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## **KWANLIN DÜN ASKS PUBLIC FOR HUNTING SEASON CAUTION NEAR FISH LAKE HIKING TRAIL**

**WHITEHORSE**—Kwanlin Dün First Nation asks members of the public to support KDFN citizens' traditional use of the area surrounding the Fish Lake ridge as a fall hunting space by giving the hunters a wide berth. KDFN's Land Stewards say that by limiting visits to the area's popular hiking trails to between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., travelling in high-visibility clothing and keeping dogs leashed, people can minimize risks associated with the harvest.

"Every fall, many Kwanlin Dün citizens hunt on Category A settlement land that encompasses the popular Fish Lake hiking trail. Our Land Stewards have noticed an increased risk to the public as a result of this mixed use," said Kwanlin Dün Chief Doris Bill. "We gladly welcome responsible users to this area, but ask they respect that Fish Lake and the Bonneville Lakes have been a traditional Kwanlin Dün hunting ground for generations."

Lands Operations Manager Brandy Mayes leads Kwanlin Dün's Land Stewards, who are responsible for educating both KDFN citizens and members of the public about appropriate use of, and respect for, Kwanlin Dün land. Her team initially noticed the uptick in public access at the Fish Lake trailhead during an evening site visit.

"Our job is to be out on the land and helping everyone enjoy it safely and responsibly," added Mayes. "That means people might see a Kwanlin Dün Land Steward out near Fish Lake — or elsewhere on Kwanlin Dün settlement land. If you ever see a Land Steward, please take a moment to say hi and speak with us."

Citizens and members of the public are also encouraged to leave a trip plan with a friend or family member before accessing Fish Lake or any other outdoor destination. To learn more about the boundaries of Kwanlin Dün's Category A land near Fish Lake, or any other settlement land, people are encouraged to access the [Yukon government's online lands viewer](#) or call Kwanlin Dün First Nation at 867-633-7800.

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