

VISION

Thaidene Nene is heart of the homeland and sacred place of the Lutsel K'e Denesoline. It is where the ancestors of the Lutsel K'e Denesoline laid down the sacred, ethical, and practical foundations of the Denesoline way of life.

Carrying these traditions into the future, the Lutsel K'e Denesoline have the right to promote their culture, practice their relationship with the land and water, and protect the territory upon which this culture and relationship depend. Protection of Thaidene Nene means preserving the environmental and cultural integrity of a homeland fundamental to a material well-being and cultural identity.

As the keepers of Thaidene Nene, the Lutsel K'e Denesoline have the responsibility to act as stewards of the land and as host to visitors.

PRINCIPLES

“As long as the sun shines, the river flows, and the grass grows...”

1. Thaidene Nene is Lutsel K'e Denesoline traditional territory.
2. The Lutsel K'e Denesoline and Canada have a treaty relationship, the spirit and intent of which is peace and friendship.
3. Canada must seek to reconcile its interests and renew its relationship with the Lutsel K'e Denesoline.
4. Consistent with the spirit and intent of the treaty relationship, the Lutsel K'e Denesoline and Canada will coexist peaceably and in friendship through true consensus.
5. Recognition and implementation of Lutsel K'e Denesoline treaty and aboriginal rights is paramount.

“The Denesoline are part of the land; the land is part of the Dene”

6. The ecosystems and species present in Thaidene Nene must maintain their integrity and resilience.
7. Continued Denesoline use and occupancy is essential to the integrity and resilience of Thaidene Nene.
8. The culture of the Lutsel K'e Denesoline of Thaidene Nene must be sustained and promoted.

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“The Denesoline were put here by the Creator as the keepers and protectors of the land”

9. Stewardship of Thaidene Nene is the responsibility of the Lutsel K'e Denesoline.
10. Thaidene Nene will be managed and operated from Lutsel K'e by the Lutsel K'e Denesoline.
11. Lutsel K'e Denesoline capacity and engagement in socio-economic opportunities is paramount.