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Revival of Ancestral Legacy Taku River Tlingit First Nation Reclaims Traditional Place Names in British Columbia

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Taku River Tlingit First Nation is proud to announce the reclamation of 13 Tlingit Place Names in their traditional territory within what is currently known as British Columbia. Place names are anchors of the Tlingit language on the land. They are essential markers of the Taku River Tlingit territory, as well as indicators of where our ancestors traveled and where they continue to travel.

These place names are key elements in Tlingit stories, carriers of ecological knowledge, and a legacy passed down through generations of Tlingit speakers. The process of reclaiming place names enables communities to establish a harmonious connection with the land, restoring its inherent spirit. This not only allows for a deeper understanding of the land but also encourages the practice of referring to it by its original name, fostering respectful dialogue between humans and their environment.

“The acknowledgment of Tlingit names on British Columbia maps holds equal importance to our cherished Kwaay, our significant landmarks.” - TRTFN Chief Spokesperson, Charmaine Thom

March 22, 2023:

K'iyán Mountain (pronounced KEY-yawn), previously known as Minto Mountain

A X̱eegí Deiyí Shaa (pronounced A-HEE-gi DAY-yi Shaa), formerly known as Monarch Mountain

July 28, 2023:

T'ooch' Héeni (pronounced t-ooch HEE-nee), previously 4th of July Creek

Koosawu.áa Héen (pronounced KOO-sa-woo ah HEEN), formerly known as Pine Creek

Koosawu Áa (pronounced KOO-sa-woo AH), previously Surprise Lake

Daatgaadlák X'áat'i (pronounced daht-gahd-LAK HAHT-tee), previously Third Island

Utajée X'áat'i (pronounced oot-ta-jee HAHT-tee), previously Second Island

Wéinaa X'áat'i (pronounced WAY-nah HAHT-tee), previously First Island

In Héeni (pronounced IN HEE-nee), formerly known as McKee Creek

Yat'aayi Héen Geeyí (pronounced yut-AYE heen gee-YIH), formerly known as Warm Bay

Yat'aayi Héen (pronounced yut-AYE heen), formerly known as Warm Bay Hot Springs

Watsíx Héeni (pronounced wat-see HEE-nee), previously the O'Donnell River

Taaltsuxéi Héen (pronounced tal-soo-kay heen), previously spelled Tulsequah River

For more information on Taku River Tlingit Place Names, including the meaning of all of these names, visit: <https://trf.geolive.ca>

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