

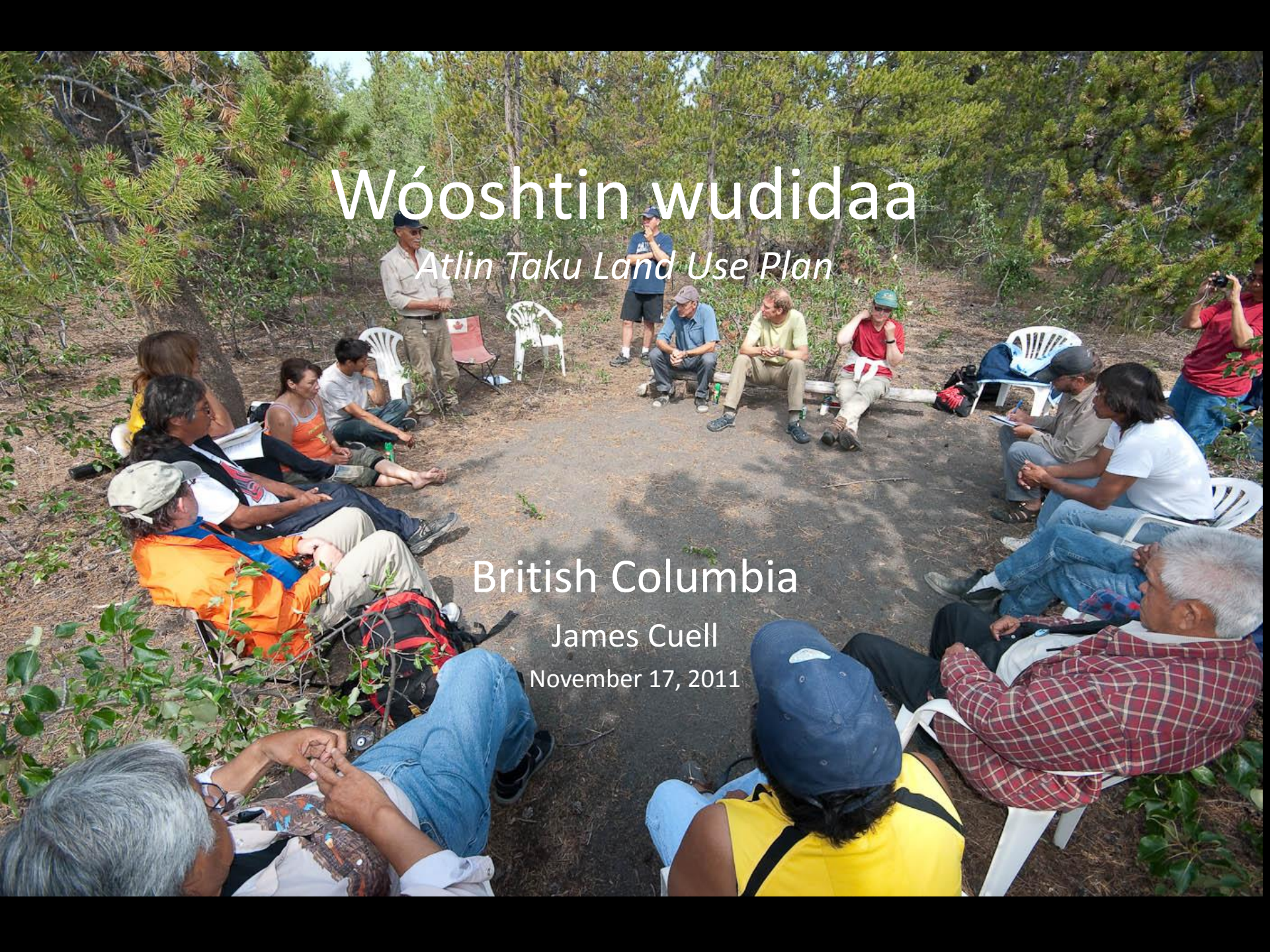
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Atlin Taku Land Use Plan

