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Chair and Directors
Cariboo Regional District
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Dear Chair and Directors:

This letter is to advise you that 13 geographical names within the Tšilhqot‘in traditional territory have been adopted as official names in British Columbia. These names, as detailed in Appendix A and on the attached map, were proposed by the Tšilhqot‘in National Government.

In accordance with the BC Geographical Naming Policy, local and First Nation governments as well as relevant organizations were invited to comment on the proposed names, and bring forward local or heritage considerations and comments. These names were supported by the Cariboo Regional District as well as BC Parks and BC Recreation Sites and Trails Branch.

Official names are identified in the province’s Geographical Names dataset and on the BC Geographical Names website, and will be labelled on future editions of suitably-scaled provincial and federal government maps. Adoption of these names does not prejudice legitimate claims to the land.

I trust that these arrangements are satisfactory. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Appendix A: Adopted Geographical Names

1. **Benchuny** (pronounced Ben-chooy), formerly “Anah Lake”.
   - The lake is north of Alexis Creek (community) in the Cariboo Land District
   - “Benchuny” is the Tshilhqot’in proper noun referring to this lake, as well as the wider locality around the lake. Sometimes written as “Benchuny Biny” - "biny" meaning 'lake.' (Advice from Tshilhqot’in National Government, 2018)
   - The centre of the lake is located at: 52.11778, -123.256.

2. **Bendziny** (pronounced Bend-zee), formerly “Puntzi Lake”.
   - The lake is located just northwest of Tsi Deldel (Community) in the Range 3 Coast & Cariboo Land Districts
   - “Bendziny” is a Tshilhqot’in proper noun, having been in use for so long that a direct translation is difficult. The name “Bendziny” refers to this lake as well as the wider locality around the lake. It is sometimes referred to as "Bendziny Biny." (Advice from Tshilhqot’in National Government 2018)
   - The centre of the lake is located at: 52.20083, -124.016.

3. **Chežích’ed Biny** (pronounced Chull-zaitch-ette Bee), formerly “Chilcotin Lake”.
   - The lake is located just north of Bendziny, south of Copeland Hills and east of Luck Mountain in the Range 3 Coast and Cariboo Land Districts
   - “Chežích’ed Biny “ is the Tshilhqot’in name for the lake, meaning 'lake at Chežích’ed' "Chežích’ed" is the origin of the anglicized name "Chezcut" (community). "Chežích’ed" may roughly translates as ‘place with feathers’ though it is considered a proper noun making direct translation difficult. (Advice from Tshilhqot’in National Government 2018)
   - The centre of the lake is located at: 52.33861, -124.045.

4. **K’i Deldel** (pronounced Kee Dell-dell) adopted for a locality.
   - The locality is located northwest of Bendziny and southwest of Chežích’ed Biny in the Range 3 Coast Land District.
   - “K’i Deldel” is the Tshilhqot’in name for this place, meaning "red willows" from the words “k’i” (willow) and “deldel” (red) (Advice from the Tshilhqot’in National Government 2018).
   - This place is also unofficially known as “Red Brush”
   - The centre point of this place is located at: 52.30436, -124.231.

5. **Tach’elach’ed** (pronounced Tah-chelach-ett), adopted for a region.
   - The region is located between Chilko River and Taseko River, north of Xeni in the Lillooet and Range 2 Coast Land Districts.
   - Tach’elach’ed has always been the Tshilhqot’in name for the region (Advice from Tshilhqot’in National Government, 2018)
   - The centre of the region is located at: 51.7057, -123.9087.

6. **Tegunlin** (pronounced Teh-goo-leen), formerly “Stum Lake”.
   - The lake is located northeast of Tli’tincox (community)and southeast of Palmer Lake in the Cariboo Land District
   - Tegunlin is the Tshilhqot’in name referring to this lake, as well as the wider locality around the lake. The name is a compressed version of an older name, "Tu Gunlin" (where the water is). (Advice from Tshilhqot’in National Government 2018)
   - The centre of the lake is located at: 52.27917, -123.028.
7. **Telhigox Biny** (pronounced Tell-hee-koh Bee), formerly “Tatlayoko Lake”.
   - The lake is located n south of Tatla Lake and north of the Homathko Icefield in the
     Range 2 Coast Land District.
   - Telhigox Biny has always been the Tsilhqot’in name for the lake (Advice from
   - The centre of the lake is located at: 51.5464, -124.4147.

8. **Tigulhdzin** (pronounced Tee-goolh-dzeen), formerly “Alexis Lake”.
   - The lake is west of Williams Lake in the Cariboo Land District.
   - “Tigulhdzin” is a Tsilhqot’in proper noun which refers to this lake, as well as the
     wider locality around the lake. The name is a compressed version of an older
     name, "Tish Gulhdzin" or "Tishgulhdzin." (Advice from Tsilhqot’in National
     Government 2018)
   - The centre of the lake is located at: 52.27222, -123.529.

9. **Tigulhdzin-chi** (pronounced Tee-goolh-dzeen-chee), formerly “Alexis Creek”.
   - The creek flows southeast from Tigulhdzin to the Chilcotin River.
   - “Tigulhdzin-chi” is the Tsilhqot’in name for this creek meaning ‘tail of Tigulhdzin’
     which refers to the creek that flows out of that lake. Sometimes referred to as “Tish
     Gulhdzin Yeqox” or the condensed "Tishgulhdzinqox." (Advice from Tsilhqot’in
     National Government 2018)
   - The mouth of the creek is located at: 52.08056, -123.306.

10. **Tšideldel** (pronounced tsy-del-del), formerly spelled “Tši Deldel”.
    - The community is located west of Alexis Creek (community) and south of Bendziny
      in the Cariboo Land District.
    - Tšideldel is the Tsilhqot’in name meaning ‘red stone’ where “tší” means ‘stone’ and
      “deldel” means ‘red’. The name of this community derives from a ruddy outcrop of
      rock at the east end of the community (Advice from Tsilhqot’in National
    - The centre point is located at 52.13994098, -123.9527805.

11. **Tšiiʔoš** (pronounced Tsyle-oss), formerly “Mount Tatlow”.
    - The mountain is on the east side of Tsilhqox Biny, south of Xeni in the Lilooet
      Land District.
    - “Tšiiʔoš” has always been the Tsilhqot’in name for the mountain (Advice from
    - The peak of the mountain is located at: 51.3725, -123.864.

12. **Tsilhqox Biny** (pronounced Tsyle-koh Bee), formerly “Chilko Lake”.
    - The lake is located south of Tatla Lake and north of the Homathko Icefield in the
      Range 2 Coast Land District.
    - “Telhigox Biny” has always been the Tsilhqot’in name for the lake (Advice from
    - The centre of the lake is located at: 51.3234, -124.0931.

13. **Tšiyi** (pronounced Tsy-yee), formerly “Bull Canyon”.
    - The canyon is located along the Chilcotin River, west of Alexis Creek (community).
    - “Tšiyi” is the Tsilhqot’in name for this canyon, meaning ‘inside the rocks’ (Advice
      from Tsilhqot’in National Government 2018).
    - The centre of the canyon is located at: 52.08641, -123.370.