

## **Yale First Nation Final Agreement Fact Sheet: Yale Lands**

*The Yale First Nation Final Agreement was negotiated by the Government of Canada, the Government of British Columbia and Yale First Nation. The Final Agreement provides Yale First Nation with certain rights and benefits regarding land and resources, and self-government over its lands and resources and its members. It provides certainty with respect to ownership and management of lands and resources and the exercise of federal, provincial and Yale First Nation governmental powers and authorities.*

### **Yale First Nation Lands**

Yale First Nation Land will consist of approximately 1,966 hectares of Yale First Nation Land (Appendix B-1): 217 hectares of former Indian reserves and 1,749 hectares of additional Crown lands owned in fee simple. The Final Agreement will include ownership of sub-surface resources on or under Yale First Nation Land. Yale First Nation Government may make laws regarding the use of Yale First Nation Land, including management, planning, zoning and development.

British Columbia may authorize uses of or dispose of provincial Crown land under the Yale Final Agreement, within the Yale First Nation Area, which is within the Fraser Valley Regional District, provided that British Columbia ensures that those authorized uses or dispositions do not deny Yale First Nation the reasonable opportunity to harvest wildlife, migratory birds, fish and aquatic plants.

Canada and British Columbia will consult with Yale First Nation with respect to the establishment of any national or provincial park wholly or partially within the Yale First Nation Harvest Area. (Appendix A) The parties will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement in respect of the exercise of Yale First Nation harvesting rights by Yale First Nation Members in the park.

Tenures issued to third parties by British Columbia over proposed Yale First Nation Lands will be protected either through extensions, renewals, continuations or a replacement tenure issued by Yale First Nation.

### **Access**

Yale First Nation will allow reasonable public access to Frozen Lakes Land for temporary recreational uses and temporary non-commercial purposes, including reasonable opportunities for the public to hunt and fish. Yale First Nation will consider a request by an individual for reasonable access to Yale First Nation Land, other than Frozen Lakes Land, and may refuse such request on reasonable grounds. In the event that Yale First Nation accepts the request, Yale First Nation will provide the individual with a Permit, or otherwise allow

Reasonable Access to the requested site. Crown and Railway Corridors are not part of Yale First Nation Land. The Crown, public utilities, railways, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, peace officers and adjacent landowners may also enter or cross Yale First Nation Land.

### **Agricultural Land Reserve**

Approximately 21 hectares of the provincial Crown land to be transferred to the First Nation as Yale First Nation Land is currently designated as part of the Agricultural Land Reserve; this designation will not change except in accordance with the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*.