British Columbia

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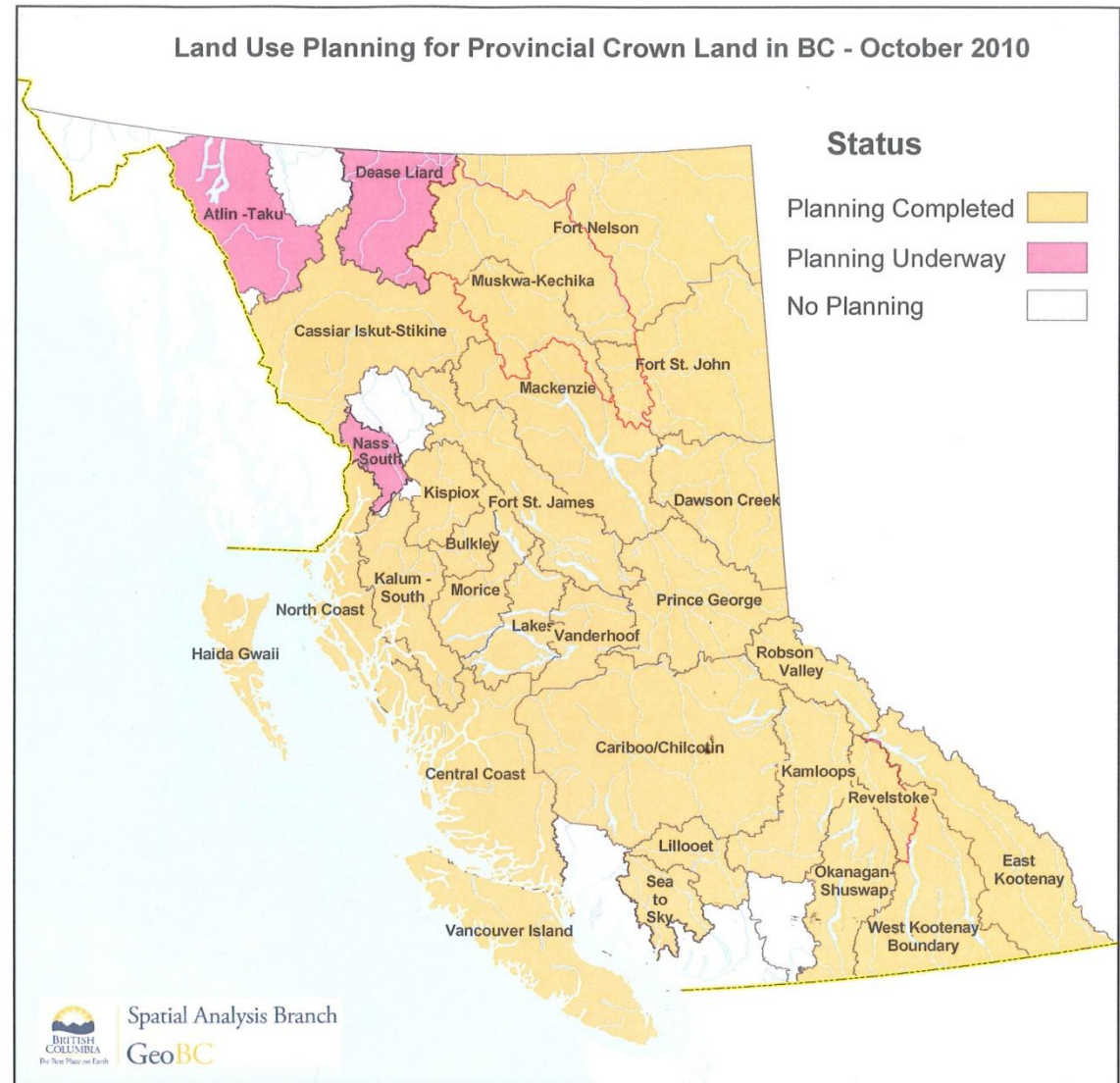
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A wide-angle landscape photograph showing a dense evergreen forest in the foreground. In the middle ground, a calm lake reflects the sky, with several small islands and peninsulas visible. In the background, a range of rugged mountains is partially covered in snow, with some peaks shrouded in a light mist or haze. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, greens, and whites.

CONTEXT

Land Use Planning in BC



Supreme Court of Canada Taku Decision - 2004

“It is expected that ... in the development of a land use strategy, the Crown will continue to fulfill its honourable duty to consult and, if indicated, accommodate the TRTFN”



