Highlights from the 2017

Joint Mountain Caribou Workshop

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

'We've got to find a way to move forward. Our people always did that – every time they struggled to find a way, they'd get together like this,' – Leon Andrew

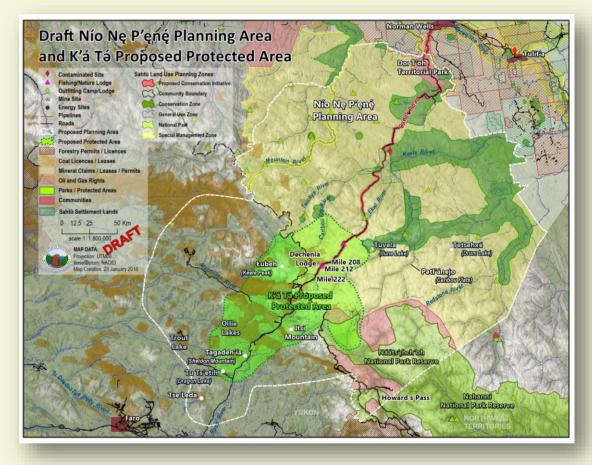
Bedzih / Kudzih / Shúhta Gorepę́ hé, Dene Ts'ılı / Guk'eh hé (health of mountain caribou and Dene ways of life) were the focus of an on-the-land workshop with Sahtú and Tu Łidlini Dena delegates last summer. The workshop was held at K'á Tá – a unique place in heart of the Mackenzie Mountains with deep cultural meaning for Tu Łidlini Dena, Kaska Dena and Shúhtaot'ınę (Mountain Dene), as well as important habitat for Northern Mountain Caribou.

Our goal was to create a joint community-led conservation plan. By late fall 2017 the draft was ready for community review.

'We want to protect it now while there's still caribou out there,' – Gordon Peter

Traditional Dene values, principles and knowledge guide us, such as:

- Ah' yeh gus'an (KD) / bets'erıchá (S)
 respect for caribou
- Ah' yeh gus'an (KD) / pełets'erichá
 (S) respect for each other, and
- Guyeh / duyah kadzudedali (KD) /



We named the plan *Nío Nę P'ęnę́ Begháré Shúhta ?epę́ Nareh>á – Trails of the Mountain Caribou* to honour the importance of the area to Dene, and refer to the Mountain Caribou trails that cover the landscape.

?ełexé ?eghálats'eda (S) working together.

