



Thaidene Néné

Oct. 17, 2018

Critical Path to Establishment

Presentation to the Standing Committee of Economic Development and Environment



Timeline

2000 – LKDFN initiates discussions with Parks Canada about potential National Park Reserve

2004 – LKDFN approves a name, boundary, and vision for Thaidene Nënë

2007 – LKDFN enters into an MOU with Parks Canada to investigate the feasibility of protected areas in Thaidene Nënë. The land is put under Interim Land Withdrawal

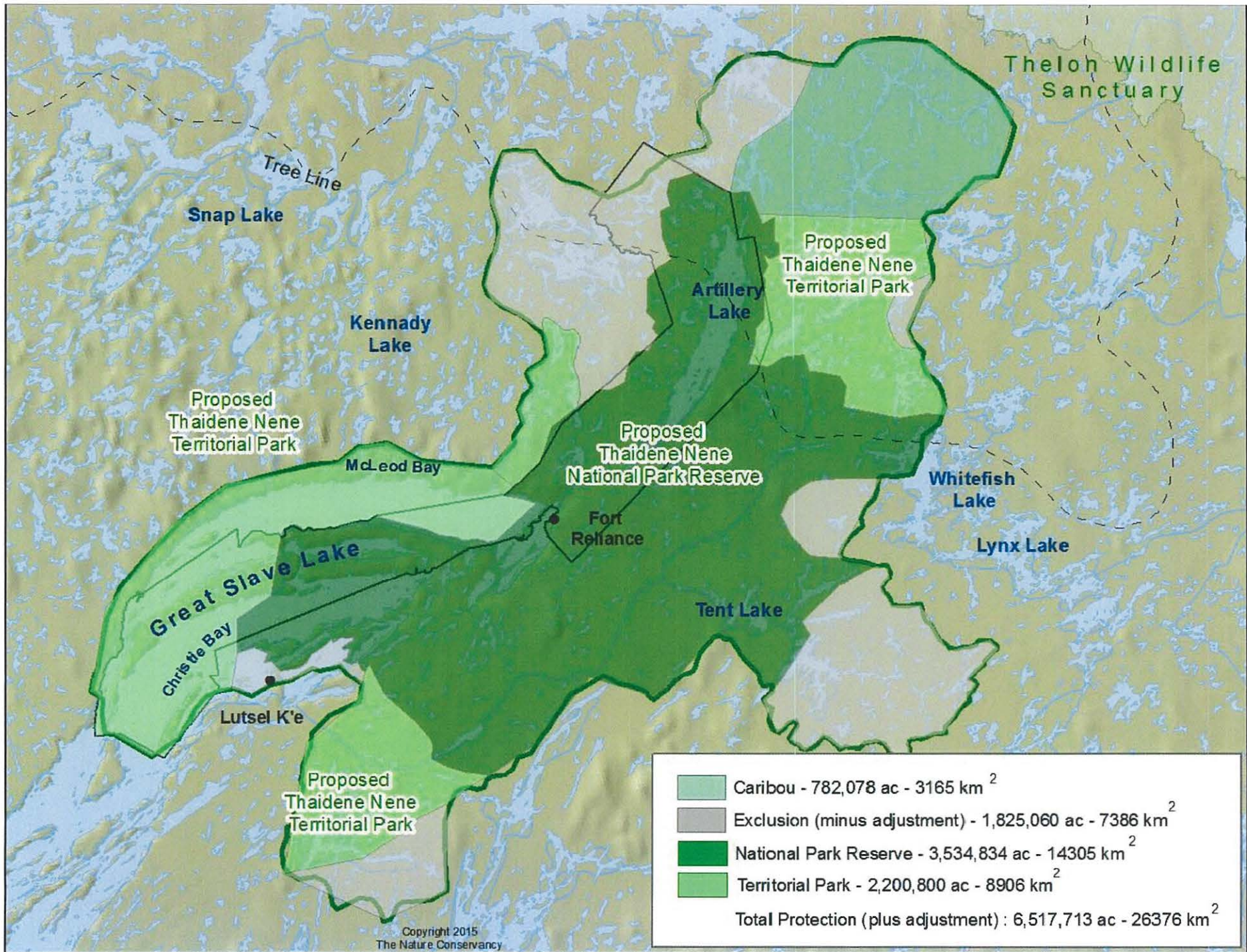
2010 – LKDFN enters into a *Thaidene Nene Framework Agreement*. Negotiations with Parks Canada for a National Park Reserve in Thaidene Nene commence

