DAWSON REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN

6: LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT UNITS



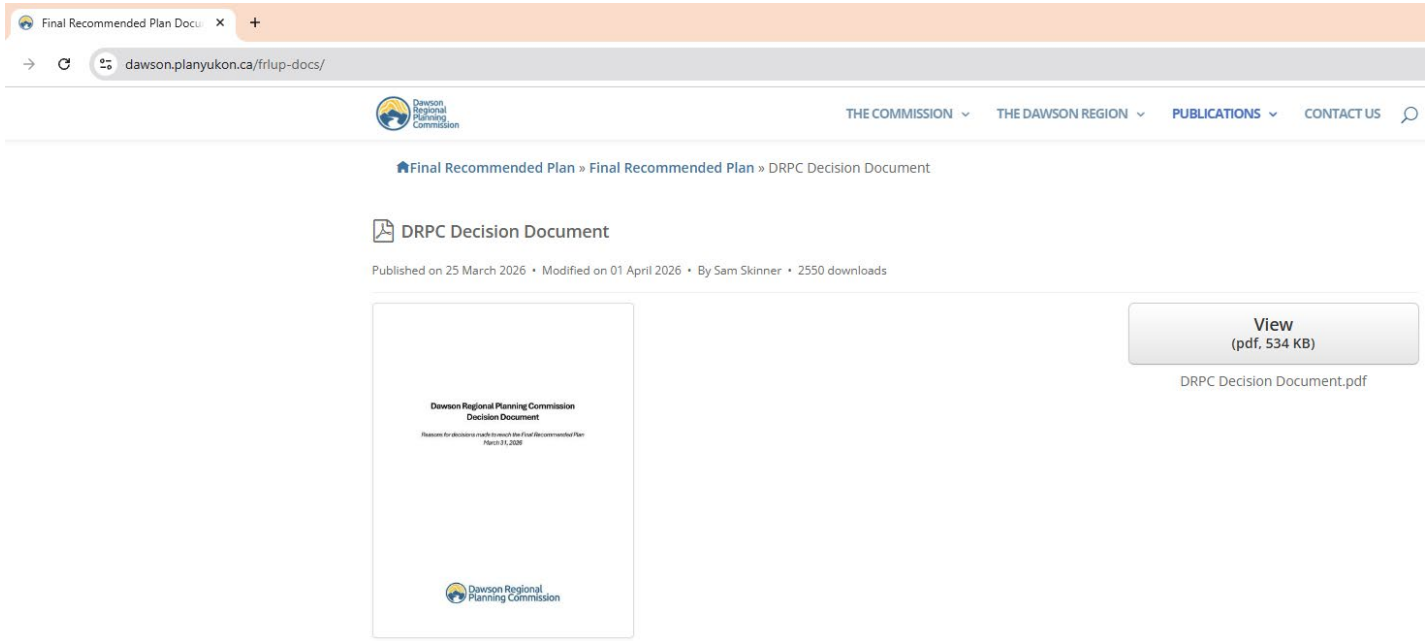
INTRODUCTION

This is a video series about the Final Recommended Dawson Regional Land Use Plan.

These videos provide a summary of the Plan.

