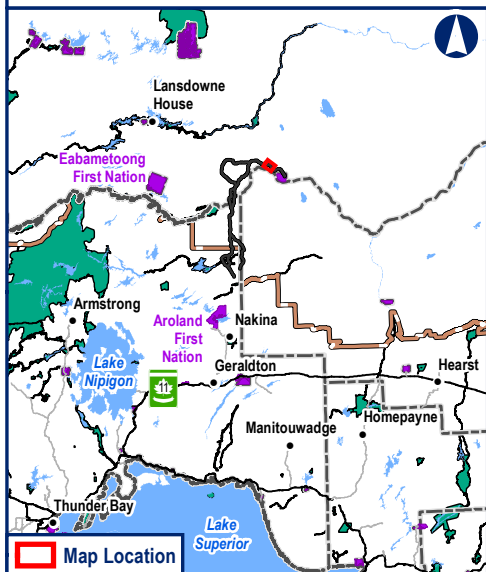
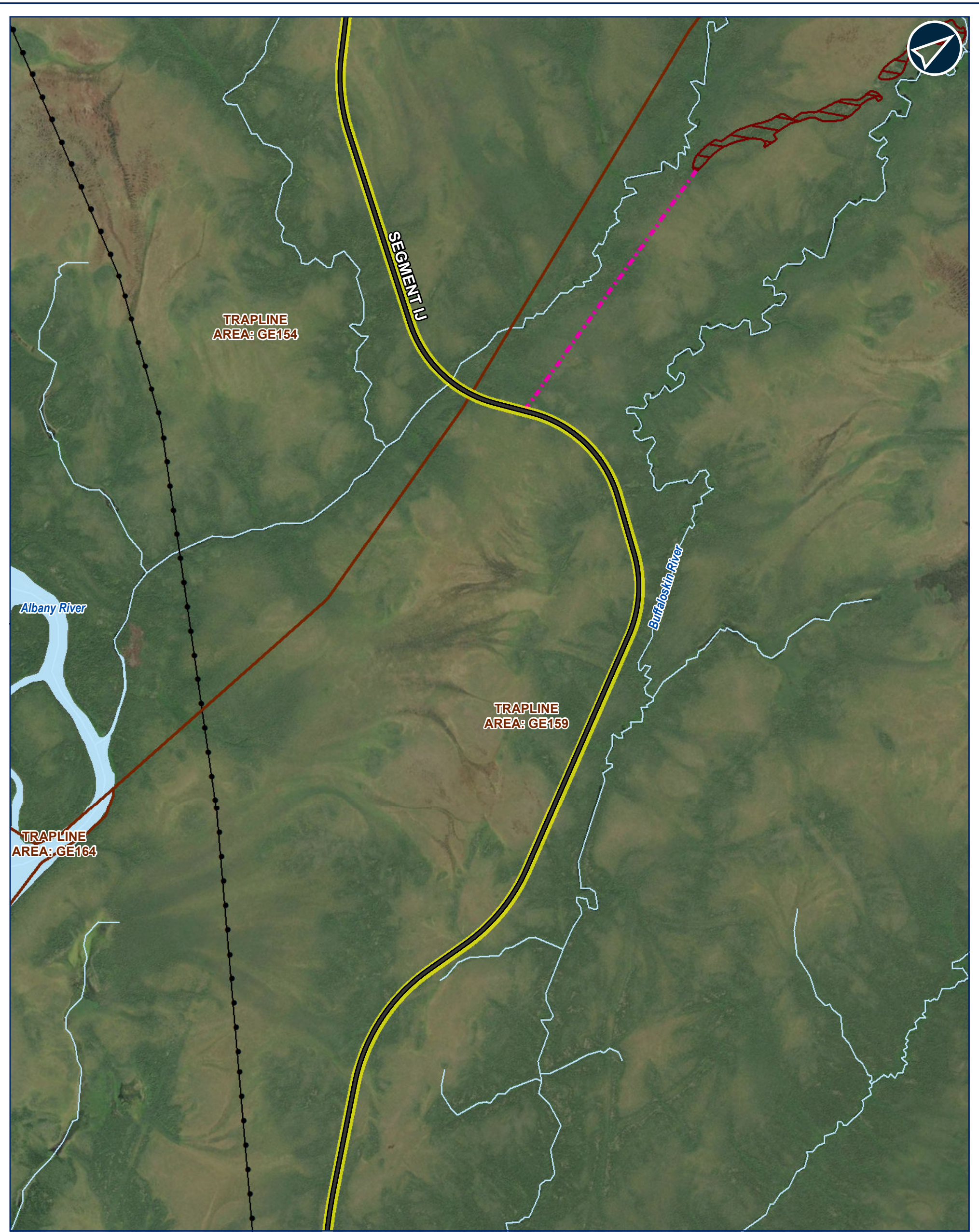
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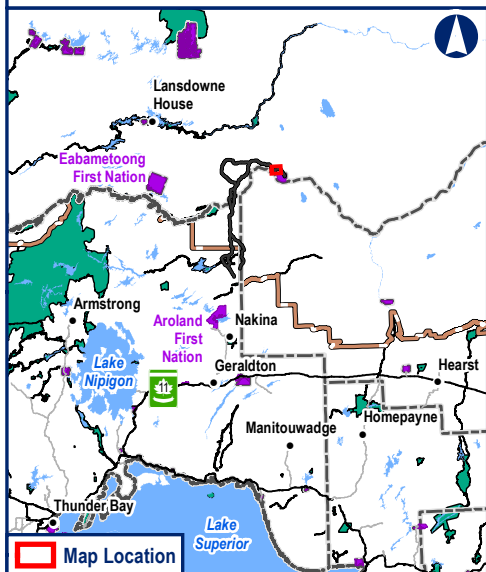
