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Chair and Directors
Cariboo Regional District
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Dear Chair and Directors

The BC Geographical Names Office has received a request from T̓silhqot'in National Government to change several official names in the Cariboo Regional District. At this time, we are inviting you to comment on the naming proposals as detailed in Appendix A and on the attached map.

Official names are labelled on Provincial and Federal maps and charts and included in the Province's official names datasets. The history of all past and present official names is maintained in the BC Geographical Names Information System and accessible through the [BC Geographical Names Web App](#).

In accordance with the BC Geographical Naming Policy and Procedures, before a naming decision is made it is important to ascertain a) if there are other known traditional names for a feature, and b) the proposed name reflects the heritage values in the area. Requesting input from governments, communities and relevant organizations potentially impacted by a feature's official name is a vital step in geographical naming.

As an identified government, we are requesting any comments you have on behalf of your communities on these proposed name changes.

Adoption of these names would not prejudice legitimate claims to the land.

Please redirect this request to the appropriate contact within your government as needed or let me know if it should be sent elsewhere. Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your comments; your response before July 19, 2026, would be appreciated.

Kind regards,



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Enclosure

Appendix A: Name Proposals

1. Change the official name of Tzenzaicut Lake to **“Techežich'ed (Tzenzaicut Lake)”** [pronounced: **T-chull-zaitch-ett**] for the lake west of the Fraser River at Diamond Island, north of Taharti Lake, Cariboo Regional District.
 - Current official name: Tzenzaicut Lake
 - **“Techežich'ed”** is a Tšilhqot'in proper name, having been in use for so long that a direct English translation is difficult. It may translate roughly as “on the water with down-feathers.” This name refers to the lake as well as the locality around the lake (advice from Tšilhqot'in National Government, 2023)
 - “Tzenzaicut” is an anglicization of this Tšilhqot'in name (advice from Tšilhqot'in National Government, 2023)
 - This feature is located at: 52.6514, -122.8361
 - “Techežich'ed (Tzenzaicut Lake)” name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/77339.html
 - Tzenzaicut Lake name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/25190.html

2. Make **“Tši Nadilʔah”** [pronounced: **Tsy Nadeel-uh**] the official name of the rock just south of Tautri Lake, north of Tegunlin (lake), Cariboo Regional District.
 - Current official name: none
 - Feature Type: Rock
 - **“Tši Nadilʔah”** is the Tšilhqot'in name for this rock meaning “rock protruding” or “standing rock.” It is also referred to as “Tši Xadalgwenlh” which means “rock hill/mountain.” This name refers to this rock as well as the area around it (Advice from Tšilhqot'in National Government, 2023)
 - This feature is located at: 52.3747, -123.0556
 - “Tši Nadilʔah” name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/71202.html

3. Change the official name of Palmer Lake to **“Telbad (Palmer Lake)”** [pronounced: **Tell-bad**] for the lake northwest of Tegunlin (lake), northeast of Tigulhdzin (Lake), Cariboo Regional District.
 - Current official name: Palmer Lake
 - **“Telbad”** is a Tšilhqot'in proper name, having been in use for so long that a direct English translation is difficult. The name refers to this lake as well as the localities around it (advice from Tšilhqot'in National Government, 2018)
 - The origin or significance of Palmer Lake was not recorded. It likely refers to Lieutenant Henry Spencer Palmer, Royal Engineers, who in 1861 or 1862 took a Tšilhqot'in trail through this area, from Bella Coola to Alexandria, on an assignment to scope the Bentinck Arm Road as a possible route from Bella Coola to the Gold Fields
 - This feature is located at: 52.3533, -123.2528.
 - “Telbad (Palmer Lake)” name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/77340.html
 - Palmer Lake name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/15244.html

4. Change the official name of Fletcher Lake to **“Biny Gunchagh (Fletcher Lake)”** [pronounced: **Bee Goon-chaw**] for the lake just north of Big Creek (locality), southwest of Williams Lake (city), Cariboo Regional District.
 - Current official name: Fletcher Lake