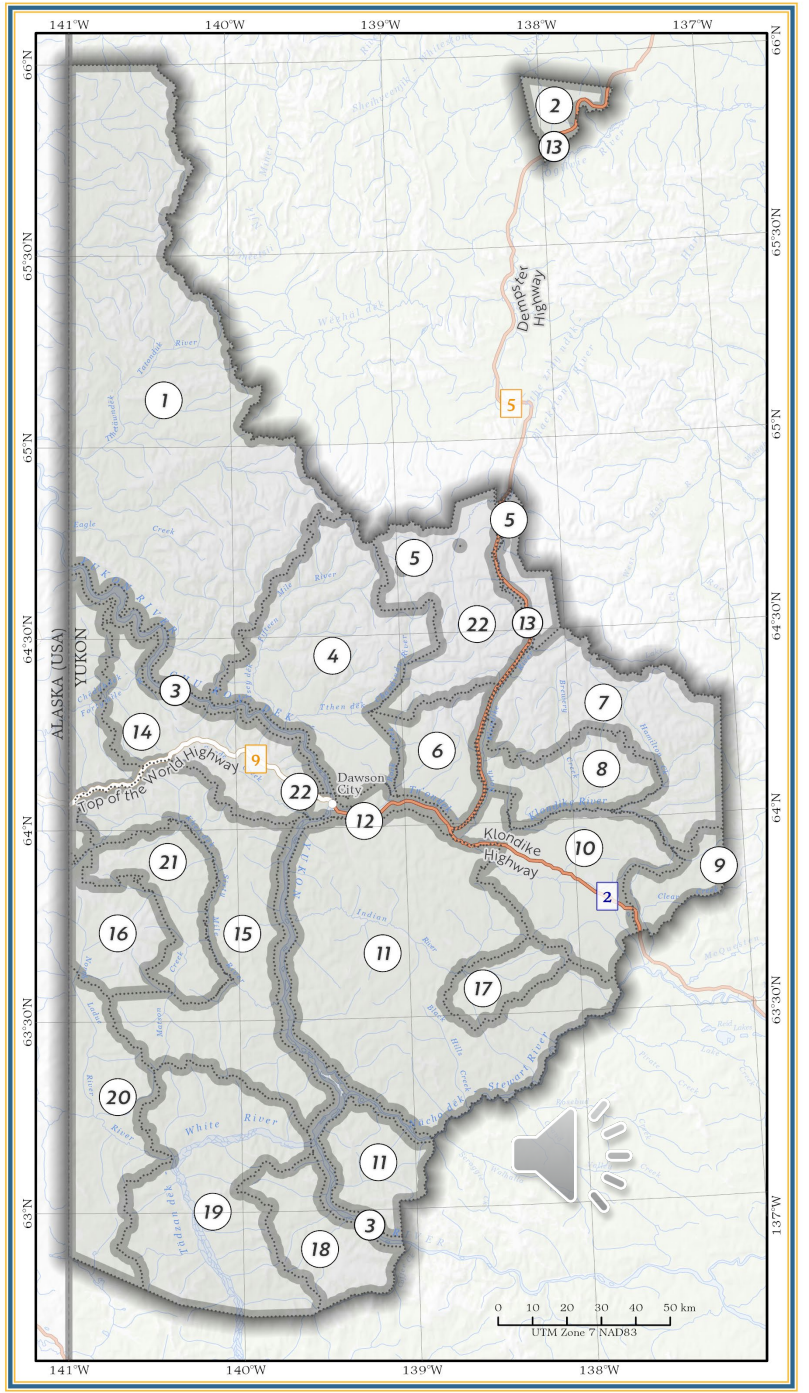
For full details, please refer to the complete plan and associated content: www.dawson.planyukon.ca

For details about why certain decisions were made during the most recent version of the planning process, refer to the Commission's decision document: www.dawson.planyukon.ca/frlup-docs



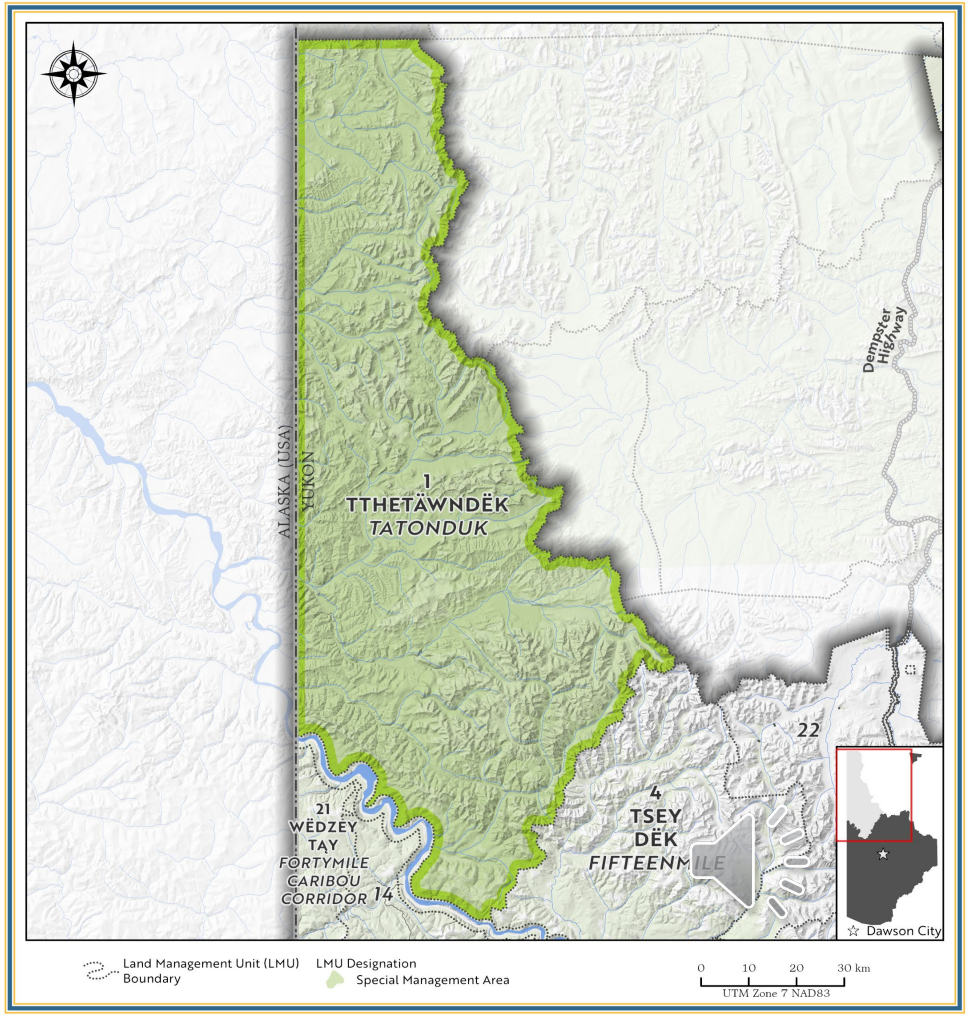
LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT UNITS

