

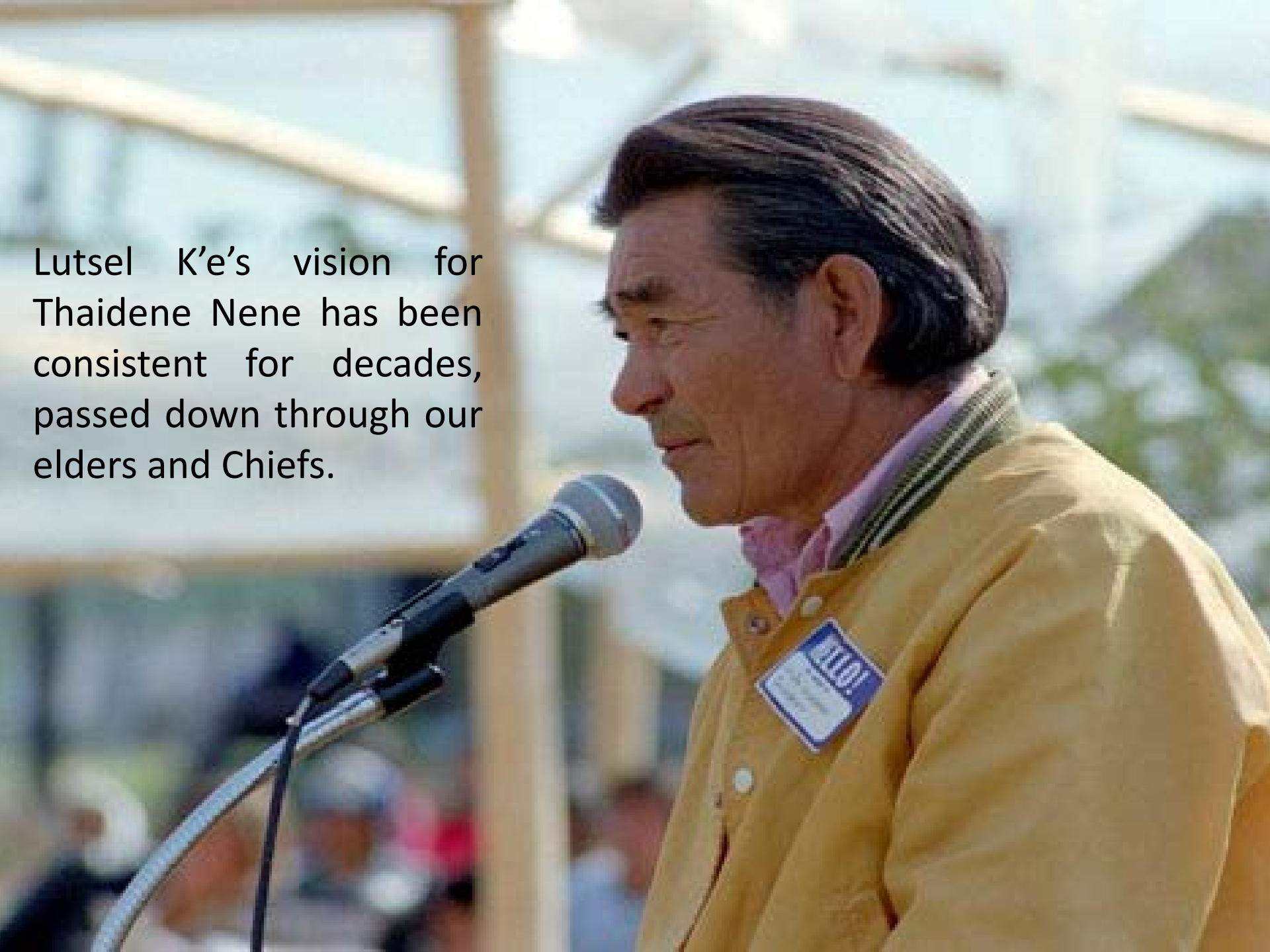


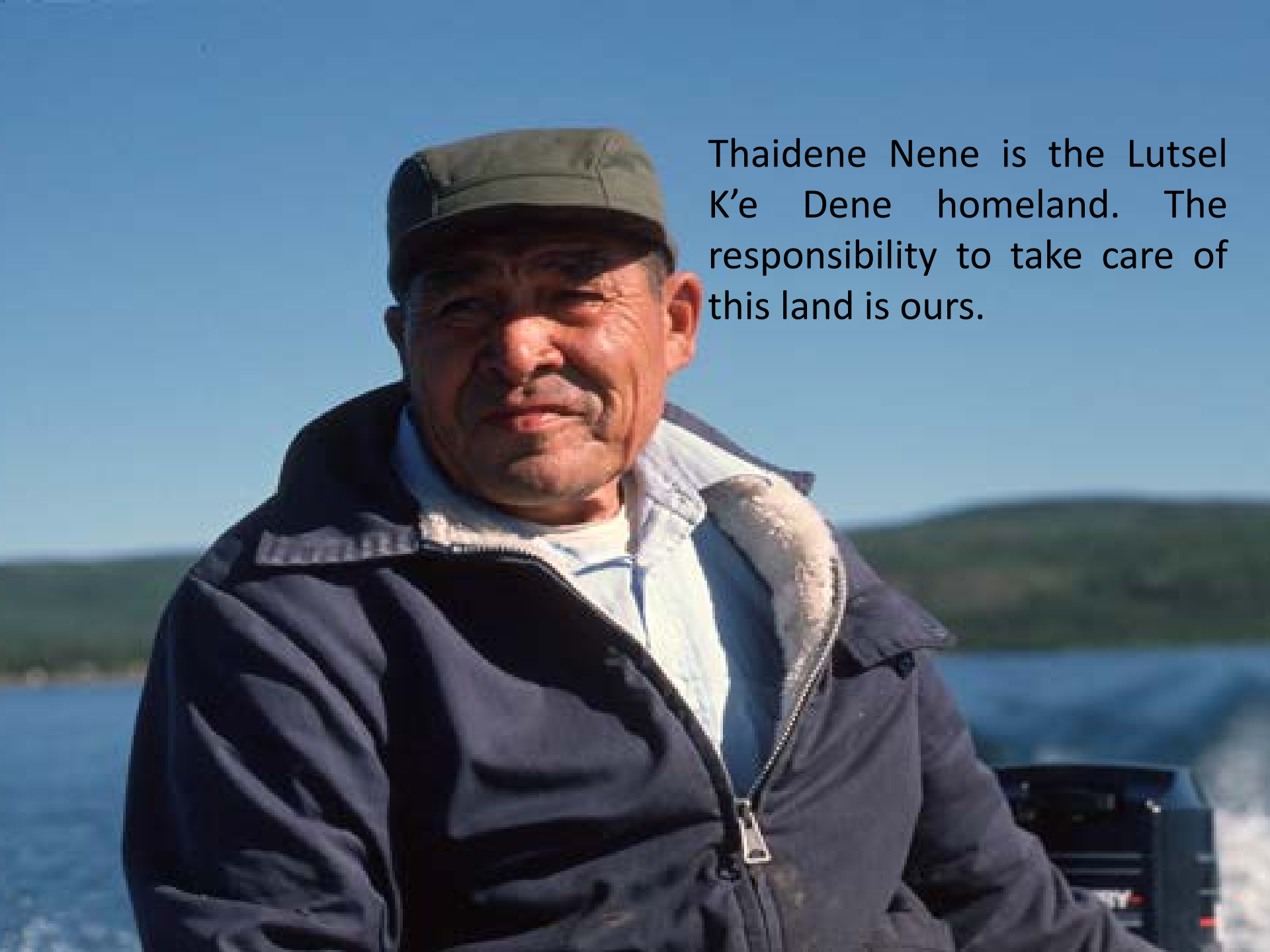
Thaidene Nene

“Land of the Ancestors”



