

Joint Mountain Caribou Workshop

Held Jul. 26 – Aug. 2, 2017
Dechenla Lodge, Mackenzie Mtns

'I don't want to see government imposing their way on my land. This is where things have really got to change,' – Frederick Andrew

In spring 2018 we went to Norman Wells and Tulit'a (NWT), then Tu Łidlini (Ross River, YT). People reviewed our work and helped to make it stronger – like our Vision, which is now:

"Shúhtaot'įnę, Métis and Tu Łidlini (Where the Waters Merge) Dena continue to peacefully co-exist with shúhta goǰepé / kudzih / bedzih in an ecologically diverse and healthy mountain landscape as they have for thousands of years.

Shúhtaot'įnę, Métis and Tu Łidlini Dena are travelling, harvesting, sharing and gathering throughout their territory, keeping Dene k'e (language), Dene ts'įł/guk'eh (past, present and future ways of life), and Dene ǰeǰa/ǰá nizin (law/respect) strong."



There is still a lot of important work to do! Our strategy for action has six program areas including:

1. Land-based Indigenous Guardians & Healing
2. Reduce disturbance of mountain caribou
3. Land protection through protected areas
4. Education and communication of Dene/Métis laws
5. Indigenous resource laws and agreements
6. Keep moving forward (evaluation and learning).

*'We need to teach people our ways and everything will go more smoothly,'
– Dorothy Dick*

Next Steps: Once community input is added, then we'll invite input from the NWT and Yukon Governments. The finalized, signed **Nío Neǰ P'ęnę Plan** will then go to the ǰehdzo Got'įnę Gots'ę Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board) for approval, and be sent to the Minister.

