

Implementation of FNLM at Williams Lake First Nation

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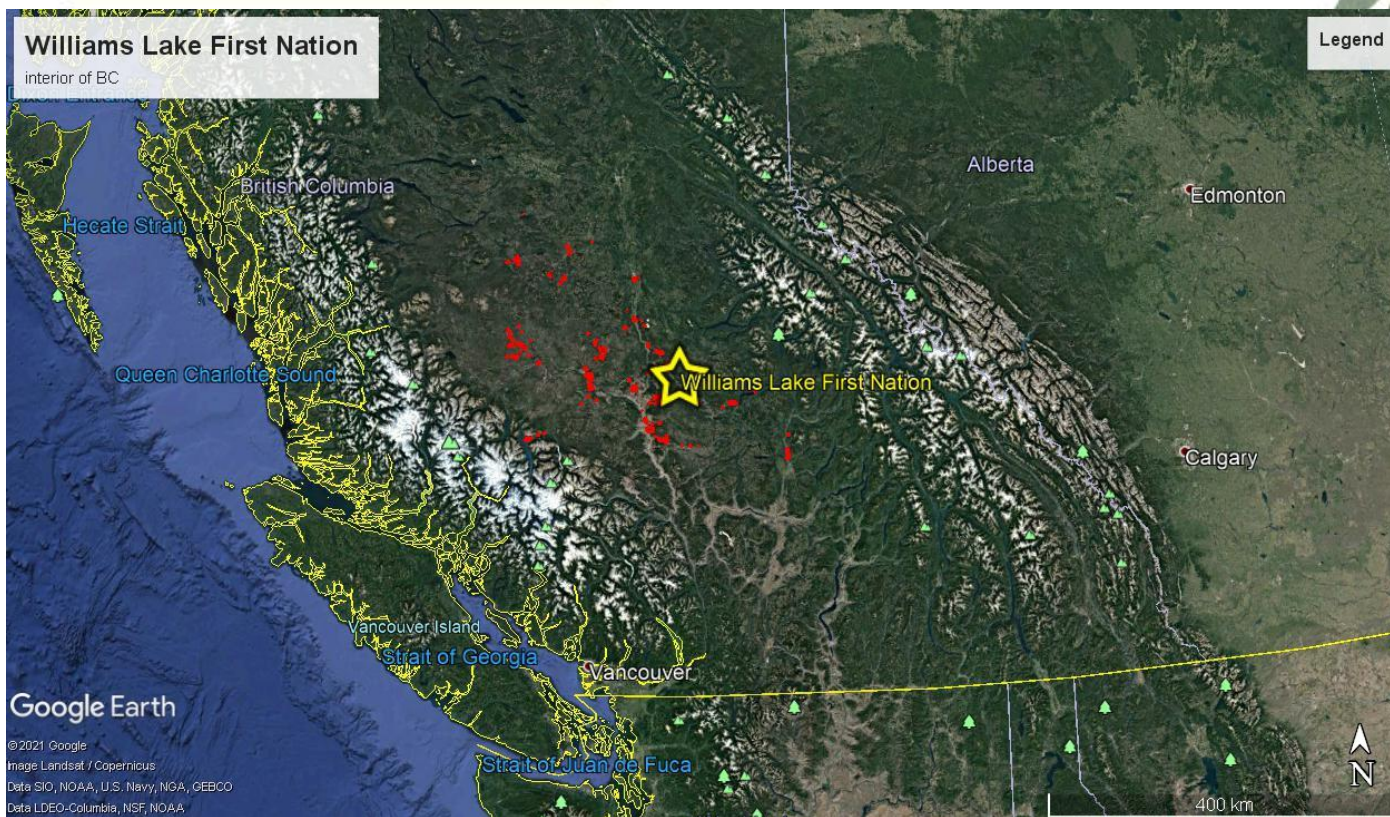
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Williams Lake First Nation (WLFN)