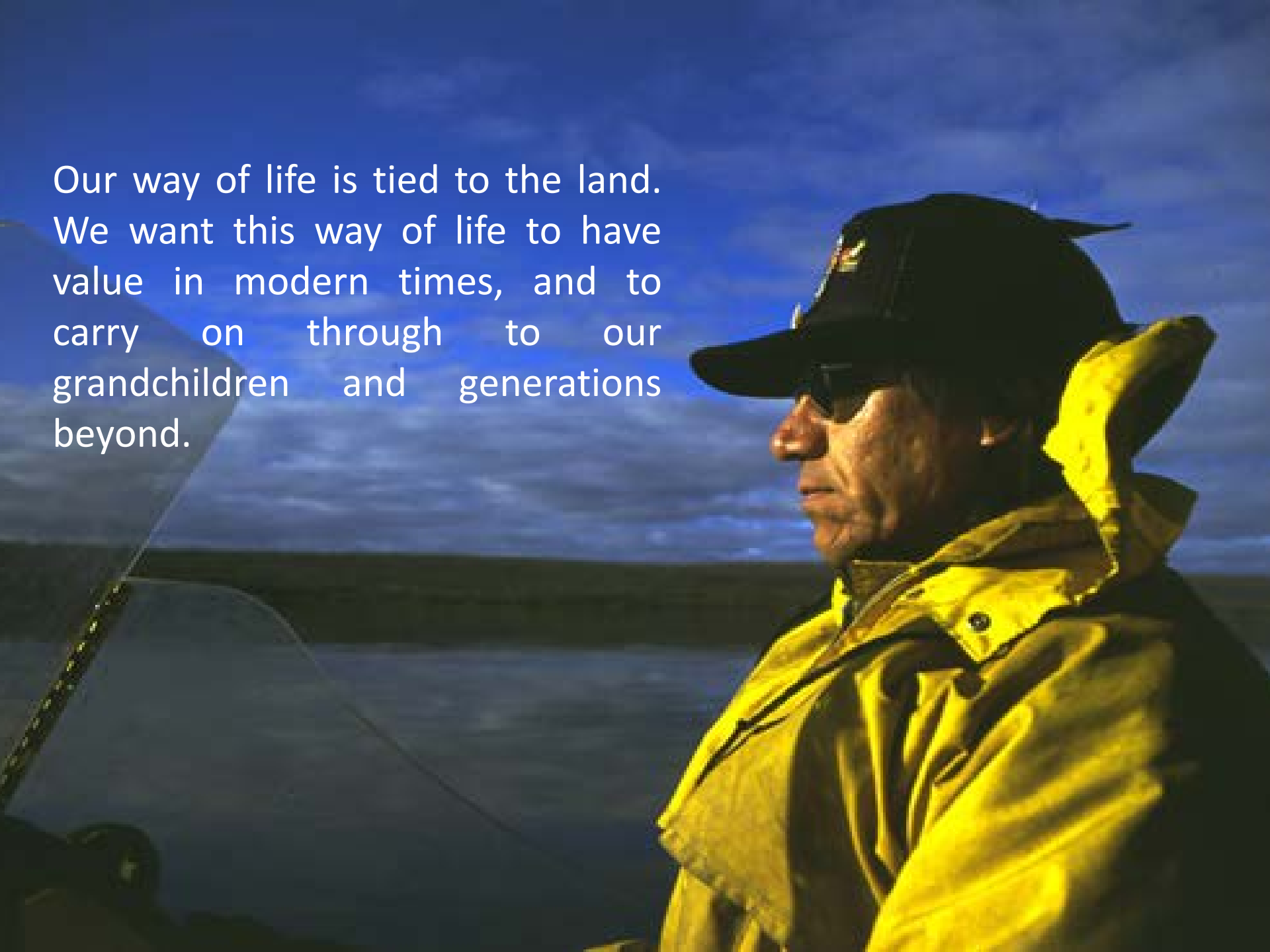
Lutsel K'e's vision for Thaidene Nene has been consistent for decades, passed down through our elders and Chiefs.