- **"Biny Gunchagh"** is the T̓silhqot̓'in name meaning "big lake." Named so for being the largest lake in this region of the T̓silhqot̓'in territory (advice from T̓silhqot̓'in National Government, 2023)
 - The origin or significance of Fletcher Lake was not recorded
 - This feature is located at: 51.7683, -123.0722
 - "Biny Gunchagh (Fletcher Lake)" name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/77341.html
 - Fletcher Lake name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/28488.html
5. Change the official name of Beece Creek to **"Bisqox (Beece Creek)"** [pronounced: **Beece-koh**] for the creek that flows northwest into the north end of Taseko Lakes, Cariboo Regional District.
- Current official name: Beece Creek
 - **"Bisqox"** is a T̓silhqot̓'in name meaning "obsidian creek." Two words "bis" (obsidian) and "yeqox" (river) merged over countless generations of usage into a single proper name (advice from T̓silhqot̓'in National Government, 2023)
 - The name Beece Creek is an anglicisation of the T̓silhqot̓'in name "Bisqox" (advice from T̓silhqot̓'in National Government, 2023)
 - Beece is an anglicization of the "bis," the T̓silhqot̓'in word for obsidian.
 - This feature is located at: 51.3789, -123.6306
 - "Bisqox (Beece Creek)" name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/77342.html
 - Beece Creek name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/28282.html
6. Change the official name of Anvil Mountain to **"Nabaš Dželh (Anvil Mountain)"** [pronounced: **Naw-boss Dzulh**] for the mountain northeast of Beece Creek, southeast of Fish Lake, Cariboo Regional District.
- Current official name: Anvil Mountain
 - **"Nabaš Dželh"** is the T̓silhqot̓'in name for this mountain meaning "snow-mountain at Nabaš," where "Nabaš" is a proper noun for the wider locality and "dželh" means snowy/glaciated mountain. Also spelled "Nabiš Dželh" or sometimes simply "Nabaš" or "Nabiš", which also refers to the region around this mountain (advice from T̓silhqot̓'in National Government, 2023)
 - The origin or significance of Anvil Mountain was not recorded; it may be descriptive of its shape
 - This feature is located at: 51.337, -123.4169
 - "Nabaš Dželh (Anvil Mountain)" name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/77343.html
 - Anvil Mountain name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/27837.html
7. Make **"Tl'ech'id Gunaž"** [pronounced: **Tletch-eet Goo-nawz**] the official name of the valley south of Nemiah Valley, south of T̓sil'iloš (mountain), Cariboo Regional District.
- Current official name: none
 - Feature Type: valley
 - **"Tl'ech'id Gunaž"** is the T̓silhqot̓'in name for this valley meaning "long meadow" - "tl'ech'id" (meadow/grassland) and "gunaž" (long place). This valley is also referred to as "Nen Gunaž" which translates to 'long land' or 'long valley' (advice from T̓silhqot̓'in National Government, 2018)
 - This feature is located at: 51.3094, -123.8178
 - "Tl'ech'id Gunaž" name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/71081.html

8. Change the official name of Puntzi Lake to **“Benti (Puntzi Lake)”** [pronounced: **Ben-tee**] for the lake that is an expansion of Puntzi Creek, east of Bendziny (lake), west side of Chilcotin River, Cariboo Regional District.
 - Current official name: Puntzi Lake
 - **“Benti”** is the T̓silhqot̓’in name for this Lake, as well as the area around it. The name is a proper noun and has been in use for so long that a direct translation to English is difficult. Also known as "Benti Biny" (advice from T̓silhqot̓’in National Government, 2019).
 - Puntzi is an anglicization of “Benti”
 - This feature is located at: 52.1994, -123.8956
 - “Benti (Puntzi Lake)” name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/77344.html
 - Puntzi Lake name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/21343.html