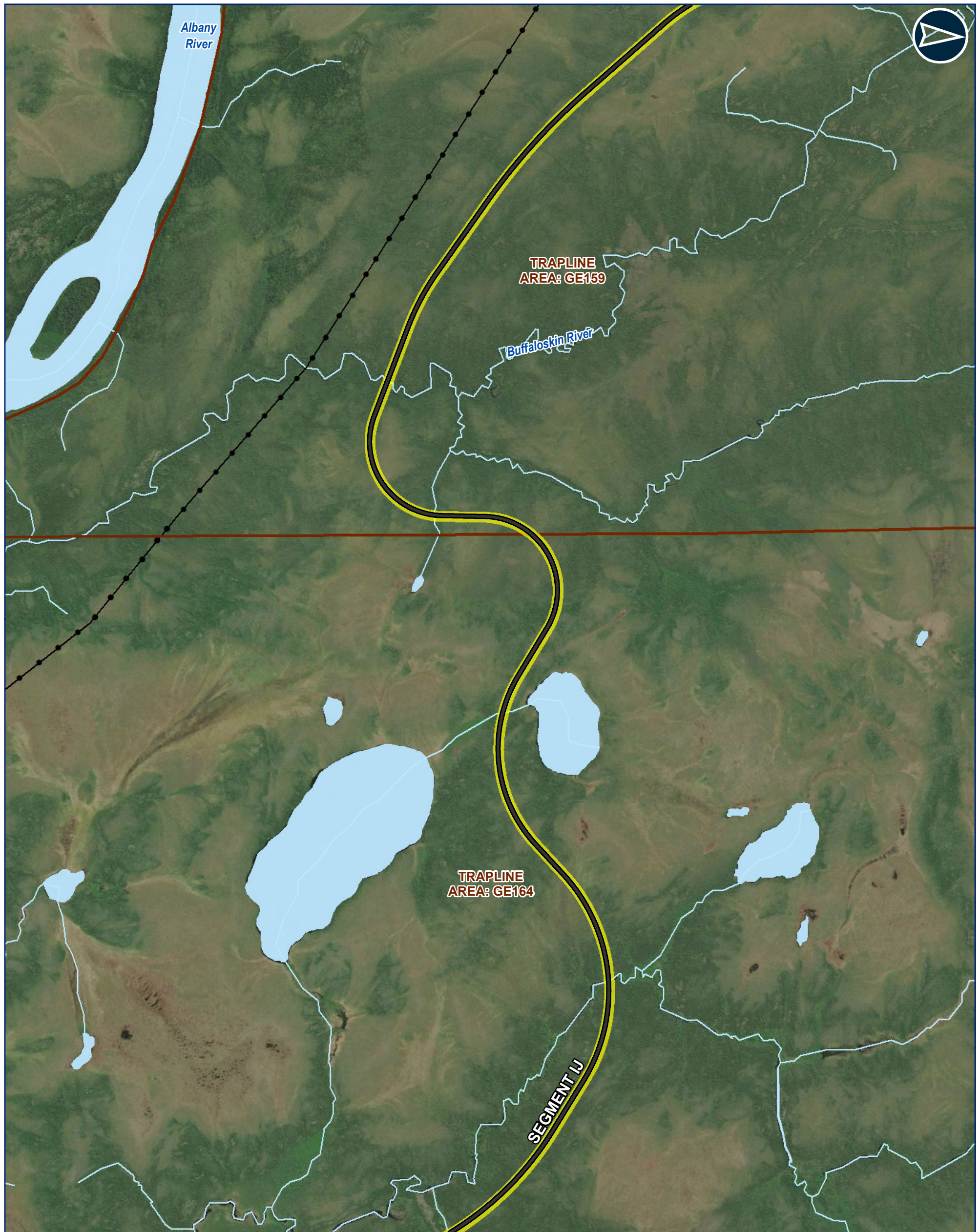
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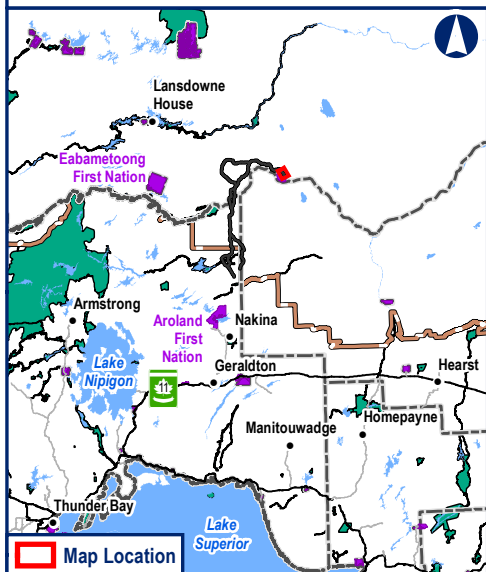
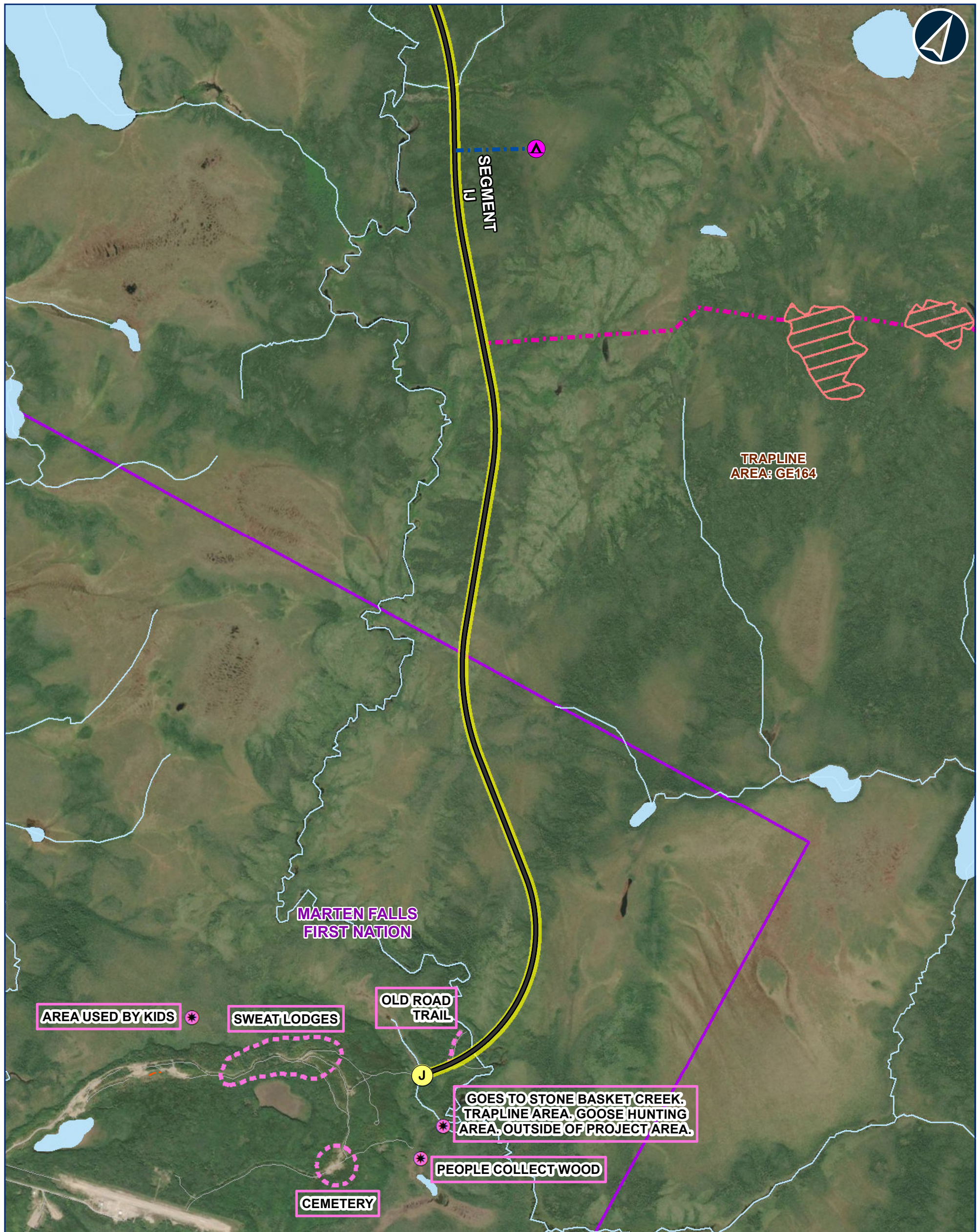
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	Comments by MFFN Community Member		Resource / Recreation Road
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	Alignment Alternatives		Waterbody
	Preferred Route		First Nation Reserve
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	Potential Aggregate Source		
	Bedrock		
	Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site		

