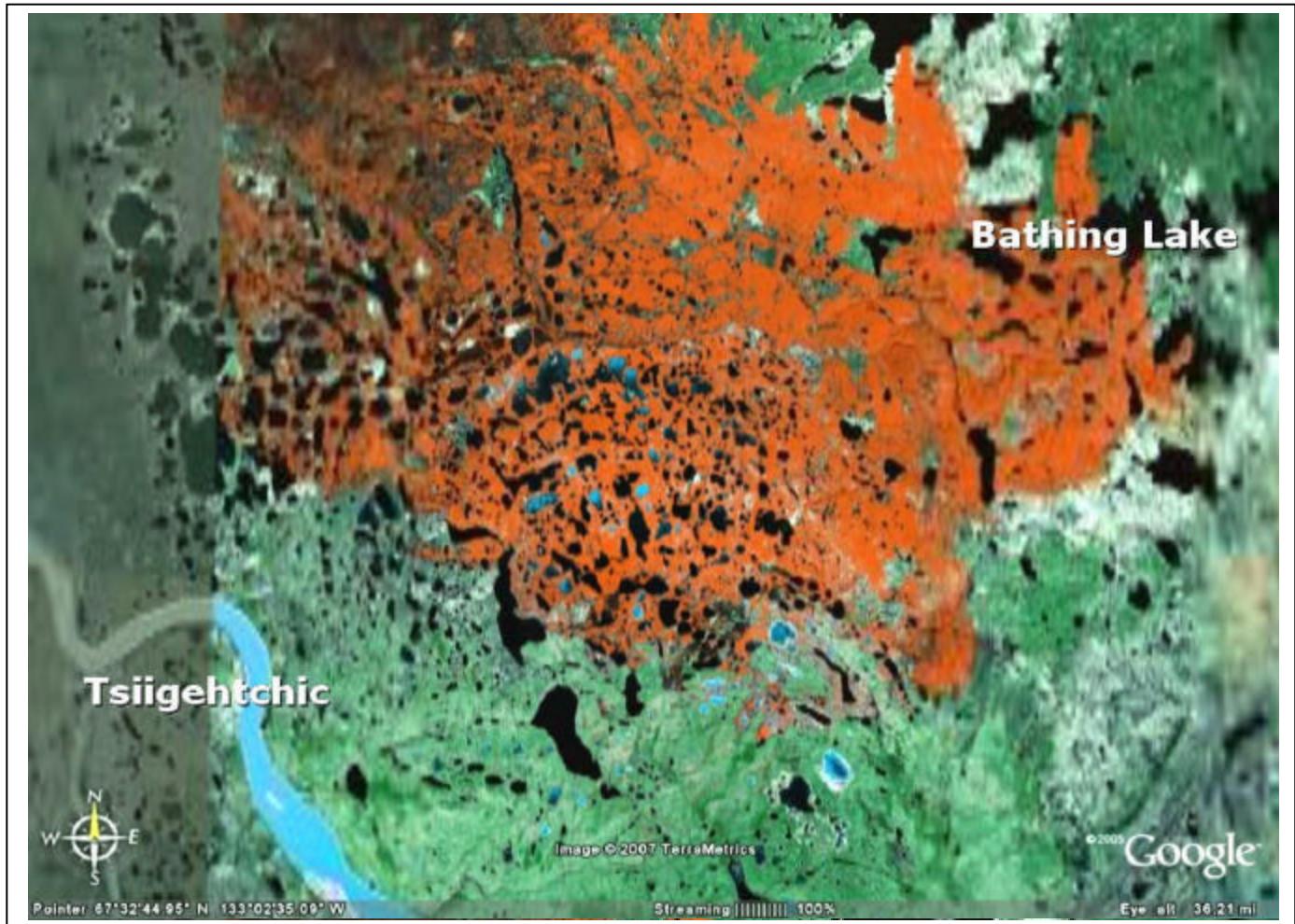


BATHING LAKE CULTURAL CAMP

On-the-Land Program

Tsiigehtchic, NT



February to April 2007

*Completed by the Tsiigehtchic Gwichya Gwich'in Band
and the Gwichya Renewable Resource Council*

Introduction:

The Tsiiigehtchic Gwichya Gwichin Band (TGGB) is owner of the old renewable resources fire training camp located at Bathing Lake, approximately 50 kilometres northeast of Tsiiigethchic. Inventory at this camp includes three living quarters, one warehouse, and a tent frame. Other inventory includes some building supplies (lumber and poly), and additional camping equipment.