- There are 22 Landscape Management Units or LMUs in the Dawson Region.
- This presentation will only focus on LMUs that have changed significantly since the Recommended Plan or LMUs where there has been lots of dialogue between the public, the Parties, and the Commission in the past.
- Please refer to the Final Recommended Plan or dawson.planyukon.ca for full details about each LMU.



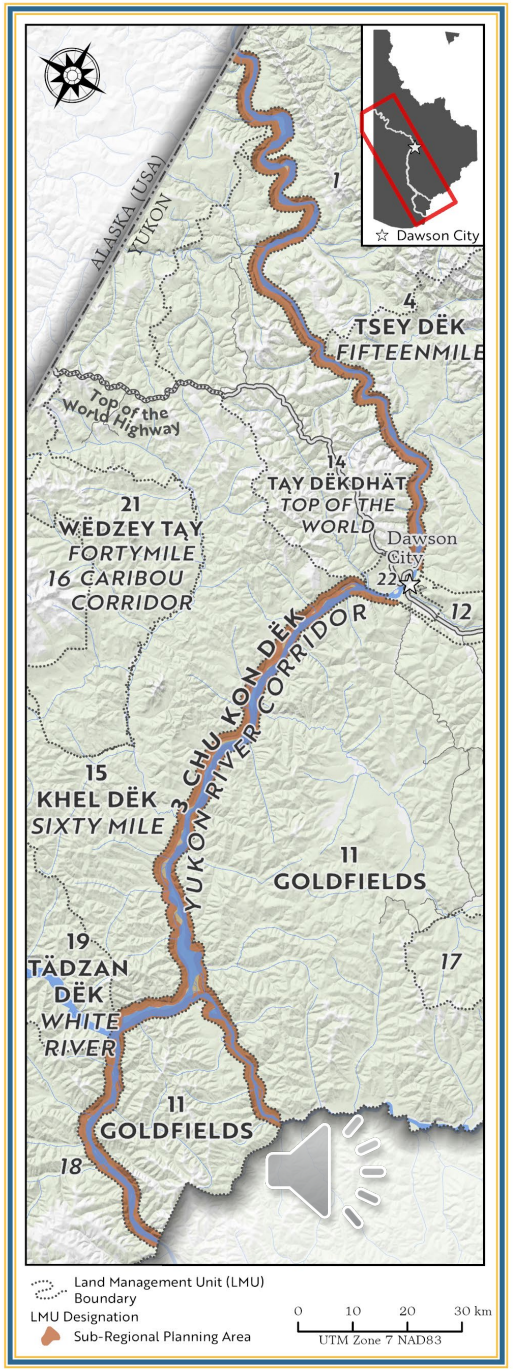
LMU 1: TTHETÄWNDËK (TATONDUK)

4. No new access is currently envisioned. Any overland access would fundamentally alter the character of the area, which is currently defined by its lack of road infrastructure. The absence of road access contributes to the area's unique ecological value, including important habitat that supports wildlife and traditional land use. Maintaining this roadless condition is a priority to preserve the integrity of the landscape and the experiences it offers. An Access Management Plan is not required at this time, but if new access is required, it must be accompanied by an Access Management Plan that includes the following clauses:
   a) Where access is required, a winter road would be the only acceptable form of land access.
   b) Where access is required, both Parties must jointly agree to it. Where the Parties cannot reach agreement, they should follow Dispute Resolution (THFA 26.3.1.3).
   c) Where access is required, apply the precautionary principle.