ENGO Campaigns



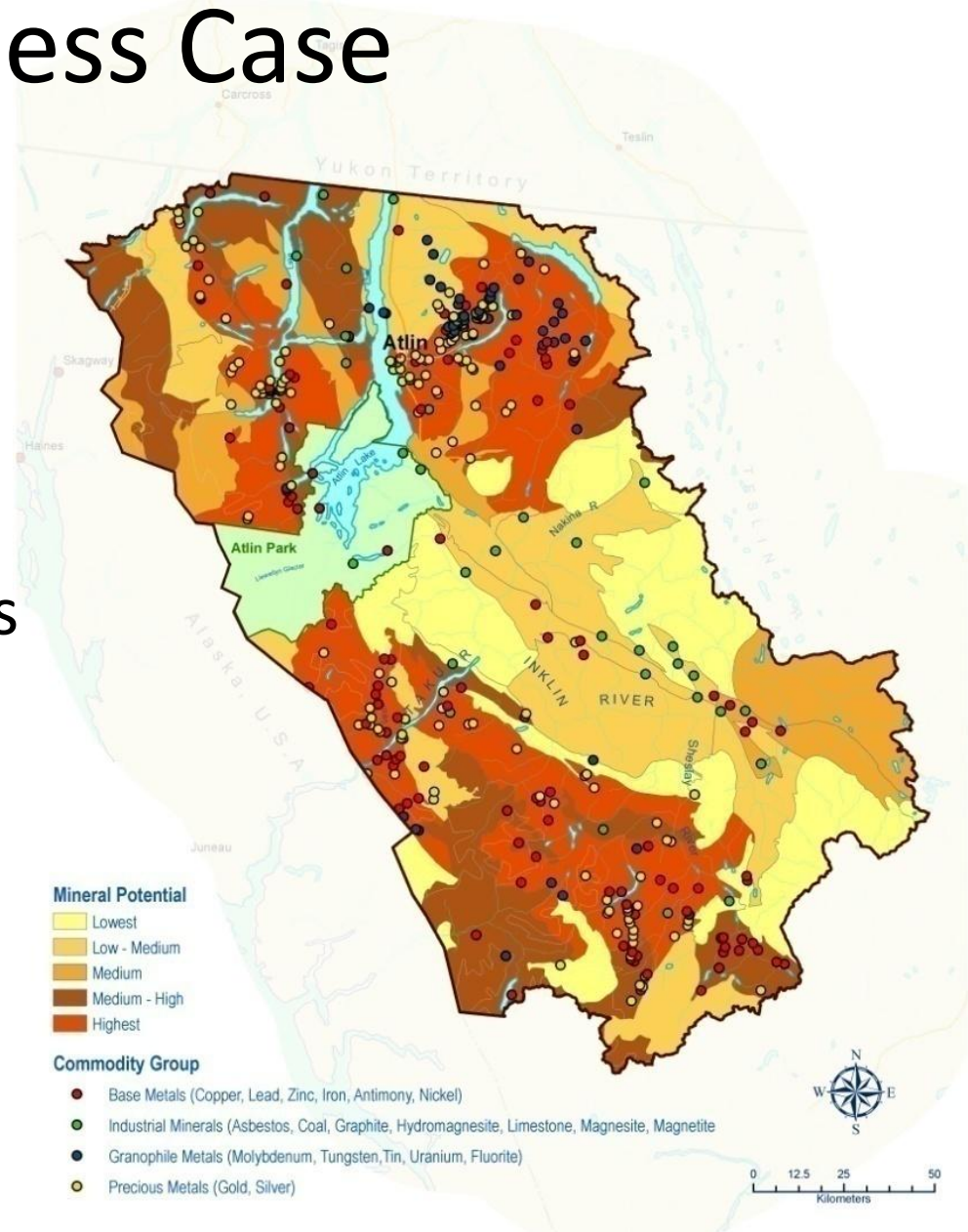
New Relationship

- Conflict to Collaboration
- New Relationship with First Nations – 2005

“Develop new institutions or structures to negotiate Government-to-Government Agreements for shared decision-making regarding land use planning, management, tenuring and resource revenue and benefit sharing”;

Business Case

- Provincially significant mineral resources
- Two projects with Environmental Assessment Certificates
- Several projects in advanced exploration



