

# Deh Cho Mandate

*The Mandate of the Deh Cho First Nations is to establish a Deh Cho government based on Dene Laws and Customs, serving all residents of the Deh Cho*



The Deh Cho Process is unique in the recognition of the Elder's significant role in the policy and strategic decision making.

## The Deh Cho Process Facts

- **Deh Cho Process is not a LAND CLAIM**
- **The Framework Agreement is an Agreement that says 'who's going to be at the negotiating table, and how the negotiations will proceed'. DCFN, GOV'T. of Canada and GNWT have signed this agreement on May 23,2001.**
- **The Interim Measures Agreement is an interim protection of Deh Cho lands till the 3 parties reach a Final Agreement.**
- **The Deh Cho Process Negotiating Sessions are open, anyone can attend and no secret 'in camera' meetings are held. All negotiating sessions are held in the Deh Cho.**
- **An Agreement in Principles (AIP), to be achieved within 5 years.**

# Land Use Planning

## Land Use Planning Committee

The Land Use Planning Committee established an office in Fort Providence.

The committee consist of: Tim Lennie. Petr Cizek, who represent the DCFN, Adrain Boyd who represents the Government of Canada and Bea Lepine who represents the Government of the Northwest Territories.

The Chair, Herb Norwegian, has been appointed by DCFN, Canada, and GNWT upon recommendations of the other planning committee members

There are 5 staff in Fort Providence, Heidi Weibe (Executive Director), Paul Wilson (Planner), Priscilla Canadian (Planner Trainee), Monika Templin (GIS Analyst), and Sophie Bonnetrouge (Office Manager).

Regional land use planning outlines what types of activities should occur, generally where they should take place, and terms and conditions to guide land use proposals and development projects over time.

Check out their website at [www.dehcholands.org](http://www.dehcholands.org)



We reaffirm, assert and exercise our inherent rights and powers to govern ourselves as a Nation



Duh Gogha Ndeh ts'eh  
saamba holeh ts'ehk'eh  
Eleh Seegots'eleh

## Interim Resource Development Agreement

With this agreement in place, the Deh Cho will be able to benefit from resource development in the Deh Cho territory and participate in economic development opportunities while a final agreement is being negotiated.



**Tanning moose hide is apart of the Dene tradition**

The agreement also outlines a process for community involvement in oil and gas development and for the negotiation of impact benefit agreements.

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# Land Withdrawals

Land Withdrawals are the primary Way that lands will be protected through the Interim Measures Agreement until the Final Agreement is signed. Deh Cho First Nations are identifying and negotiating withdrawal of traditional harvesting areas, cultural and spiritual sites, ecologically sensitive areas, and important watersheds for protection from industrial development.



“One House..  
One People..  
One Land”



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If you would like us to visit your community please contact our head office.

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If you have any questions about the Deh Cho Process you're encourage to visit the local leadership or visit us

@ [www.dehchofirstnations.com](http://www.dehchofirstnations.com)



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**The Deh Cho Process is intended to achieve clarity on Ownership, Sovereignty and Jurisdiction of the Lands and First Nations in the Deh Cho Territory.**

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