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Projet de réserves de biodiversité et de  
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# Proposed Protected Area Expansion of the Maganasipi Watershed

By the Algonquin Nation of Wolf Lake  
January 17, 2013

# Background

Wolf Lake members have close ties to the forest and waterways

We see ourselves as part of the whole ecosystem

The forest and waterways are part of Algonquin spiritual and cultural traditions.

This is our history and our future.

Wolf Lake First Nation is an Algonquin Nation in Northwestern Quebec

# Mahingan Sagaigan / Wolf Lake

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- We assert Aboriginal Rights and Title to our traditional territory
- We are here today to coordinate our efforts with yours in dedicated protected areas that effect our traditional territory including expansion of protection for the Maganasipi watershed.



# WLFN Community Conservation Initiatives

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- Our efforts are in response to our cultural ties to the environment and the scarcity of natural forests on our territory.
  - It is about cultural and ecological protection and restoration
  - Its about supporting our tourism and green economy projects
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# Why have we been Protecting the Maganasipi?

Because we have legal rights

Because it is one of the highest  
concentrations of old growth  
forest we have left on our  
traditional territory

Because it is of historical, cultural,  
and ecological significance for  
Algonquins and non-Algonquins  
alike





# Maigan-Sibi / Wolf River

The river watershed is home to a resident wolf population and it is our interest to study and protect them and their habitat

# Our Interests

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- Are not self-serving
- We have historical and cultural knowledge of the forest which benefit other users
- We are here today to maintain our rights and interests as stewards of the forest





**For over 7000 years the forest has provided the Algonquin people their livelihood - food, energy and materials, landscapes, spiritual grounds , economic trade and peace. We have a high investment in our forests and how they continue to support our people .**



# Governance

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- We are concerned about the government's processes regarding the establishment of protected areas and the government of Quebec's recognition of our Aboriginal Rights and Title
  - We hope this meeting today will initiate discussions between us on a co-operative/collaborative co-management agreement between the Wolf Lake First Nation and the government of Quebec
  - We want to be part of the planning and problem solving process involved in the determination of the protected area boundaries
  - We acknowledge the government of Quebec's intent in the *Natural Heritage Act* to include us as planning partners, but we have yet to receive that formal invitation.
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# Our Relationship

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- I hope the slides helped explain our relationship between our culture and the forest
  - This relationship must be formalized through an agreement between the government of Quebec and the Wolf Lake First Nation
  - In this process we share a similar understanding that humans have the capacity to effect and be effected by the natural environment
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# Our Proposed Boundaries

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- Adapted from our original submission of the whole watershed as they are subject to other interests
  - Forward looking boundaries and we would like to be part of the decision making process in the determination of the final boundaries- we believe there are benefits that we can bring to your decision management frameworks- improving cost benefit scenarios for everyone and the environment
  - Partnerships- CEESP committee with IUCN- Universities- ecologic services project with Tembec Inc- International conservation funding organizations
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# Proposed Expansion of Protected Area within Maganasipi Watershed

**Legend**



- Proposed Expanded Area Boundary
- Canoe Sites
- Trailhead for Vehicle Access
- Heritage Logging Trail
- Tommy John Trail
- Modern Day Vehicle Travel Routes
- Gathering Medicinal and Edible Plants
- Nanegwa Canoe route
- Winnah Canoe route
- 2008 Maganasipi River Protected Area
- Exceptional Forest and Ecosystem Designation
- Lakes
- Roads
- Rivers



Scale 1: 50,000

Map data is provided by the Algonquin Lands and Resources Office. Economic project development information framework and photographs provided by Rosanne Van Scha. Mapping by MTIG Forestry Services Ltd. Dec 15, 2012





**Legend**

- Watershed
- Roads
- Rivers
- Partial Harvests (2001 - 2008)
- Partial Harvests (1983 - 2000)
- Clearcut Harvests (1983 - 2000)
- Reserve de biodiversite
- Lac-Percival

The imagery from Google Earth  
Image Date: Aug 14 2009



**Forestry Activity in the Maganasipi Watershed 1983 - 2008**



Hutcheson Pond.



# Maganassipi Fish and Game Club History



James C. Stewart.