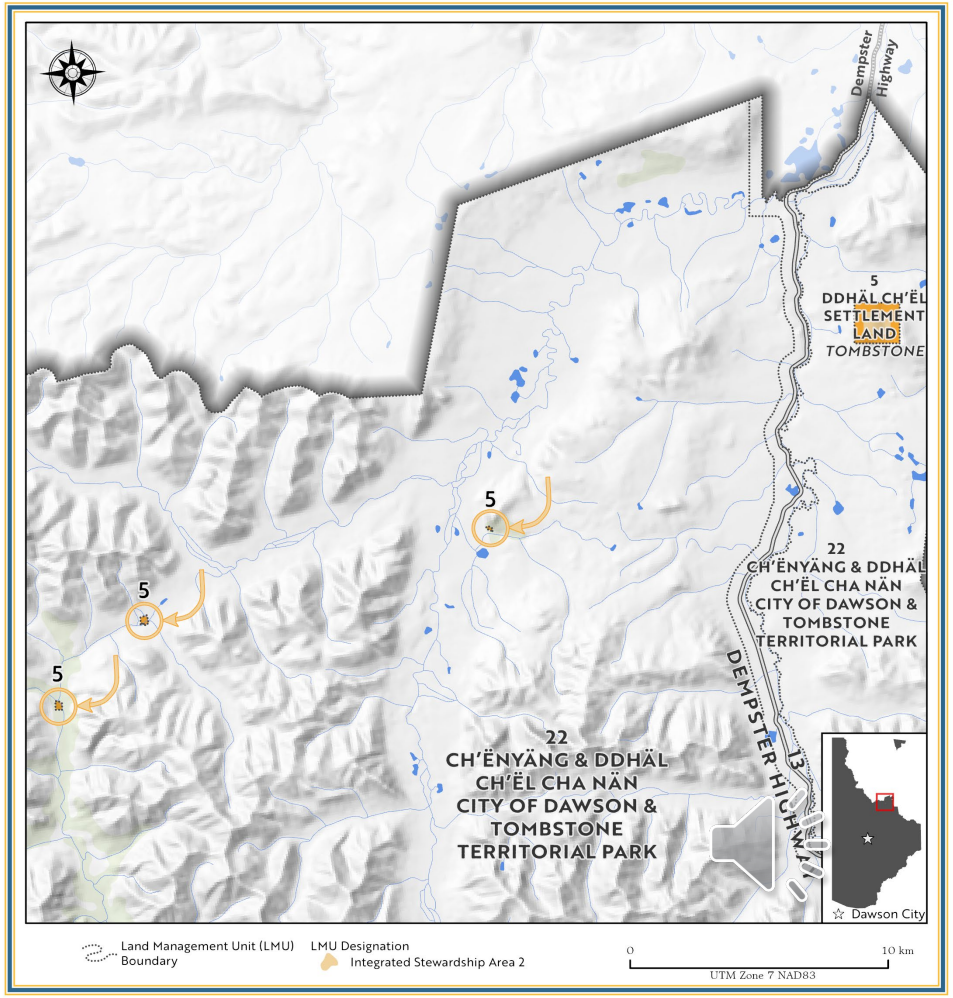
LMU 3: CHU KON DËK (YUKON RIVER CORRIDOR)

- Remains a sub-regional planning area
  - The river cannot be split
  - There are many competing interests in this area, and they cannot be adequately addressed through a regional planning process.
  - The designation as a sub-regional planning area indicates that this LMU is a priority for planning, accompanied by the appropriate time and resources. It is not intended to delay planning for this important area and should not be interpreted as such. This sub-regional plan should follow Chapter 11 of the THFA, and interim measures provided should be in place until sub-regional planning is completed.