Thaidene Nene is the Lutsel K'e Dene homeland. The responsibility to take care of this land is ours.

Our way of life is tied to the land.  
We want this way of life to have  
value in modern times, and to  
carry on through to our  
grandchildren and generations  
beyond.



We will use our Dene ways of knowing and doing to manage and operate Thaidene Nene, and generate a modern economy that fits our culture.



Thaidene Nene will be a living legacy for all, where the Lutsel K'e Dene, with its partners, will welcome the world.





## **Our VISION:**

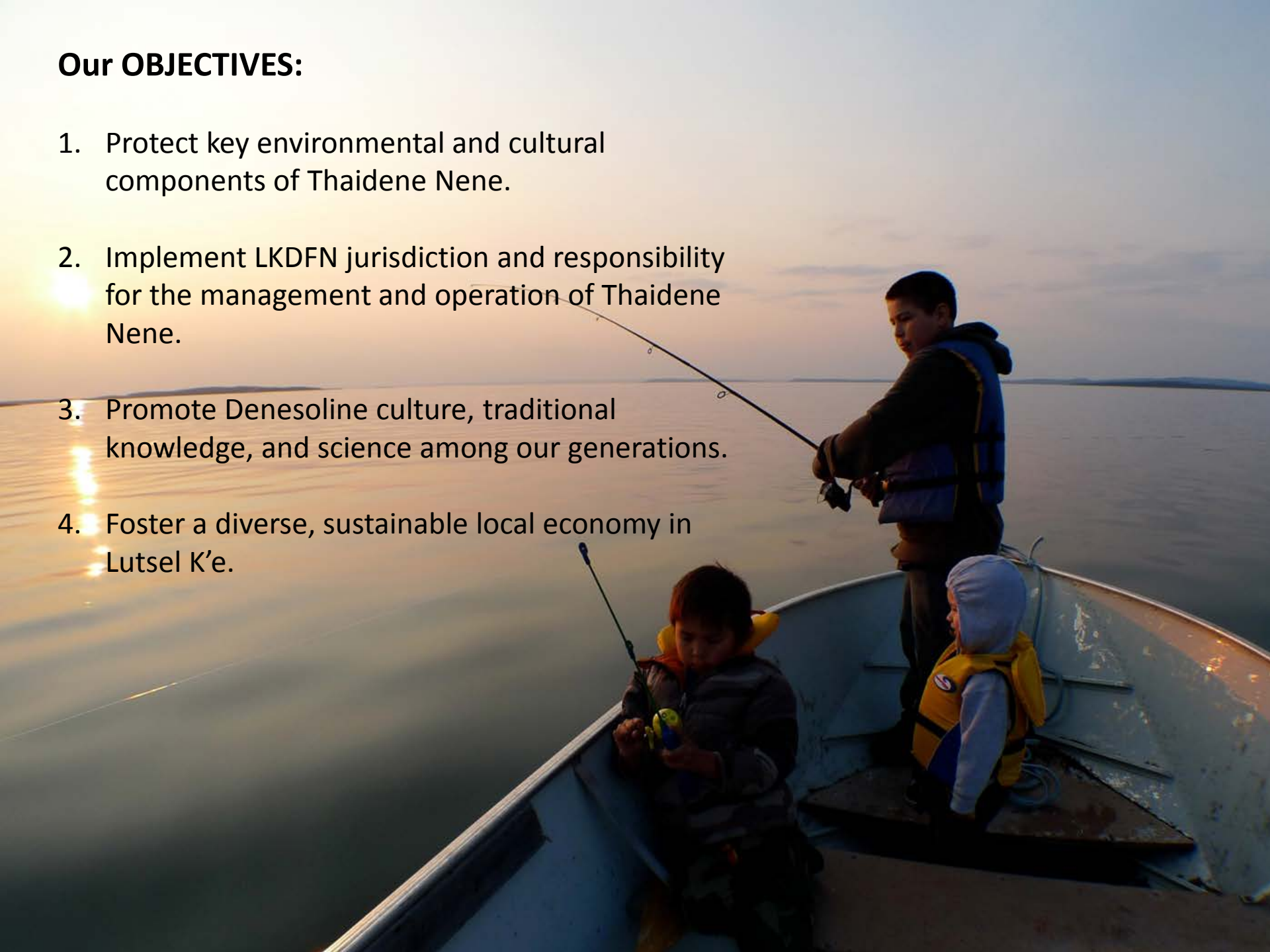
*Thaidene Nene is the heart of the homeland and sacred place of the Lutsel K'e Denesoline. It is where the ancestors of the Lutsel K'e Denesoline laid down the sacred, ethical, and practical foundations of the Denesoline way of life.*

