

# HOW DO WE PROTECT OUR LAND & RESOURCES?

## How will our territory be affected?

Together, our Nations are part of the Treaty 8 Tribal Association. This ensures the protection of our traditional territory. The vast Treaty 8 lands are made up of different environments, and are affected by gas projects in different ways. Depending on which community you belong to, your land and water will need to be protected in different ways.

## Would gas disturb my way of living?

There are gas reserves throughout Treaty 8 territories. This can bring fracking, drilling rigs, worker camps, service roads, and other development to our land. These sites could include hunting grounds and habitat for the animals, sacred areas of cultural significance, and of course, areas near the communities where we spend time on a day-to-day basis.

## A Good Place



There are many examples of times when gas companies have had to re-route their projects in order to not disturb communities.

## How are we monitoring the long term environmental impact?

Treaty 8 has called for a Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment. This study would look at the cumulative effects of all natural gas development in Treaty 8 territory to date. From this study, leaders could make informed predictions about the long-term effects of any proposed new development. This will protect our lands, water, and way of life for our children, grandchildren, and future generations.



## How are we protecting our waters?

To protect our water, Treaty 8 is also collaborating with the province of BC to create the “Northeastern BC Water Strategy.” This strategy will protect the health of our water-dependent ecosystems by:

- 1) Increasing the monitoring of our groundwater, rivers, and lakes.
- 2) Strengthening and enforcing the regulations and management of our water resources.
- 3) Researching how much water is available and how much can be sustainably used in industrial practices.

The water strategy will be guided and implemented by a “water working group” that includes representatives from our Treaty 8 communities.