9. Change the official name of Tatla Lake to **“Tatl'ah (Tatla Lake)”** [pronounced: **Ta-tlah**] for the lake that is an expansion of Tatla Lake Creek, north of Telhiqox Biny (lake), Cariboo Regional District.
 - Current official name: Tatla Lake
 - **“Tatl'ah”** is a T̓silhqot̓’in name that roughly translates to "lake bay," referring to the shape at the west end of the lake. This is the name of the lake and the surrounding area. This lake is also known as "Tatl'ah Biny" (advice from T̓silhqot̓’in National Government, 2019)
 - This feature is located at: 51.9822, -124.4211
 - Tatla was recorded as coming from a Carrier word meaning “at the end of the lake”
 - “Tatl'ah (Tatla Lake)” name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/77345.html
 - Tatla Lake name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/18474.html

10. Change the official name of Taseko River to **“Dasiqox (Taseko River)”** [pronounced: **Dah-see-koh**] for the river that flows northeast into Chilko River, south of Redstone (locality), Cariboo Regional District.
 - Current official name: Taseko River
 - **“Dasiqox”** is the T̓silhqot̓’in name for Taseko River. The name is a proper name and has been in use for so long that a direct translation to English is difficult (advice from T̓silhqot̓’in National Government, 2019)
 - Taseko is an anglicization of “Dasiqox”
 - This feature is located at: 52.0072, -123.6775
 - “Dasiqox (Taseko River)” name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/77346.html
 - Taseko River name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/17659.html

11. Change the official name of Fish Lake to **“Težtan Biny (Fish Lake)”** [pronounced: **Tullz-tawn**] for the lake east of Nemaiah Valley (locality), north of Taseko Lakes, Cariboo Regional District.
 - Current official name: Fish Lake
 - **“Težtan Biny”** is a T̓silhqot̓’in proper name, having been in use for so long that a direct English translation is difficult. It probably refers to how the westerly winds sweep up the eastern hillside of the Dasiqox (Taseko River) valley and blow above this area. The lake and the area around it are also often referred to simply as “Težtan,” as “biny” means “lake.” (advice from T̓silhqot̓’in National Government, 2026)
 - Fish Lake was established in Fish and Wildlife branch files from 1981, significance not recorded
 - This feature is located at: 51.4508, -123.6102
 - “Težtan Biny (Fish Lake)” name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/77347.html
 - Fish Lake name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/26132.html

12. Change the official name of Vedan Mountain to **“Tisht'an Gunlin Xadalgwenlh (Vedan Mountain)”** [pronounced: **Tish-tan Goo-leen Hadal-gwelh**] for the mountain north of Anvil Mountain, east of Taseko River, SW of Fletcher Lake, Cariboo Regional District.
 - Current official name: Vedan Mountain
 - **"Tisht'an Gunlin Xadalgwenlh"** is the T̄silhqot'in name meaning “mountain at where there are weeds in the water” - "tisht'an" (leaves under water) "gunlin/gulin" (where there is/are) and "xadalgwenlh" (mountain) (advice from the T̄silhqot'in National Government, 2018).
 - "Tisht'an Gunlin" is the T̄silhqot'in name that refers to the greater locality, especially and more specifically to the swampy lake and meadows approximately 7 km WNW of Kloakut Lake (advice from T̄silhqot'in National Government, 2018)
 - The origin or significance of Vedan Mountain was not recorded. There is also Vedan Creek and Lake nearby
 - This feature is located at: 51.5341, -123.4325
 - “Tisht'an Gunlin Xadalgwenlh (Vedan Mountain)” name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/77348.html
 - Vedan Mountain name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/31034.html