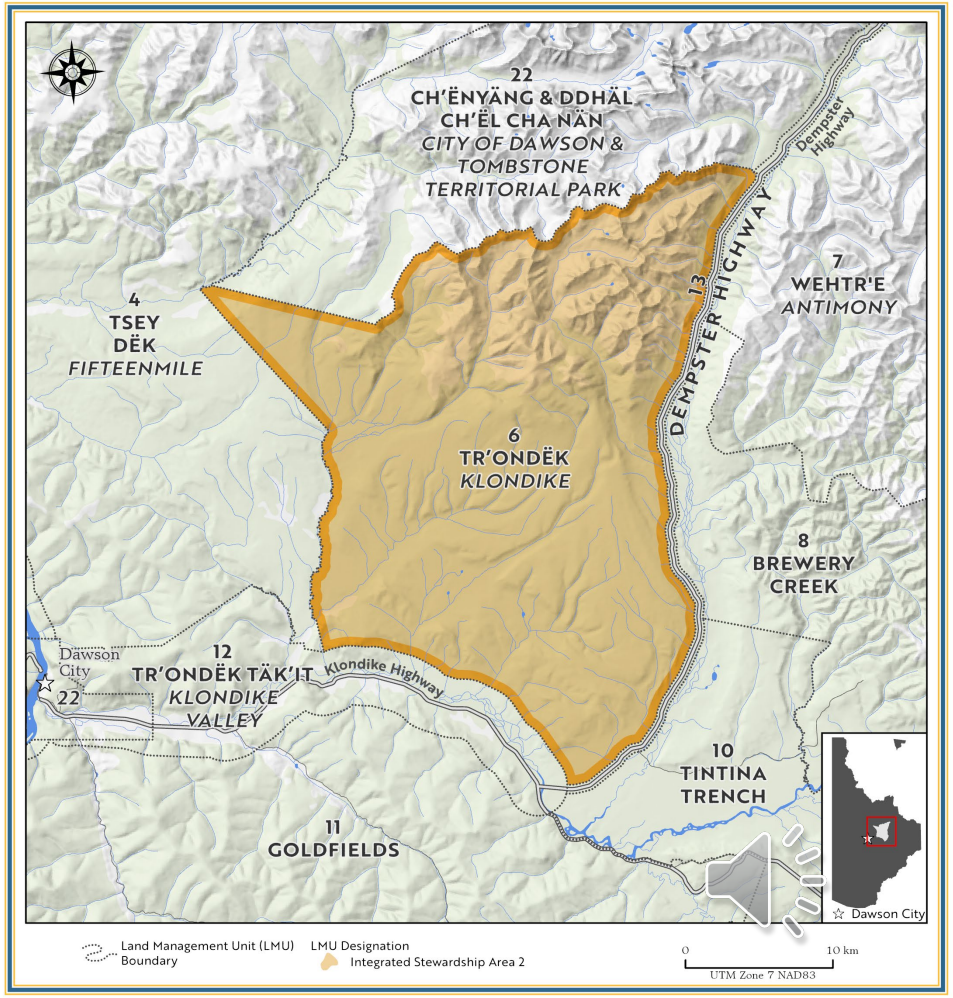
LMU 5: DDHÄL CH'ËL SETTLEMENT LAND (TOMBSTONE)

- Clarifies the boundaries and how Settlement land and non-settlement land are classified within the LMU.
- This LMU is made up of multiple Settlement Land parcels within the boundaries of Tombstone Territorial Park. Settlement Land parcels within the park boundaries are not included in the Tombstone Territorial Park Management Plan, which otherwise provides a comprehensive description of the area and values, allowable activities and management direction.
- This LMU is designated as an ISA 1 to afford it the highest level of protection that can be exclusively managed by Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in. This complements the surrounding non-Settlement Land in Tombstone Territorial Park, which was designated as a natural environment park as part of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.