Northern Secwepemc First Nation located in the interior of BC

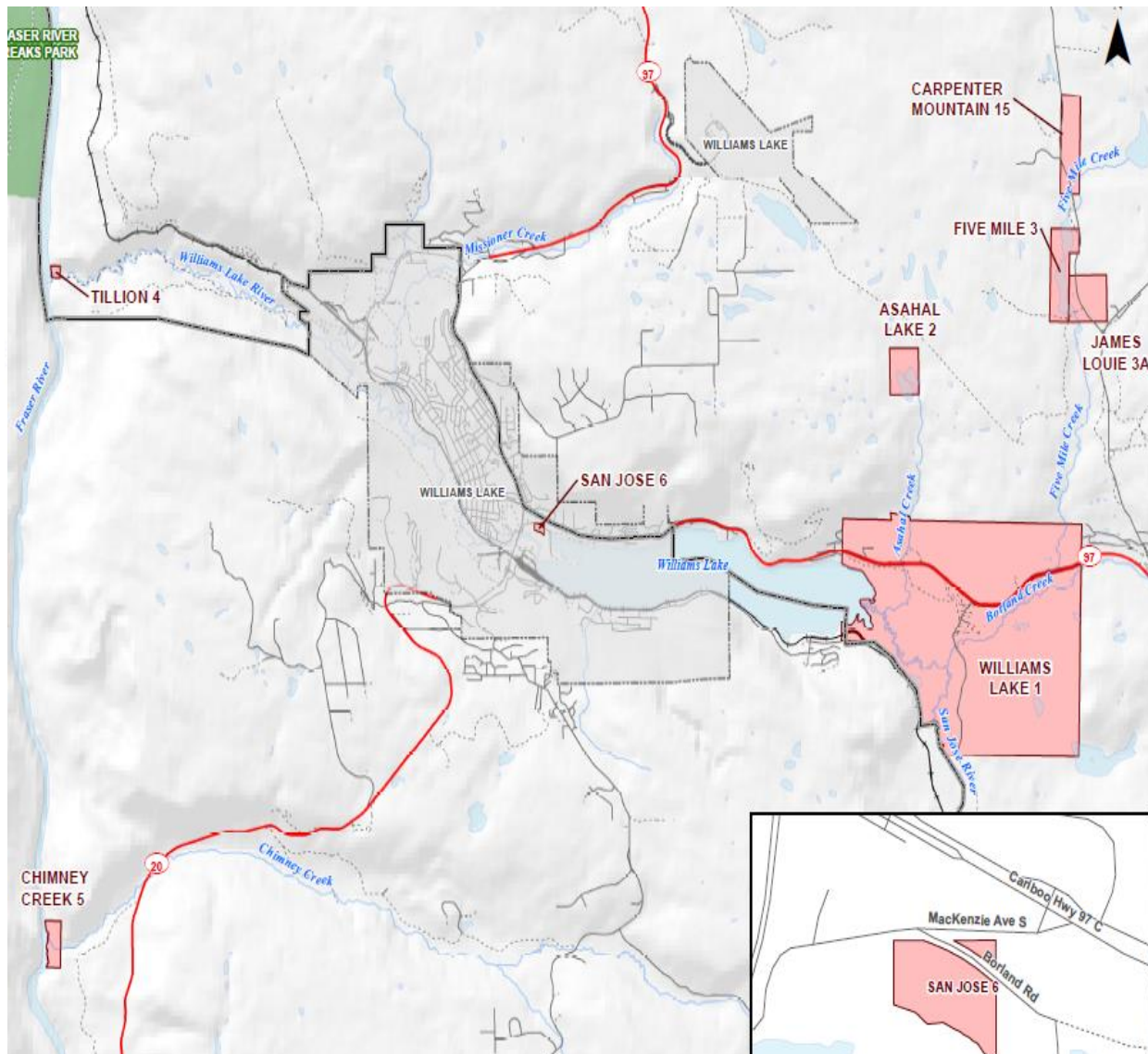
Approximately 7 hours north of Vancouver, BC



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WLFN has 8 reserves within the Williams Lake area

WLFN main reserve (IR#1) is located 8 km south of the city of Williams Lake



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WLFN Land Code

WLFN became signatory to the FNLM and enacted a Land Code that went into effect on July 1, 2014. WLFN now manages all eight of its reserves.



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WLFN & FNLM Implementation

Successes:

- We've developed a number of laws under FNLM: Matrimonial Real Property Law, Animal Control Law, Nuisance and Trespass Law, Cannabis Law.
- Already had a number of existing Indian Act bylaws
- Through the First Nations Fiscal Management Act (FMA) WLFN has also developed a Financial Administration Law, Property Tax and Assessment Laws.



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WLFN Economic Development

- FNLM and FMA have significantly fueled economic development
- WLFN can move at the speed of business
- Approvals on WLFN land no longer needed from Indigenous Services Canada



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Coyote Rock Estates



Phase 1: 28 residential lakeview lots developed. 10 commercial lots.



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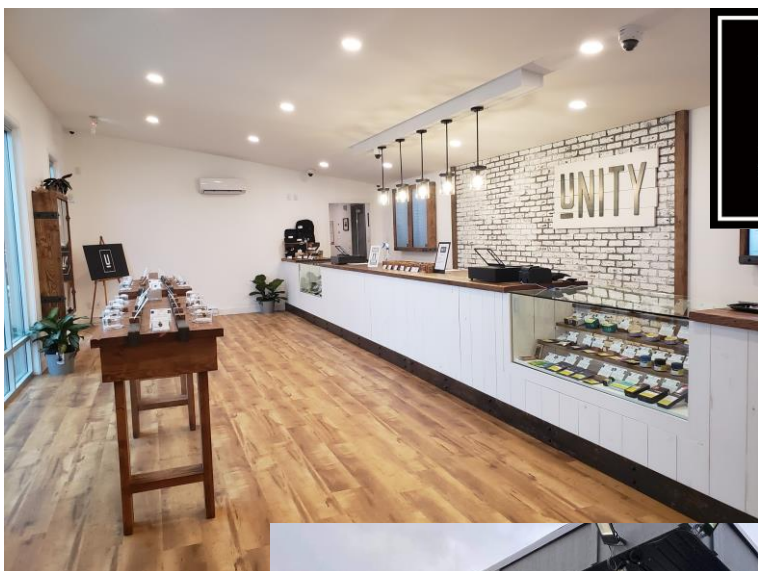
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150 Mile Ranch – MOTI Land Exchange – ATR lands



320 acre operational ranch acquired as part of the first FNLM land exchange



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Challenges:

- WLFN has significant internal capacity, but it is still challenging to create and administer the FNLM governance framework.
- Still have an abundance of law development and policy work to do.
- Requires considerable infrastructure to effectively administer FNLM: land registry, law enforcement, archaeology, environmental, utilities....



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Any Questions?



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