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A6.5 Field Programs

A6.5.1 Fall 2023 Field Notice



A6.5.1 *Fall 2023 Field Notice*





Field Notice



Fall 2023 Field Notice

Groundwater and Geochemistry and Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation

Issued: September 2023

What's Happening?

Field programs will be continuing into the fall season to support the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and federal Impact Assessment (IA) for the Marten Falls First Nation proposed Community Access Road.

Groundwater and Geochemistry

The Groundwater and Geochemistry Program has been ongoing since 2022. There are more than 20 well sites that are sampled seasonally to monitor groundwater conditions in the area to support and inform the environmental assessment.

- The fall groundwater and geochemistry program is expected to begin September 18, 2023 and be completed by September 24, 2023.
- The spring groundwater sampling program will resume in Spring 2024.





Field Notice



Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation

Field crews will conduct mortality investigations associated with atigwag / caribou 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.

The caribou collaring and mortality investigation is tentatively scheduled for September 25, 2023 and will be completed in one day.

An update will be provided 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.

Where?

See the next page for the study area map.

Field crews will include a MFFN community member Field Assistant or Community Member Advisor.

To learn more about groundwater and geochemistry and wildlife studies view [webinar recordings](#) and [valued component videos](#) on our website.

Contact Information

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

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A6.6 Frequently Asked Questions





Frequently Asked Questions

Dated: October 2023

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 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 the 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 Community Access Road Project does not include a road to the Ring of Fire. There is a separate project called the Northern Road Link for this—a proposed 117 km to 164 km road. This proposed multi-purpose road to the Ring of Fire will travel between the proposed MFFN Community Access Road and the proposed Webequie Supply Road. Both MFFN and Webequie First Nation are co-proponents of the Northern Road Link.

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 coordinated Environmental Assessment (EA) and Impact Assessment (IA). Alternative 1 and Alternative 4 within the West Corridor will continue to be assessed and evaluated through the EA / IA processes.

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 proposed alternative route lengths and newly identified aggregate sites.

The Environment Assessment / Impact Assessment Process

What is the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment?

The Environment Assessment and Impact Assessment are processes that are 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 / Impact Assessment processes are 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 processes.

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 coordinate Environment Assessment / Impact Assessment is expected to be completed in 2025.

Cumulative Effects

What are Cumulative Effects?

Cumulative effects are changes that are caused by the combined effects of multiple activities in the same area. This includes activities that have happened in the past, activities that are currently ongoing, and activities that are likely to occur in the near future.





How will the cumulative affect of the Community Access Road in combination with the affects of other relevant projects or activities be assessed?

Cumulative effects will be assessment through the Cumulative Effects Assessment process. The cumulative effects assessment focuses on assessing reasonably foreseeable projects that are not captured in the project existing conditions and effects assessments (because the projects have not yet happened) but have the potential to interact with the environmental and socio-economic effects caused by the Community Access Road. The assessment will be completed in steps including scoping (setting the parameters), analysis, mitigation, significance and follow-up. The Cumulative Effects Assessment for the Community Access Road will be undertaken once the preferred route is selected and the effects assessment is complete.

Construction

When will construction of the Community Access Road begin?

The Environment Assessment / Impact Assessment is expected to conclude in 2026. 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 are available online:

martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices. Field studies Factsheets for those studies completed in 2023 are available at PIC #5 and will be available online. 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 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. Reports

A7.1 Milestone #2 Progress Report

A7.2 Milestone #2 Progress Report Update

A7.3 Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report



A7.1 Milestone #2 Progress Report



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 12:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: MFFN CAR Milestone 2 Progress Report

Dear [REDACTED]

We hope this email finds you well.

The Milestone #2 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road has been drafted and is ready for review. The following link includes the Report and associated appendices to view or download, for [REDACTED]

The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023.

We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section by February 15, 2024, 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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A7.2 Milestone #2 Progress Report Update



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 11:37 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: MFFN CAR Milestone 2 Progress Report

Due to technical issues, the Milestone #2 Progress Report was updated on November 28, 2023. The link in the original email remains valid. Please download the new version of the report provided in the community specific folder.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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A7.3 Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: June 3, 2024 12:27 PM
Subject: MFFN Community Access Road Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

Good afternoon,

The Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report for the provincial Environmental Assessment are ready for Indigenous community review. The reports are available for download here: [Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment_May 2024 - Google Drive](#)

The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report documents the archaeological and land use history, to determine whether there is potential for archaeological sites in the additional areas required for aggregate impacts. It incorporates a review of recent mapping, previous archaeological reports, and incorporation of any information collected from Indigenous communities. 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.

Feedback and comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report is requested by August 2, 2024.

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.

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.

Sincerely,

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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