2015 – Post-devolution, LKDFN commences negotiations with the GNWT for abutting Thaidene Nënë territorial protected areas

2016 – In the *Mandate of the GNWT 2016-2019*, commitments to establish Thaidene Nene and enact territorial protected area legislation are made. Canada and GNWT commence negotiations for a Land Transfer Agreement (LTA). GNWT also begins advancing a new *Territorial Protected Areas Act*

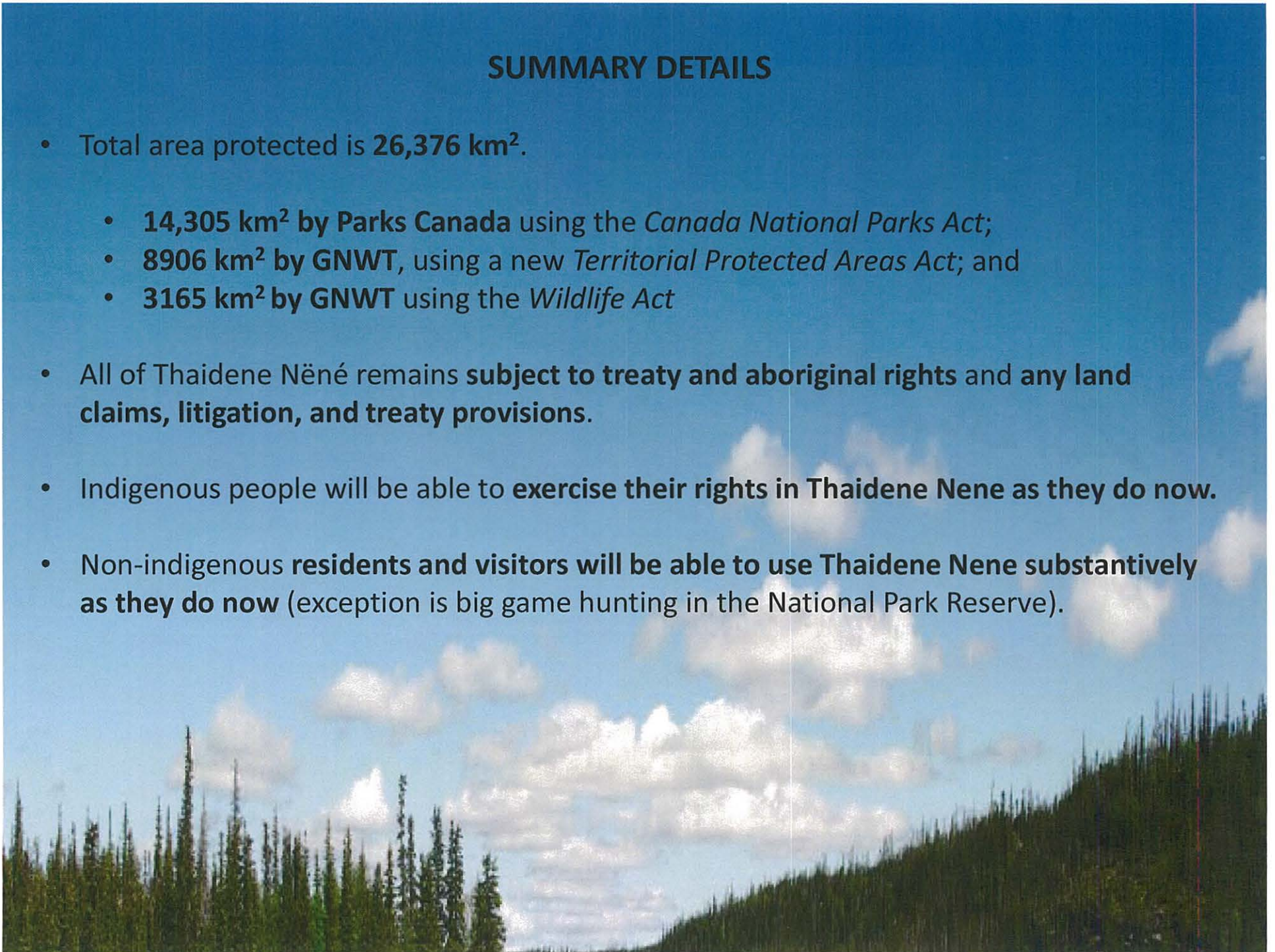
2018 – Establishment Agreements and LTA initialled and ready for finalization

