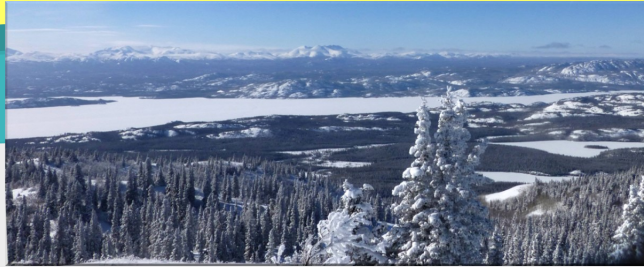


# Ta'an Kwäch'än Council



Dear Yukoner,

Due to COVID-19 regulations, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council (TKC) lands staff continue to record a significant increase in the number of people utilizing Settlement Lands for recreational purposes. Because Whitehorse serves as a busy hub for Yukoners, the First Nation government is concerned about the negative impacts further use will have on these important areas.

## **These negative impacts include:**

- Unauthorized usage, vandalism, and destruction of cultural sites, including traditional family cabins and camp sites.
- Habitat degradation caused from off-road vehicles, specifically snow machines.
- Unauthorized 'trail maintenance' cutting trees and creation of trails.
- General environmental and habitat degradation, and increased littering and dumping.
- A general lack of awareness by the public about First Nation land management practices. Ta'an Kwäch'än Council is asking the public to refrain from using Settlement Land sites to allow the land, water, and wildlife populations time to heal.

## **Areas of Particular concern include:**

- **Mud Lake Area - Settlement Land Parcel R-9A**
- **Settlement Lands off the Livingston Trail and Swan Lake Areas**
- **Settlement Lands off the Dawson Trail**

TKC will continue to increase patrols and public engagement activities throughout the winter. If you are uncertain of where Settlement Lands are and have questions about land management practices, we would be more than happy to provide assistance. We are in the process of creating an interactive map systems and will be adding these along with project updates to our website. This information is available at [www.taان.ca/maps](http://www.taان.ca/maps). If you are still in need of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact TKC.

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