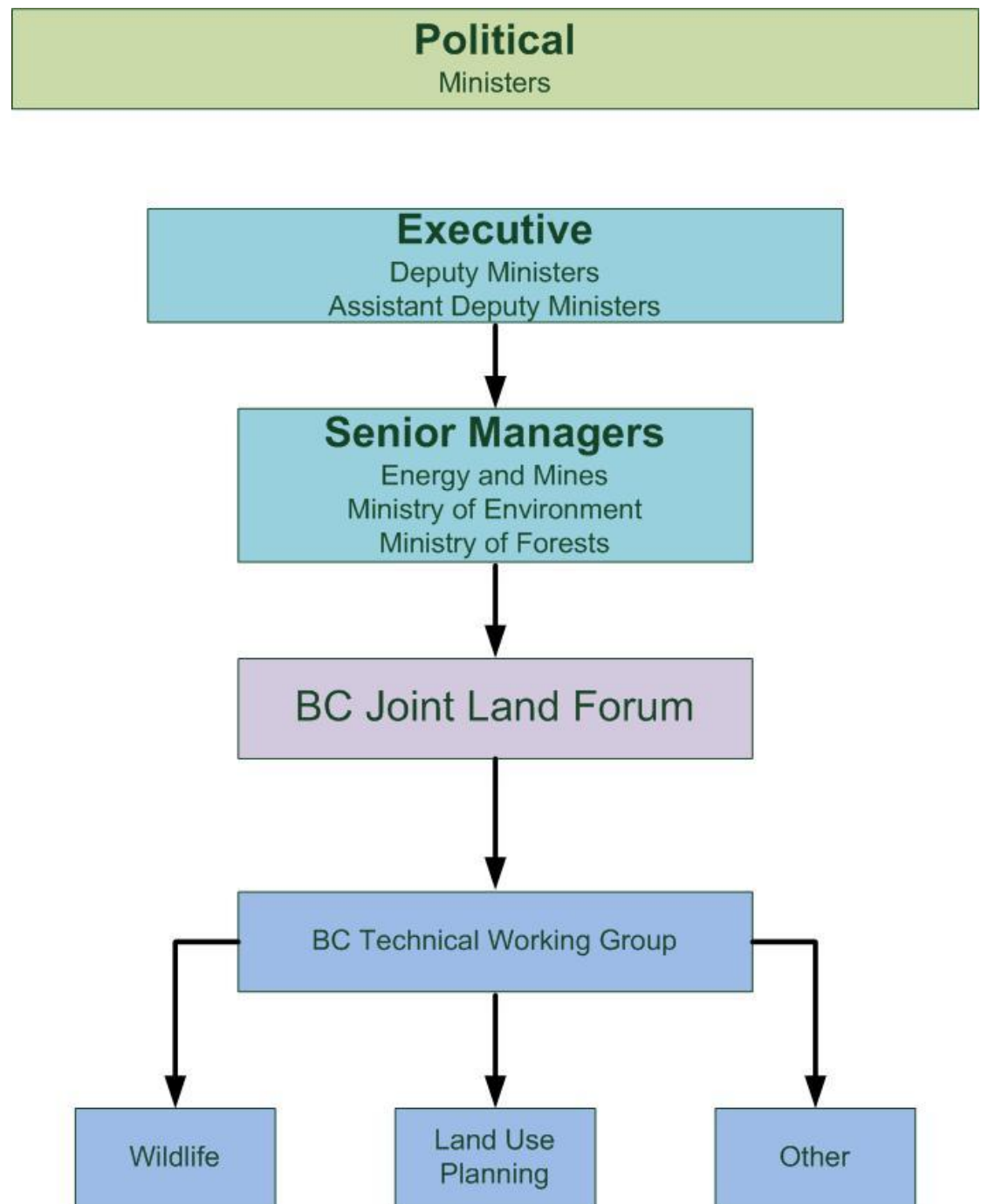
Readiness

- TRT had completed their own land use plan
- Had access to the capacity and resources to engage
- Solid community engagement processes
- Demonstrated the ability to reach an agreement through the Framework Agreement Negotiations

Provincial Interests

- Inclusion
- Innovation
- Efficiency (including reduced complexity)
- Certainty

Provincial Structure



We were ready

- Solid business case
- Favourable political climate
- Taku River Tlingit ready



LEARNINGS

Relationships Matter



Data Matters

- Resource Atlas created
- Important vehicle for collaboration
- Starting point, not the end point

RESOURCE ATLAS
FOR PLANNING UNDER
THE ATLIN-TAKU
FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

Version 1.5
August, 2009

Commitment Matters

- Work on incremental wins
- Expect the unexpected
- The only constant is change



Time Matters

Things always change

- Short timelines for key deliverables
- Political willingness to take risks (election cycles)
- Tired mandates



Compromise is required

*“To compromise
without being
compromised”*

In Summary

- Invest in the relationships
- The business case exists
- A negotiated solution is better than any other alternative you may have
- And it is hard work. There are no short cuts or magic bullets ...