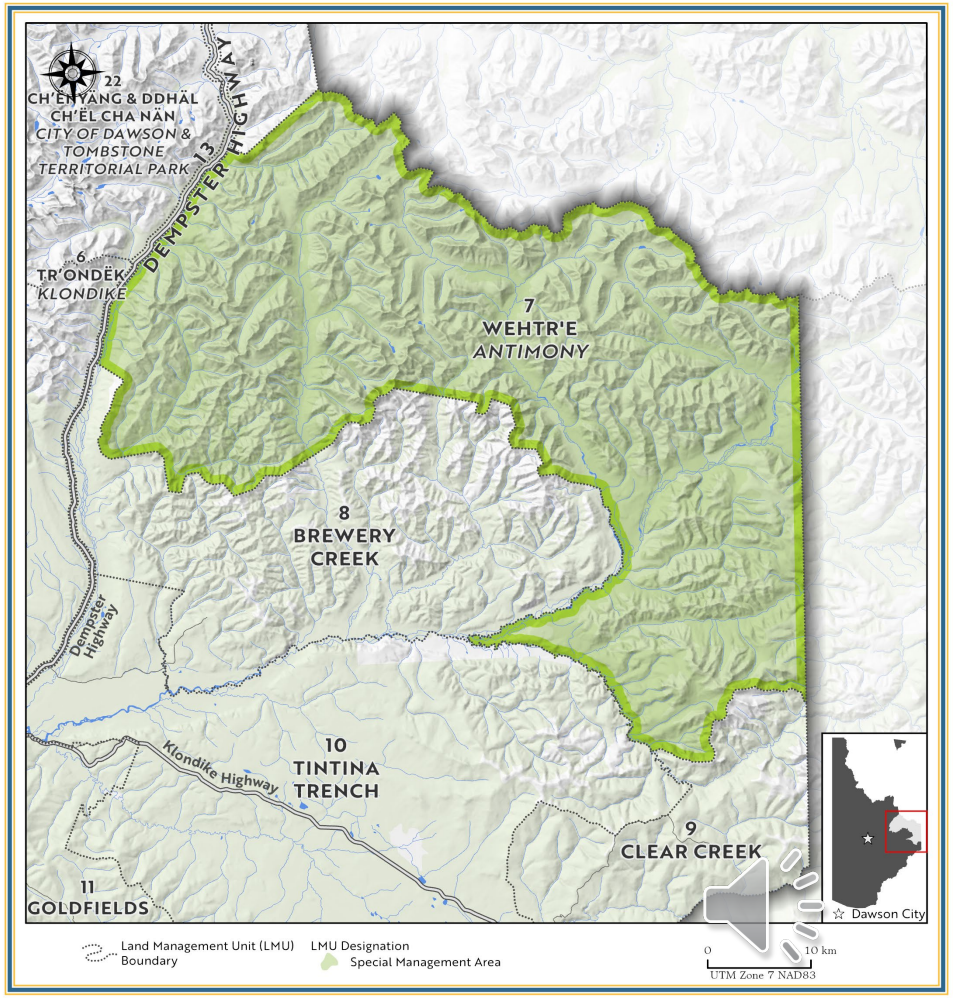
LMU 6: TR'ONDËK (KLONDIKE)

- The designation for this LMU has not changed.
- However, recognizing the ecological and cultural values present here, the Plan recommends that:
  - Since the long-term vision prioritizes sustainable forestry, with no future quartz mining and placer mining limited to existing tenures, at the 10-year Plan Review, the development footprint of this LMU should be reviewed. If both development footprint indicators are below ISA 1 critical thresholds, the LMU designation should change to ISA 1
  - This LMU is prioritized for an Access Management Plan



LMU 7: WEHTR'E (ANTIMONY)

- At the suggestion of both the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and the Government of Yukon, this LMU has been reclassified as a Special Management Area to protect key wildlife habitat, particularly for the Clear Creek and Hart River caribou herds.
- The boundaries of this LMU remain the same as in the Recommended Plan to provide as much protection to the caribou herds as possible.