May/June 2019 – Establishment Agreements and LTA signed, and Thaidene Nene is designated using both federal and territorial legislation



SUMMARY DETAILS

- Total area protected is **26,376 km²**.
 - **14,305 km²** by **Parks Canada** using the *Canada National Parks Act*;
 - **8906 km²** by **GNWT**, using a new *Territorial Protected Areas Act*; and
 - **3165 km²** by **GNWT** using the *Wildlife Act*
- All of Thaidene Nënë remains **subject to treaty and aboriginal rights and any land claims, litigation, and treaty provisions.**
- Indigenous people will be able to **exercise their rights in Thaidene Nene as they do now.**
- Non-indigenous **residents and visitors will be able to use Thaidene Nene substantively as they do now** (exception is big game hunting in the National Park Reserve).

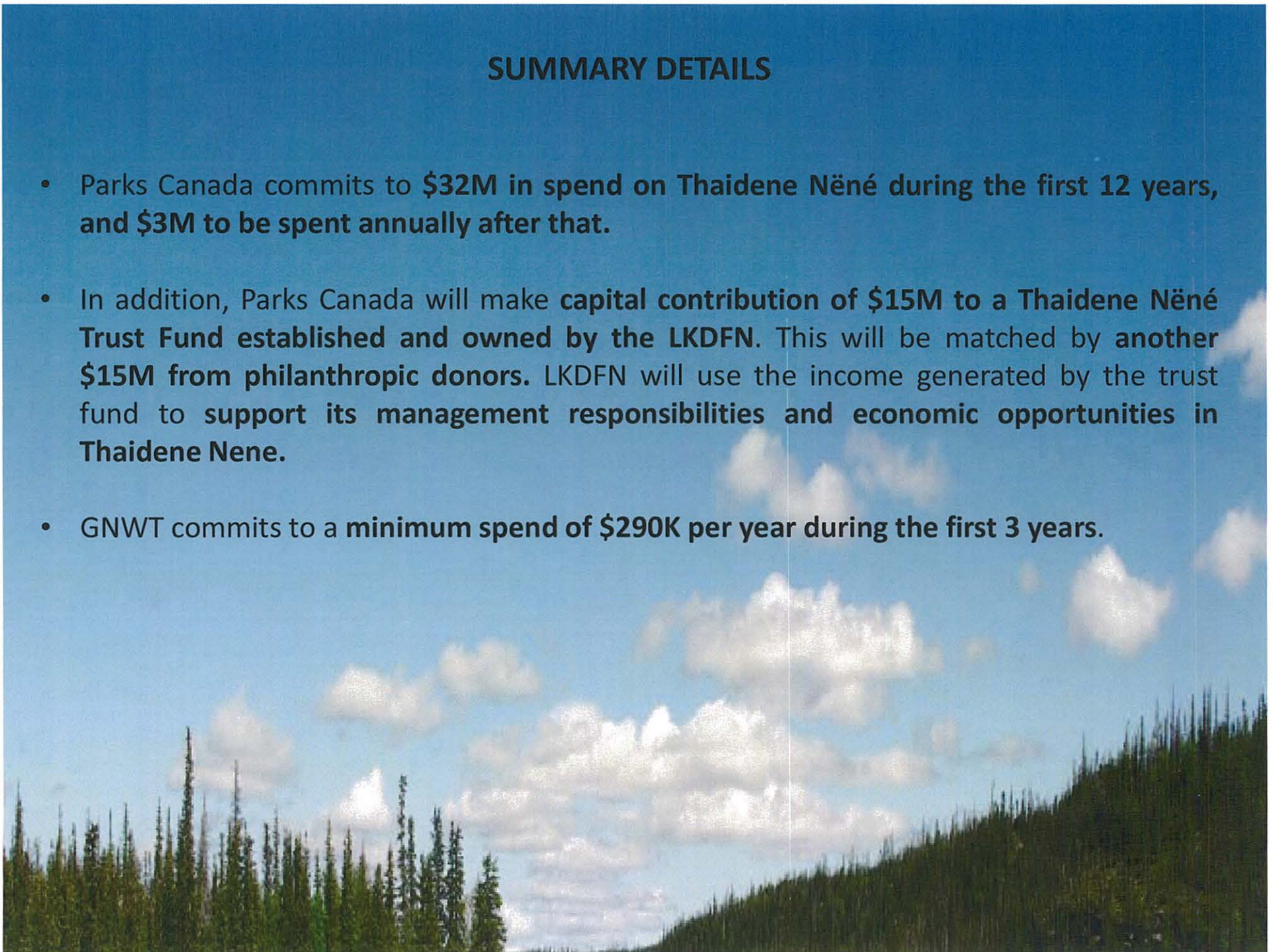


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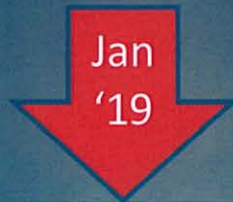
- **Industrial development is not allowed** in Thaidene Nene.
- **Infrastructure corridors are provided for in the territorial protected area**, but not the National Park Reserve.
- Management and operational responsibility in Thaidene Nene is **shared** between LKDFN and public governments through a **consensus board**.
- **Initial direct employment in Lutsel K'e** resulting from Thaidene Nene will be **18 positions**, including at least 8 full-time jobs.
- **A visitor, heritage, and operations centre will be built** in Lutsel K'e.

SUMMARY DETAILS

- Parks Canada commits to **\$32M in spend on Thaidene Nënë during the first 12 years, and \$3M to be spent annually after that.**
- In addition, Parks Canada will make **capital contribution of \$15M to a Thaidene Nënë Trust Fund established and owned by the LKDFN.** This will be matched by **another \$15M from philanthropic donors.** LKDFN will use the income generated by the trust fund to **support its management responsibilities and economic opportunities in Thaidene Nene.**
- GNWT commits to a **minimum spend of \$290K per year during the first 3 years.**



CRITICAL PATH TO ESTABLISHMENT



Lutsel K'e Establishment

- Finalize Establishment Agreements with Canada and GNWT
- Resolve outstanding LTA issues (caribou and corridors) with GNWT and Canada
- Inform Territorial Protected Area Legislation
- Develop establishment regulations with GNWT
- LKDFN ratification

Federal Establishment

- Sign LTA with GNWT
- Assume Administration and Control of National Park Reserve
- Initiate federal legislative process to add Thaidene Nene to Schedule B of the Canada National Parks Act.

GNWT Establishment

- Enact Territorial Legislation and establishment regulations for Thaidene Nene Territorial Protected Area.