Located in the Travaillant Lake area, Bathing Lake (**Teevee nit'aowil** translated into Gwich'in) is an ideal location for a community cultural camp. As one of the traditional hunting and fishing areas of the Gwichya Gwich'in, the Travaillant Lake area is abundant in wildlife, including moose, beaver and muskrats, and almost all the lakes around Travaillant Lake are excellent for fish, ducks, geese and swans.

Few elders remain in Tsiiigehtchic who are familiar with this traditional area and the old trails. The TGGB and the Gwichya Renewable Resources Council (GRRC) would like to take out interested community members to travel along the trails to familiarize them with the Gwichya Gwich'in traditional fishing and hunting sites.

The TGGB will work in cooperation with the GRRC to implement this program. Renewable Resource Officer Sonny Blake will be instrumental in ensuring the success of the program.



Location of Program:

Some of the old trails accessing the area are still visible today; one can still travel on the old trail between Tsigehtchic and Fishing Bear Lake (***Shoh k'adh***), which is enroute to Bathing Lake. From Fishing Bear Lake to 'In and Out Lake' (***K'eeeghee chuudlaii***), an old seismic road enables travelers to access the lake. The portion of trail between 'In and Out Lake' and Bathing Lake needs to be cut open to access travel.



The Tsiigehtchic Canadian Rangers have been requested to assist opening up the trail between 'In and Out Lake' and Bathing Lake. Through other initiatives involving cultural excursions, the TGGB and GRRC will begin organizing it's camp at the site to use for cultural activities. The camp will be used annually for traditional/cultural activities and can be made available to all residents of the community who wish to participate.

Conclusion:

During the winter 2006/2007, the TGGB and GRRC will organize and carry out three cultural trips for Tsigehtchic residents of all ages. School children from the Chief Paul Niditchie School will be invited to participate as well.

This project will enable not only the children, but also the adults of Tsigehtchic, to identify the traditional hunting and fishing areas used by their ancestors. Working with the elders through other initiatives under the New Horizons for Seniors Program, the youth and other interested members of Tsigehtchic will learn the history of those areas and travel the old trails, enabling them to gain a better understanding of their culture and traditions on-the-land.

As per the attached budget certain parts of the program have already been completed and at this time the GRRC is requesting additional funds, \$3,600, to assist with rentals, fuel, oil, material and equipment to complete the implementation of this program.

Please contact the GRRC at (867) 953-3608 if you require additional information.

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BUDGET:

EXPENSES:	Trip #1: Tsiigehtchic to Jackfish Lake Mid February 2007 (4 days)	Trip #2: Tsiigehtchic to In and Out Lake Early March 2007 (6 days)	Trip #3: Tsiigehtchic to Bathing Lake Middle Mar 2007 (7 days)
Snowmobile/Toboggan Rentals			
4 x \$1 00/day x 4 day (Trip #1)	\$1,600		
4 x \$1 00/day x 6 day (Trip #2)		\$2,400	
4 x \$1 00/day x 7 day (Trip #3)			\$2,800
Gasoline/Oil			
Trip #1 - 100 gal gasoline	\$700		
Trip #2 - 150 gal gasoline		\$950	
Trip #3 - 200 gal gasoline			\$1,250
2 case engine oil (covers all trips)	\$100		
Groceries & Supplies			
(20 - 25 people)			
\$100/day x 4 days - Trip #1	\$400		
\$75/day x 6 days - Trip #2		\$450	
\$75/day x 7 days - Trip #3			\$525
Guides/Instructors/Cook			
2 @ \$100/day x 4 days - Trip #1	\$800		
2 @ \$100/day x 6 days - Trip #2		\$1,200	
2 @ \$100/day x 7 days - Trip #3			\$1,400
Cook			
1 @ \$100/day x 17 days (all trips)	\$400	\$600	\$700
Sub-Totals	\$3,827	\$5,523	\$6,589

Total \$15,939