*Carrying these traditions into the future, the Lutsel K'e Denesoline have the right to promote their culture, practice their relationship with the land and water, and protect the territory upon which this culture and relationship depend. Protection of Thaidene Nene means preserving the environmental and cultural integrity of a homeland fundamental to a material well-being and cultural identity.*

*As the keepers of Thaidene Nene, the Lutsel K'e Denesoline have the responsibility to act as stewards of the land and as host to visitors*

## Our OBJECTIVES:

1. Protect key environmental and cultural components of Thaidene Nene.
2. Implement LKDFN jurisdiction and responsibility for the management and operation of Thaidene Nene.
3. Promote Denesoline culture, traditional knowledge, and science among our generations.
4. Foster a diverse, sustainable local economy in Lutsel K'e.



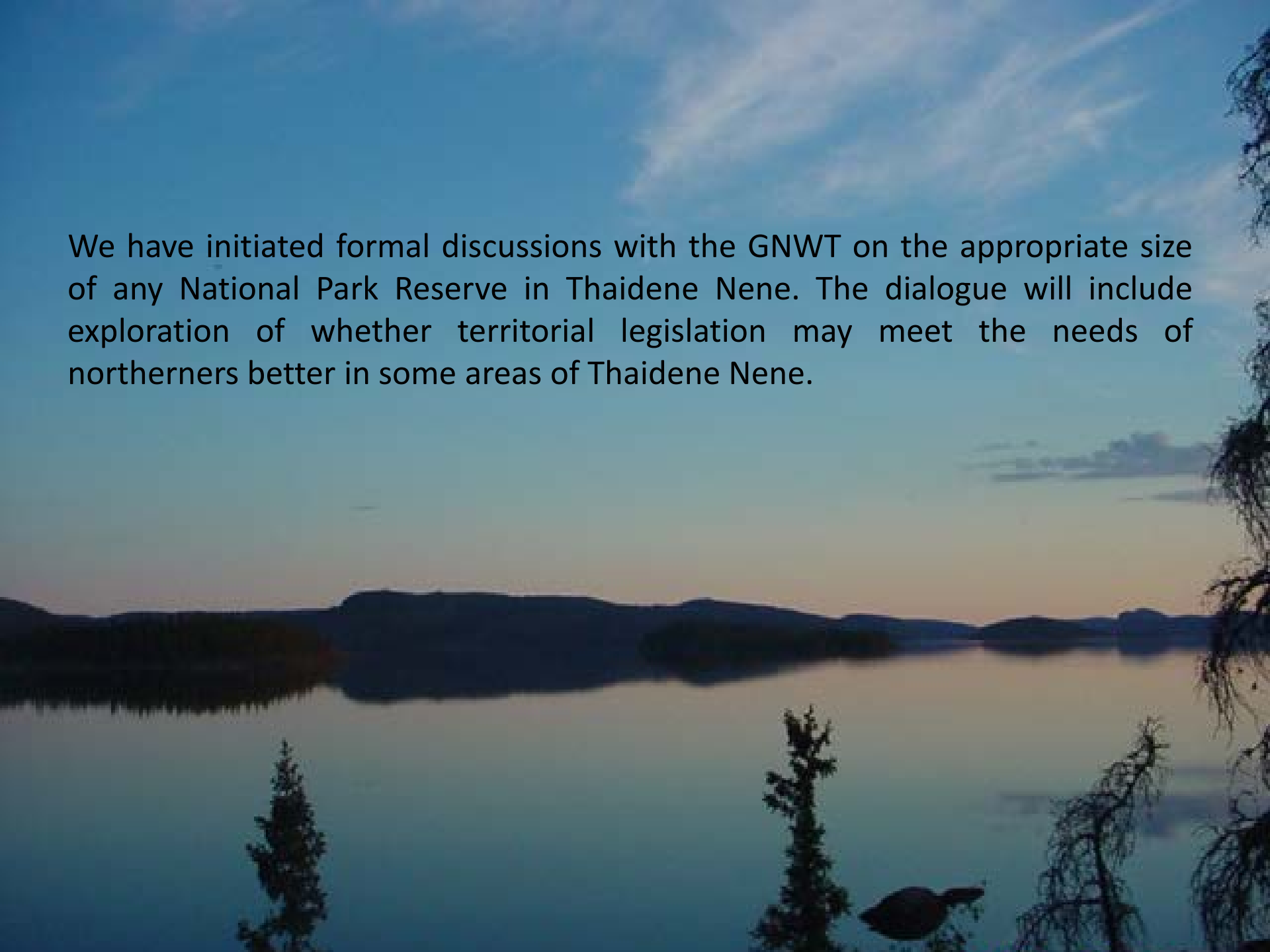


**What are we doing to achieve our Vision and Objectives?**

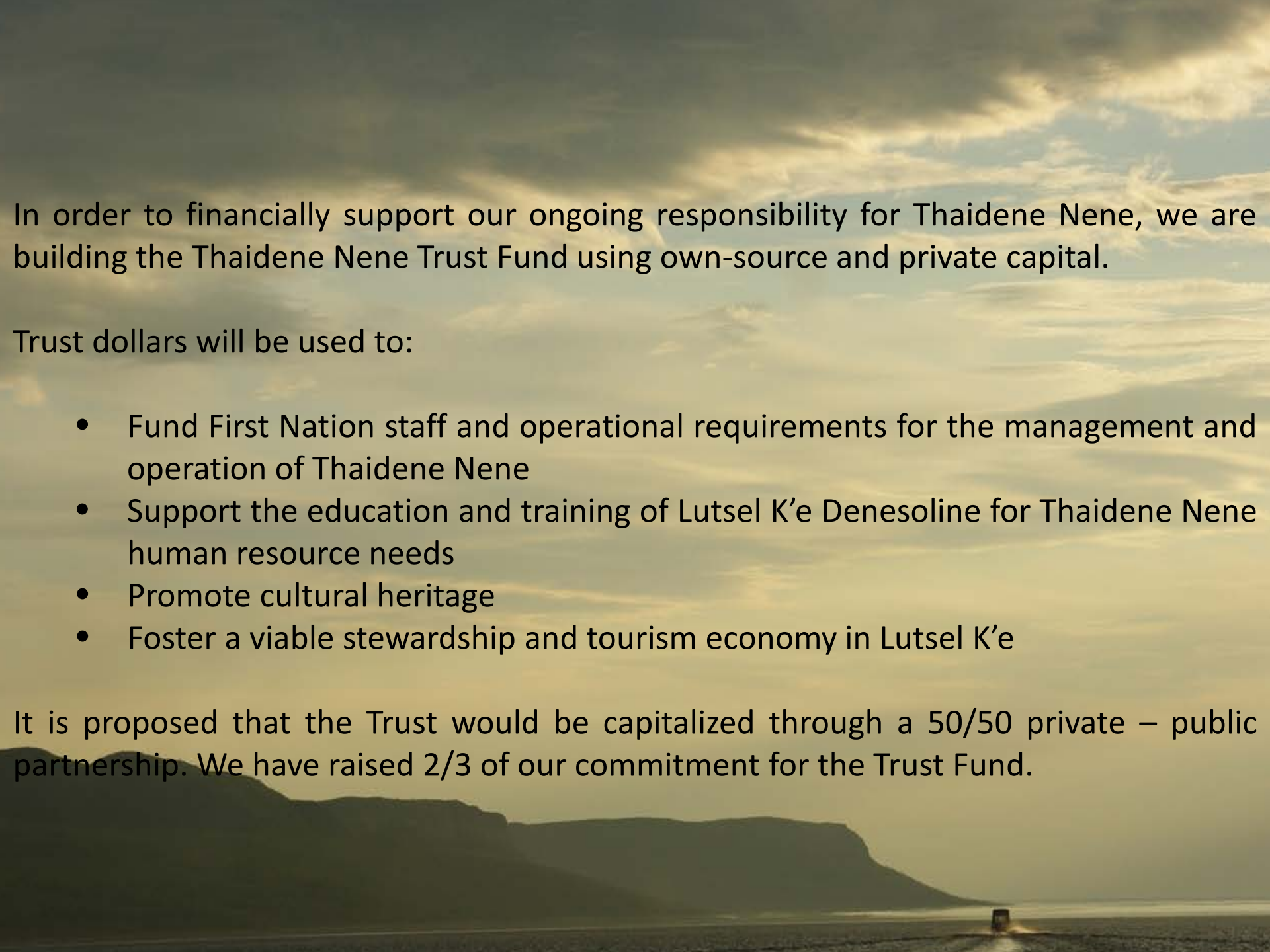


We have achieved agreement-in-principle with Canada on a shared jurisdiction governance partnership for Thaidene Nene.