13. Change the official name of Taseko Lakes to **“Dasiqox Biny (Taseko Lakes)”** [pronounced: **Da-see-koh Bee**] for the lakes east of T̄silhqox Biny (lake), southwest of Williams Lake (city), Cariboo Regional District.
 - Current official name: Taseko Lakes
 - **"Dasiqox Biny"** is a T̄silhqot'in name meaning “lake of Dasiqox” where Dasiqox is the T̄silhqot'in name for Taseko River, and "biny" means “lake.” Dasiqox is a proper noun, having been in use for so long that a direct English translation is difficult. The suffix "-qox" means “river (yeqox)” but "Dasi-" has no direct translation. Opinions vary on its origin (advice from T̄silhqot'in National Government, 2018)
 - Taseko is an anglicization of Dasiqox
 - This feature is located at: 51.2528, -123.5906
 - “Dasiqox Biny (Taseko Lakes)” name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/77349.html
 - Taseko Lakes name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/30899.html

14. Change the official name of Groundhog Creek to **“Dediny Gunlin Yeqox (Groundhog Creek)”** [pronounced: **Ded-ee Goo-leen Yeh-koh**] for the creek that flows northeast into Big Creek, northeast of Taseko Lakes, Cariboo Regional District.
 - Current official name: Groundhog Creek
 - **"Dediny Gunlin Yeqox"** is the T̄silhqot'in name for Groundhog Creek, meaning "stream from where there are marmots." Sometimes spelled without the nasal 'n' as 'Dediny Gulin Yeqox' or 'Dedi Gulin Yeqox.' Also known as 'Dediny-qox' or 'Dediqox' (advice from T̄silhqot'in National Government, 2019)
 - The origin or significance of Groundhog Creek was not recorded
 - This feature is located at: 51.5253, -123.1183
 - “Dediny Gunlin Yeqox (Groundhog Creek)” name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/77350.html
 - Groundhog Creek name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/29054.html

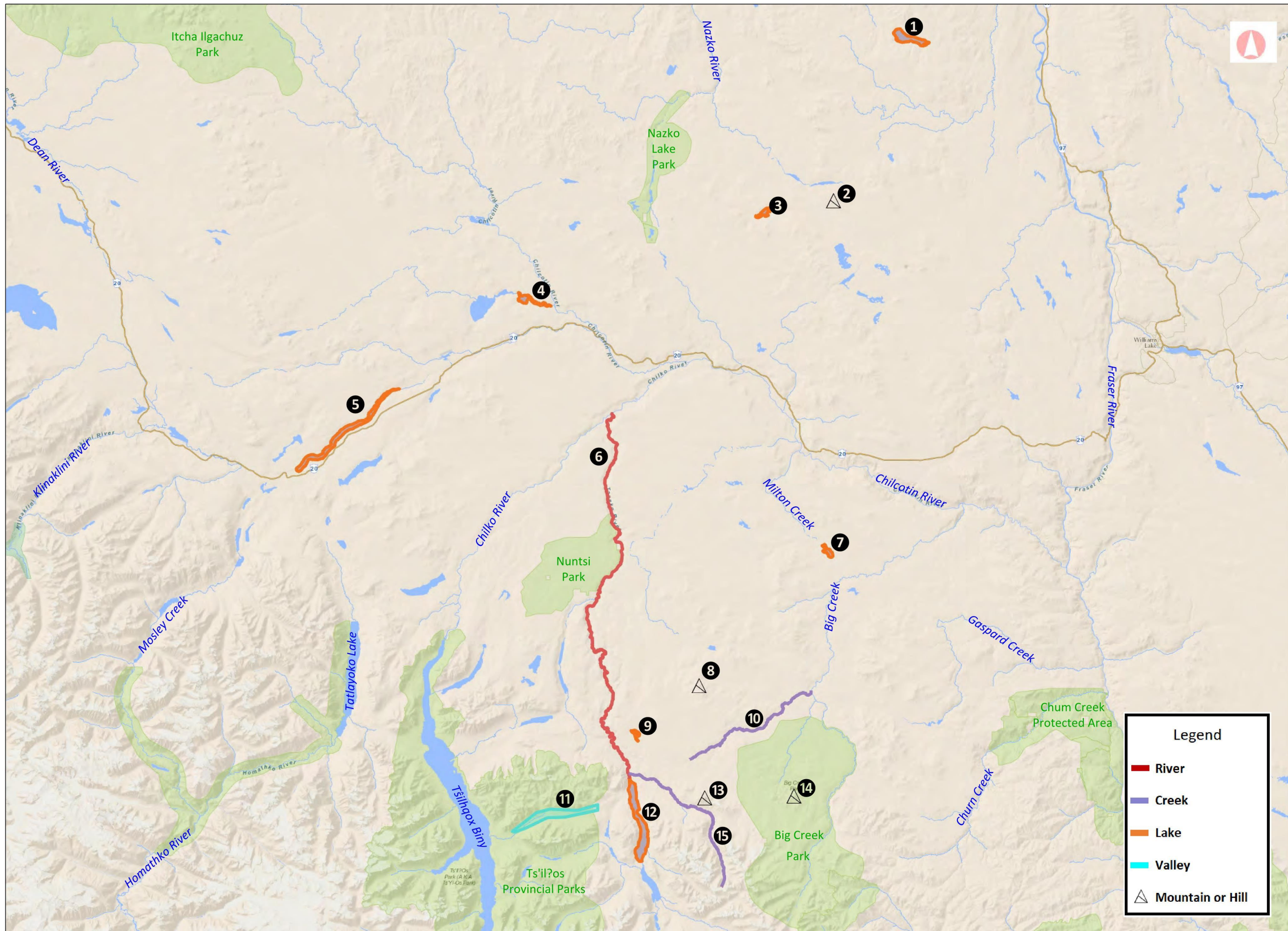
15. Change the official name of Mount Tom to “**ʔEqedinlhgwenlh (Mount Tom)**” [pronounced: **Eck-ed-deel-gwill**] for the mountain on the east side of Nadila Creek, east of Lower Taseko Lake, Cariboo Regional District.

