



Information Bulletin

Rangers welcome visitors to Declared Title Area

Declared Tsilhqot'in Title Land (June 20, 2016): The Tsilhqot'in Nation continues moving forward with transitioning Tsilhqot'in Title Lands from Provincial management to Tsilhqot'in management and control. Through this process, the Xenigwet'in First Nations Government, one of six Tsilhqot'in communities and caretakers of the Declared Title Area, continues to welcome respectful visitors to the area.

All visitors must adhere to the [Visitor Protocol](#) and [Nemiah Declaration](#). In addition to online, both documents can be viewed at the welcoming signs into the Xenigwet'in caretaker area.

The Xenigwet'in First Nations Government will have uniformed Land Rangers at entry points to the Declared Title Area and are working jointly with the Ministry of Environment's local Conservation Officers, Park Rangers, and Forest and Lands Natural Resource Operations Natural Resource Officers to ensure rules and regulations are adhered to. Roles of the Rangers center around conservation, ensuring both natural and cultural assets are protected and maintained, as well as helping visitors enjoy and understand the area.

Along with throughout the declared title area, the following designated areas will have Land Rangers providing information 7 days per week:

- Davidson Bridge (Taseko River);
- Henry's Crossing/North end of Chilko River; and
- Tatlayoko Lake Road and Chilko Lake Road Junction.

Hunting remains closed for all species within the Declared Title Area. Access through this area for hunting purposes also remains closed. For those wishing to fish, all current provincial water and angling regulations must be adhered to.

Recreation sites and BC Parks campgrounds remain open through joint efforts with the Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations and the Ministry of Environment. Visitors are encouraged to stay within designated camping areas.

The Supreme Court of Canada declared Aboriginal title to 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 BC Supreme Court November 2007 declaration of Aboriginal rights to hunt, trap and trade throughout the entire claim area.

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 and inquiries within the Declared Title Area and Xeni Gwet'in Caretaker Area or access to the Xeni Gwet'in Visitor Protocol: visit www.xeni.ca
- For more information about the Tsilhqot'in National Government: visit www.tsilhqotin.ca
- For a map of recreation sites: visit www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca
- Those seeking more information can phone the Xeni Gwet'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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