We have initiated formal discussions with the GNWT on the appropriate size of any National Park Reserve in Thaidene Nene. The dialogue will include exploration of whether territorial legislation may meet the needs of northerners better in some areas of Thaidene Nene.



In order to financially support our ongoing responsibility for Thaidene Nene, we are building the Thaidene Nene Trust Fund using own-source and private capital.

Trust dollars will be used to:

- Fund First Nation staff and operational requirements for the management and operation of Thaidene Nene
- Support the education and training of Lutsel K'e Denesoline for Thaidene Nene human resource needs
- Promote cultural heritage
- Foster a viable stewardship and tourism economy in Lutsel K'e

It is proposed that the Trust would be capitalized through a 50/50 private – public partnership. We have raised 2/3 of our commitment for the Trust Fund.

- Lutsel K'e is already building capacity to fulfill its management and operational responsibilities in Thaidene Nene through its Ni hat'ni Dene Program - "Watchers of the Land"
- Mandate is to:
  - maintain the integrity of cultural sites and natural beauty;
  - host and provide interpretive tours for visitors in the area;
  - monitor and document visitor activity, cultural features, and environmental/wildlife values;
  - transmit cultural and scientific knowledge to younger generations.
- A Ni hat'ni Dene crew consists of two experienced land-users and two youth, who are stationed in Thaidene Nene all summer. They survey and host visitors, gather monitoring data, and care-take important sites.



Infrastructure has been developed....



....necessary equipment and supplies have been secured....



.....hospitality and interpretive guide training is ongoing.....





....as well as environmental monitoring.



We are hosting, guiding, and gathering data from our visitors....

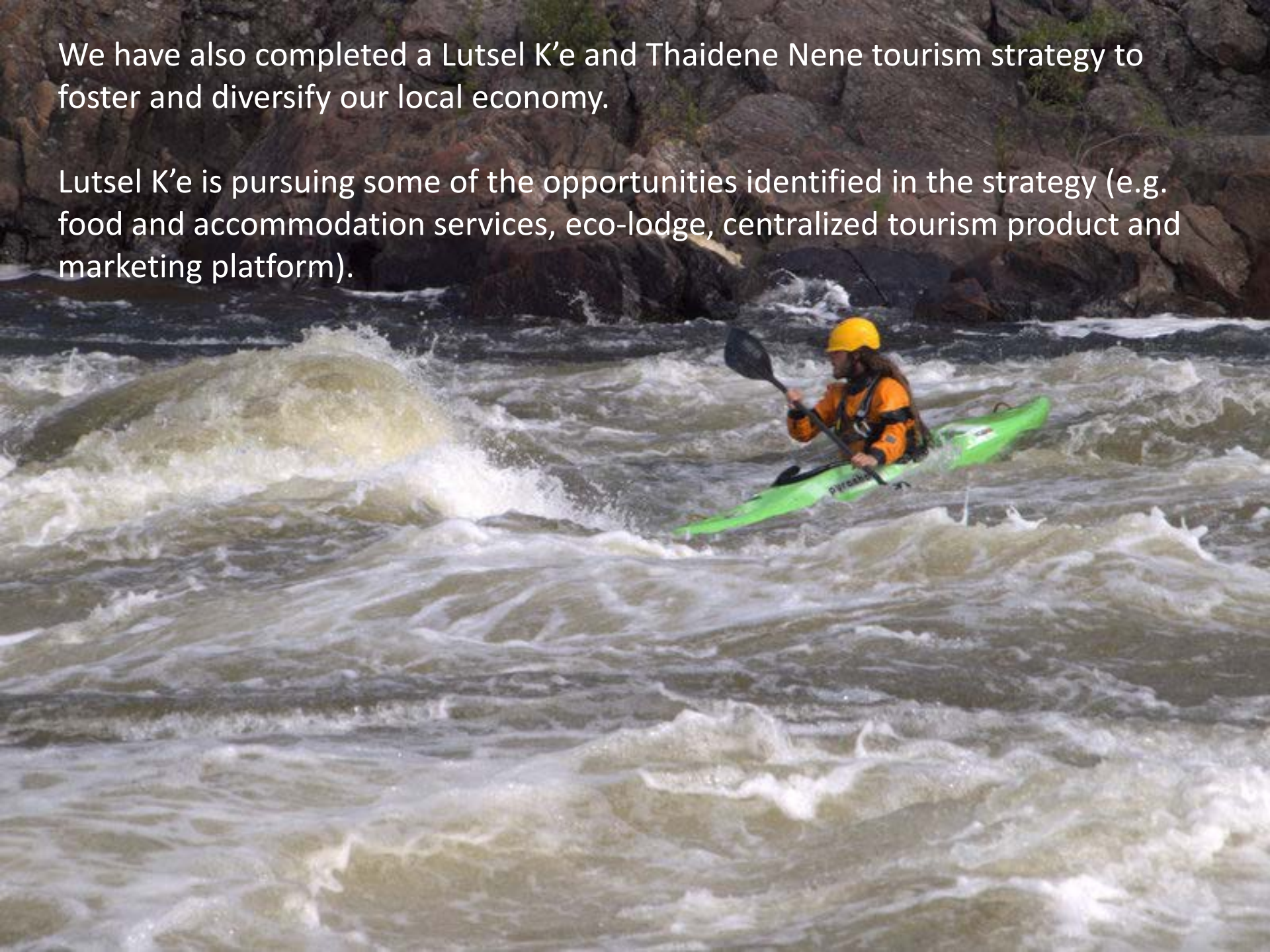


...as well as ensuring that our young people have the skills and knowledge to understand and share the wonders of our homeland.



