



Information Bulletin

Visitors welcome to Tsilhqot'in Title Lands

Tsilhqot'in Title Land (September 15, 2015): Moving forward with transitioning Tsilhqot'in Title Lands from Provincial to Tsilhqot'in management, the Xenigwet'in First Nations Government, one of six Tsilhqot'in communities and caretakers of the Tsilhqot'in Title Lands, have developed rules and regulations for visitors to the area.

All visitors must adhere to the [Visitor Protocol](#) and [Nemiah Declaration](#).

At this time, hunting remains closed on Tsilhqot'in Title Lands for all species. Access through Tsilhqot'in Title Lands for hunting purposes also remains closed. For those wishing to fish, all current provincial water and angling regulations must be followed. The Xenigwet'in First Nations Government will have monitors on the ground and are working jointly with provincial Conservation Officers to ensure rules and regulations are adhered to.

Through a joint effort between the Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations and the Tsilhqot'in National Government, information signs marking entry points to the Title Lands have also been erected to assist with orientation.

The Supreme Court of Canada recognized Aboriginal title held by the Tsilhqot'in Nation on June 26, 2014. Aboriginal title includes the right to exclusive use and occupation of the land, the right to the economic benefits of the land, and the ability to determine how the land is used. This case is preceded by the judgment of the BC Court of Appeal confirming that the Tsilhqot'in hold Aboriginal rights to hunt, trap and trade throughout the entire claim area.

Xenigwet'in and the Tsilhqot'in Nation continue to engage with the Province of British Columbia and local owners and operators to support good governance of the Tsilhqot'in Title Lands for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

Learn More:

- For a map of the Title Area and more information on *Tsilhqot'in Nation v. British Columbia*: visit www.tsilhqotin.ca/Lands/RightsTitle.htm
- For access to the Nemiah Declaration: visit <http://www.tsilhqotin.ca/About/Governance.htm>
- For visitor information within Title land and access to the Xenigwet'in Visitor Protocol: visit www.xeni.ca
- For more information about the Tsilhqot'in National Government: visit www.tsilhqotin.ca
- Those seeking more information can phone the Xenigwet'in Government Office at 250-394-7023. The office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.

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