- Current official name: Mount Tom
- “**ʔEqedinlhgwenlh**” is the T̓silhqot̓'in name for this mountain meaning "mountain in line between mountains" - named so for being in line between Taseko Mountain & Piltz Peak. Sometimes spelled without the nasal 'n' as 'ʔEqedilhgwenlh' (advice from T̓silhqot̓'in National Government, 2019)
- The origin of significance of Mount Tom was not recorded
- This feature is located at: 51.3406, -123.1656
- “ʔEqedinlhgwenlh (Mount Tom)” name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/77351.html
- Mount Tom name record: apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/31392.html

See the online name records linked above for more information.

Distribution List:

Alpine Club of Canada	Esk'etemc
Association of Canadian Mountain Guides	Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC
Avalanche Canada	High Bar First Nation
BC Mountaineering Club	Lhtako Dene Nation
BC Parks	Nazko First Nation
Cariboo Mountain Bike Consortium	Neskonlith Indian Band
Cariboo Regional District	Recreation Sites BC
Central Cariboo Search and Rescue	Water Authorizations BC



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Proposed Names

- 1 "Techežich'ed (Tzenzaicut Lake)"
- 2 "Tši Nadil?ah"
- 3 "Telbad (Palmer Lake)"
- 4 "Benti (Punti Lake)"
- 5 "Tat'ah (Tatla Lake)"
- 6 "Dasiqox (Taseko River)"
- 7 "Biny Gunchagh (Fletcher Lake)"
- 8 "Tisht'an Gunlin Xadalgwenlh (Vedan Mountain)"
- 9 "Težtan Biny (Fish Lake)"
- 10 "Dediny Gunlin Yeqox (Groundhog Creek)"
- 11 "Tl'ech'id Gunaž"
- 12 "Dasiqox Biny (Taseko Lakes)"
- 13 "Nabaš Dželh (Anvil Mountain)"
- 14 "ʔEqedinlhgwenlh (Mount Tom)"
- 15 "Bisqox (Beece Creek)"



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Key Map of British Columbia



Legend

- River
- Creek
- Lake
- Valley
- ▲ Mountain or Hill