We have also completed a Lutsel K'e and Thaidene Nene tourism strategy to foster and diversify our local economy.

Lutsel K'e is pursuing some of the opportunities identified in the strategy (e.g. food and accommodation services, eco-lodge, centralized tourism product and marketing platform).



We have developed a Thaidene Nene business case which identifies projected effects on local economic development within twelve years of establishment:

- 5 full-time, year round jobs and 13 seasonal jobs in Lutsel K'e for the direct operation and management of Thaidene Nene;
- Capital infrastructure investments of \$12 million and associated spin-off benefits for local builders and suppliers;
- Ongoing operational funding of approximately \$2 million/year; and
- 20 full-time jobs and 30 seasonal jobs could be created in the tourism sector in Lutsel K'e (in-town commercial accommodations and food service, eco-lodge, guiding and outfitting, transportation and recreation, etc).



The Lutsel K'e Dene take hope in a future where environmental stewardship and cultural wellness go hand-in-hand with a sustainable economy.

Where the First Nation fosters its own capacity and determines the best long-term solutions for its own particular circumstances.

And where self-reliance is renewed and community is rejuvenated.





This is the aspiration and promise of the Thaidene Nene vision, and a gift and inspiration to us all.

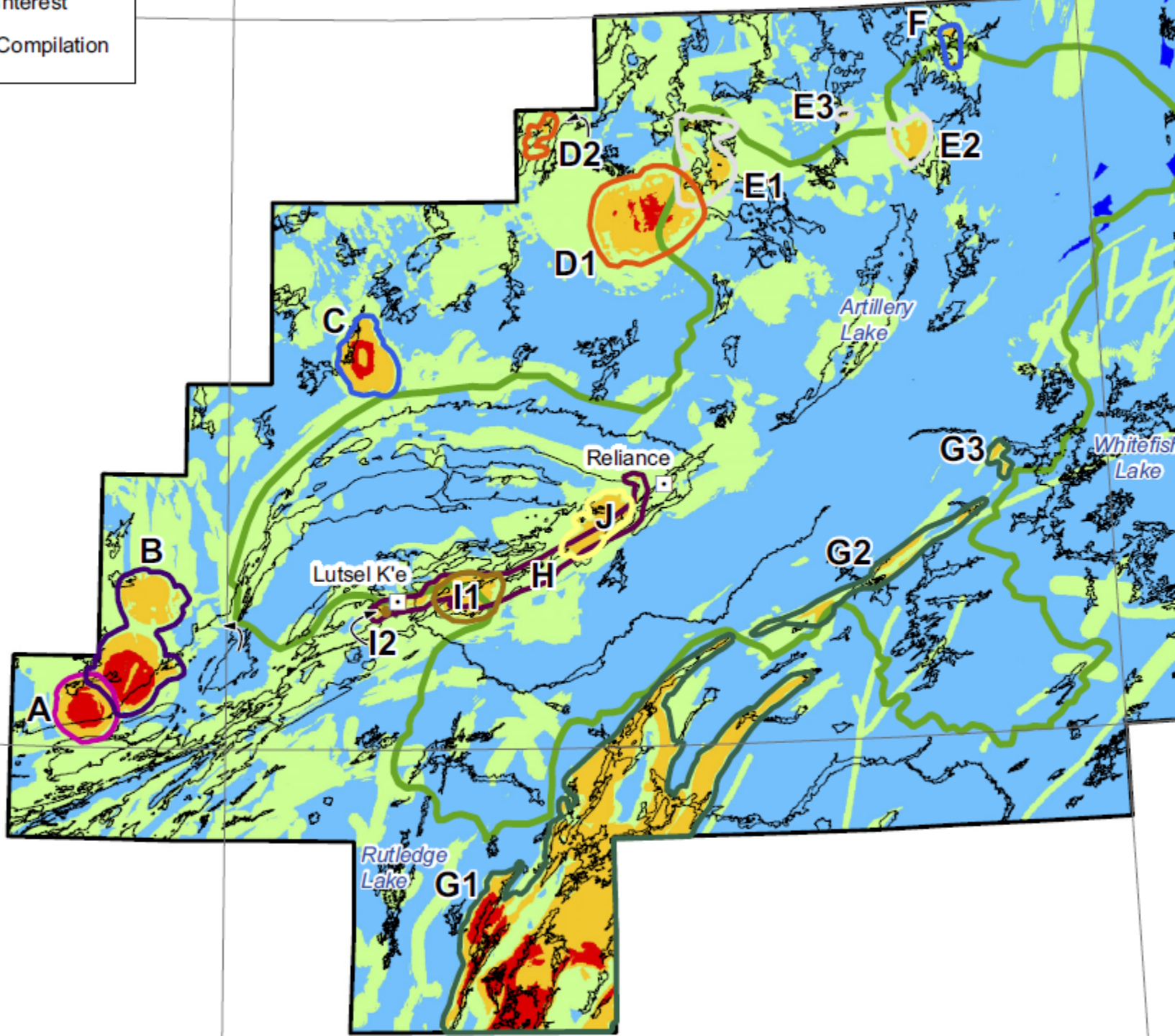




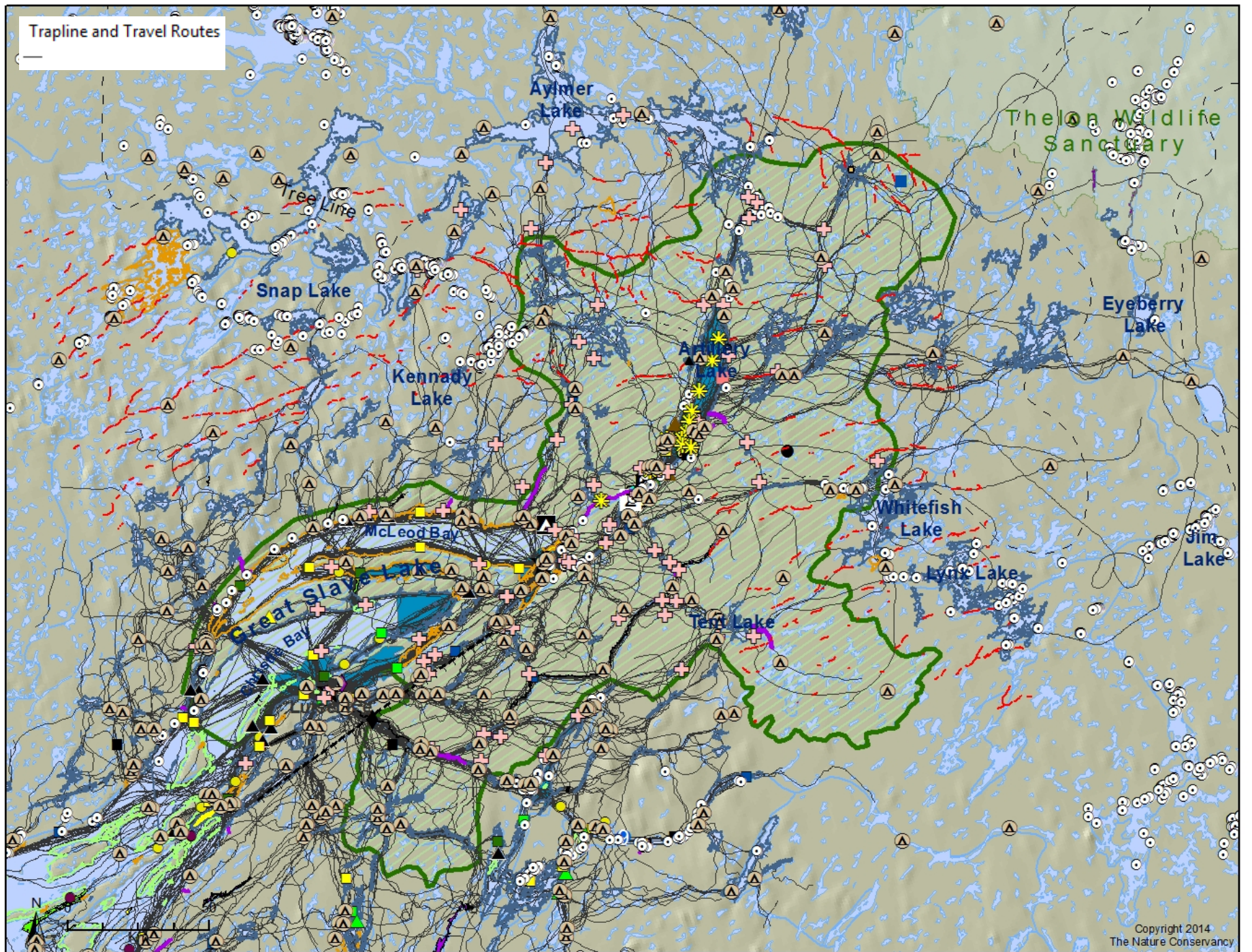
Area of Interest  
 Area of Compilation

Site Types

- Base Metals (Syenite)
- Base Metals (Granite)
- S
- Diamonds
- Diamonds
- Gold
- Gold
- Gold
- S
- Uranium
- Uranium
- Uranium
- DEX
- CG
- CG



Trapline and Travel Routes



A group of people are silhouetted against a vibrant sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon. The people are standing on a dark shore, looking out towards the water.

Lutsel K'e welcomes others to share in the Thaidene Nene vision.

Those who wish to support, learn more, or express their concerns, do not hesitate to contact the First Nation directly.

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