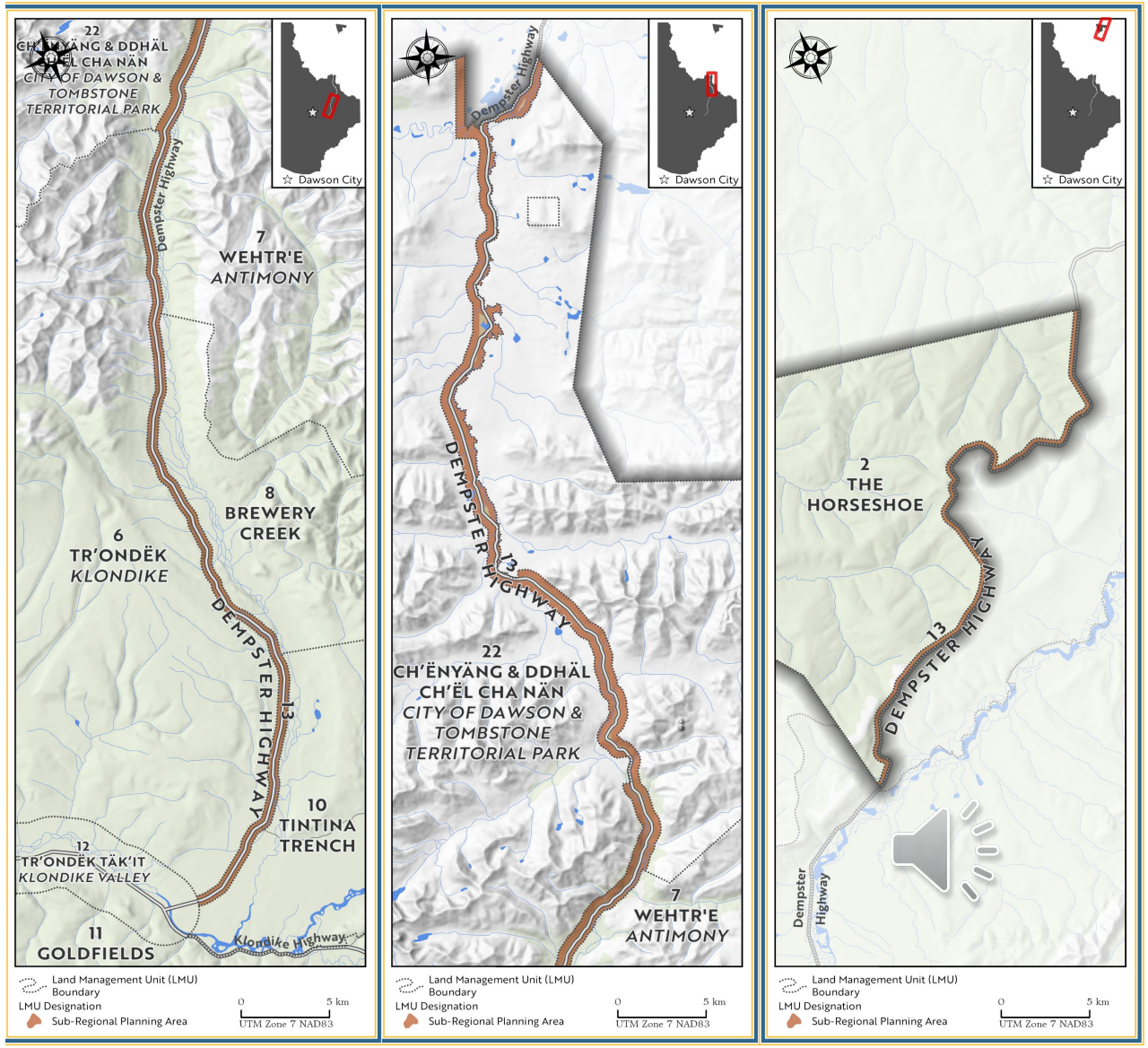
LMU 8: BREWERY CREEK

- This LMU has not changed since the Recommended Plan.
- Since it is adjacent to two Special Management Areas and the range of multiple caribou herds, it was important not to change the designation to allow for increased mineral activity.
- The boundaries did not change in order to provide as much protection as possible for the caribou herd.



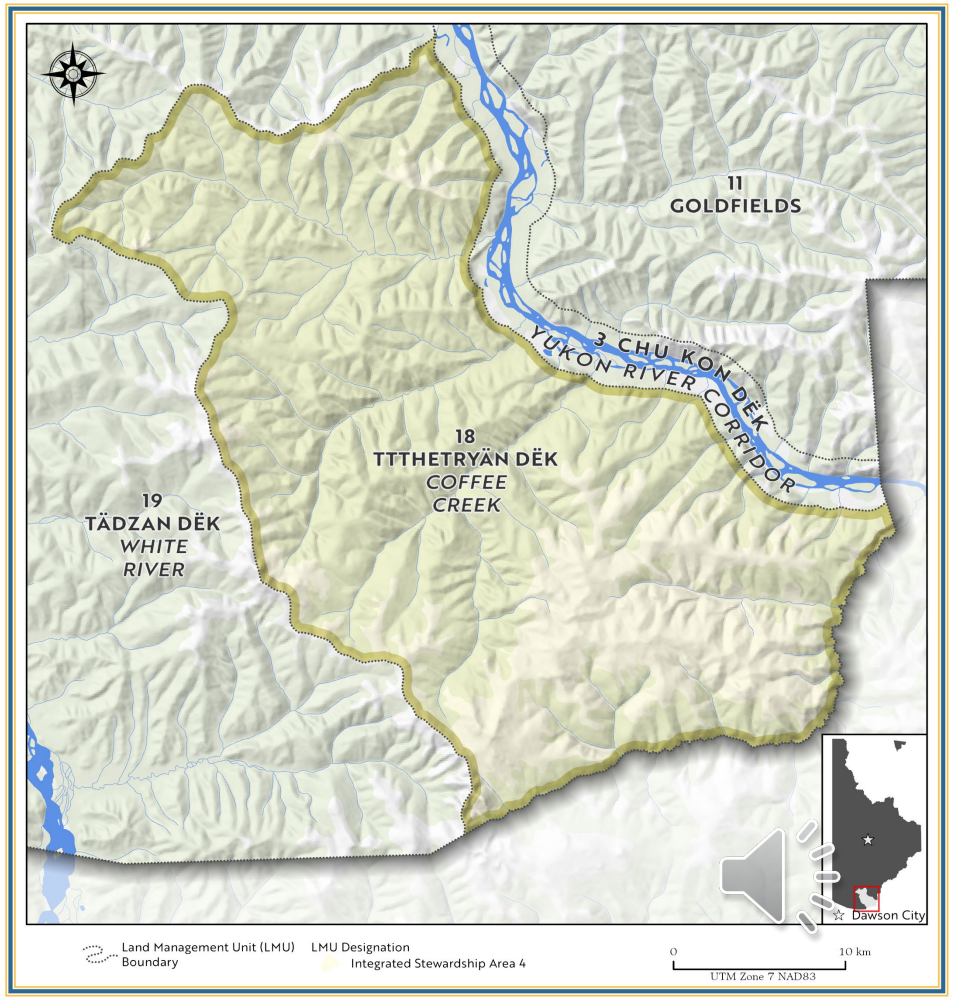
LMU 13: DEMPSTER HIGHWAY CORRIDOR

- The Dempster Highway Corridor is its own LMU, to be planned in a sub-regional planning process at a later date.



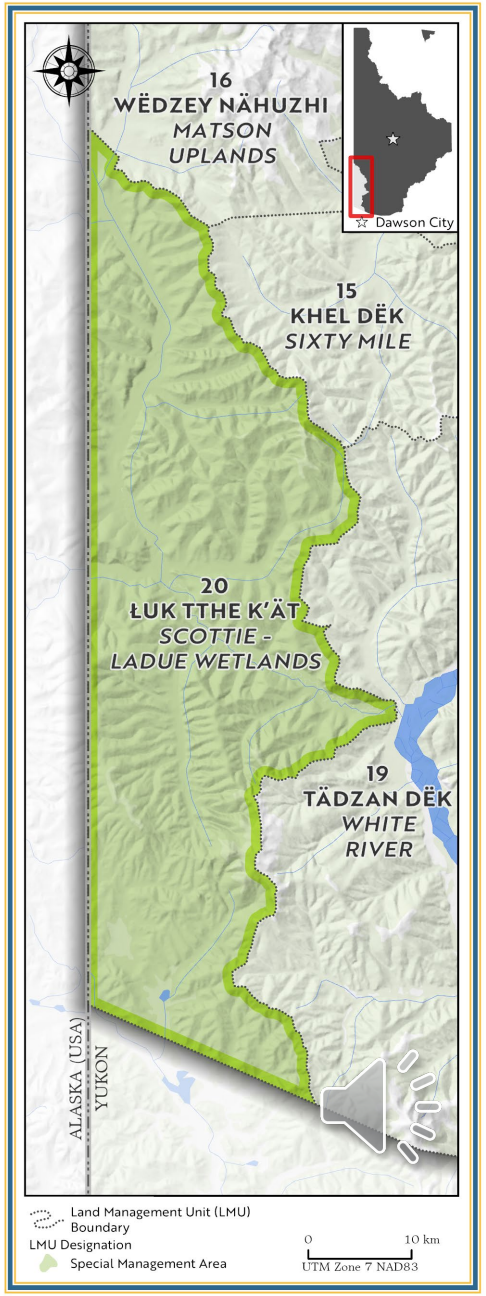
LMU 18: TTTHETRYÄN DËK (COFFEE CREEK)

- The LMU has changed from an ISA 3 to ISA 4 to allow for continued sustainable economic development.



LMU 20: ŁUK TTHE K'ÄT (SCOTTIE-LADUE WETLANDS)

- The Plan nominates both the Scottie and Ladue wetlands as wetlands of special importance.
- They have been combined into one larger SMA.



LMU 22: CH'ËNYÄNG & DDHÄL CH'ËL CHA NÄN (CITY OF DAWSON & TOMBSTONE TERRITORIAL PARK)

- Previously LMU 13, this LMU encompasses the areas within the Region to which this Plan does not apply.
- It includes Dawson City and adjacent community areas across the Yukon River as well as Tombstone Territorial Park.