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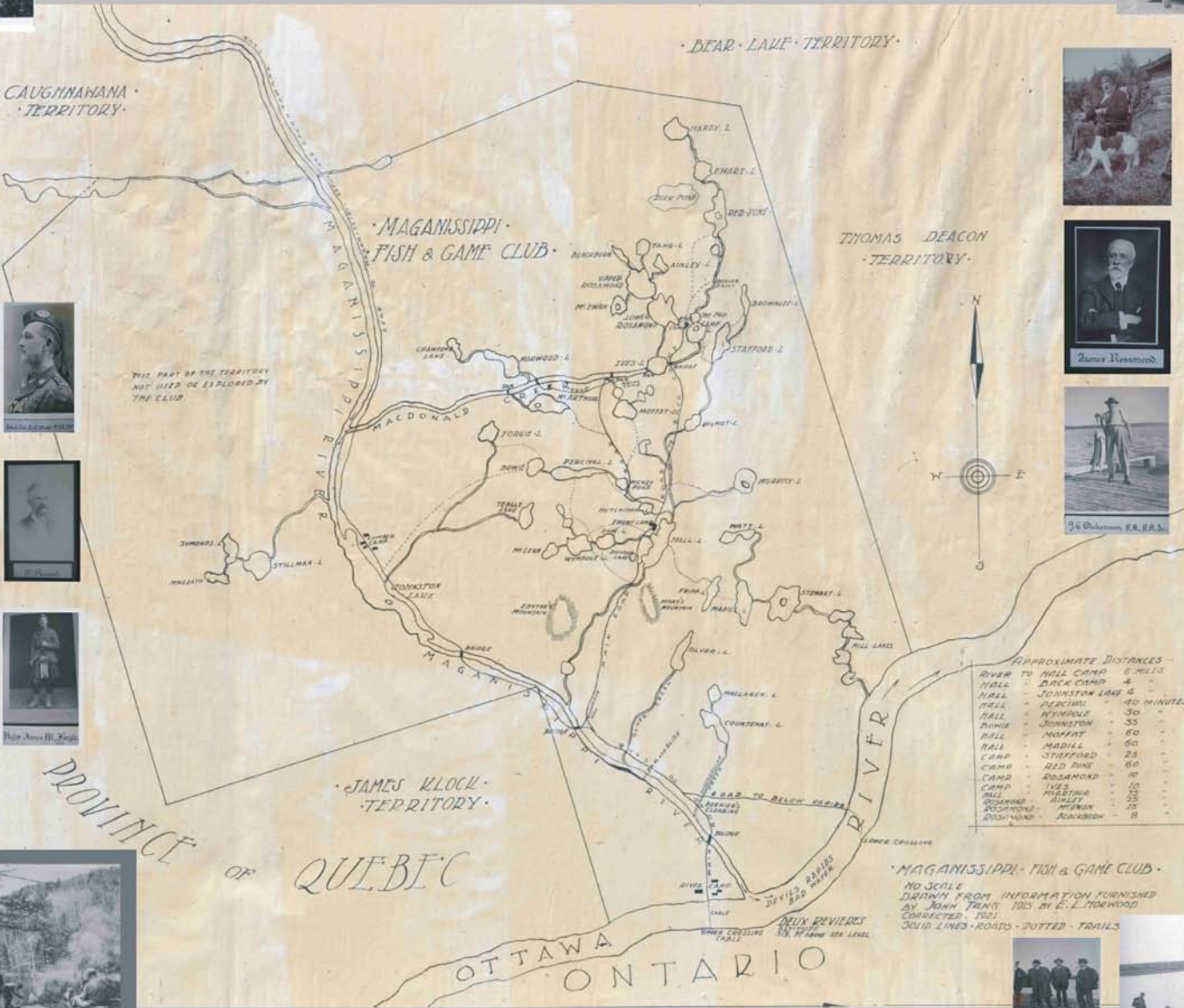
CAUGHMANANA TERRITORY.

BEAR LAKE TERRITORY.

MAGANASSIPI FISH & GAME CLUB.

THOMAS DEACON TERRITORY.

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J. G. Deacon, R.R. S.S.



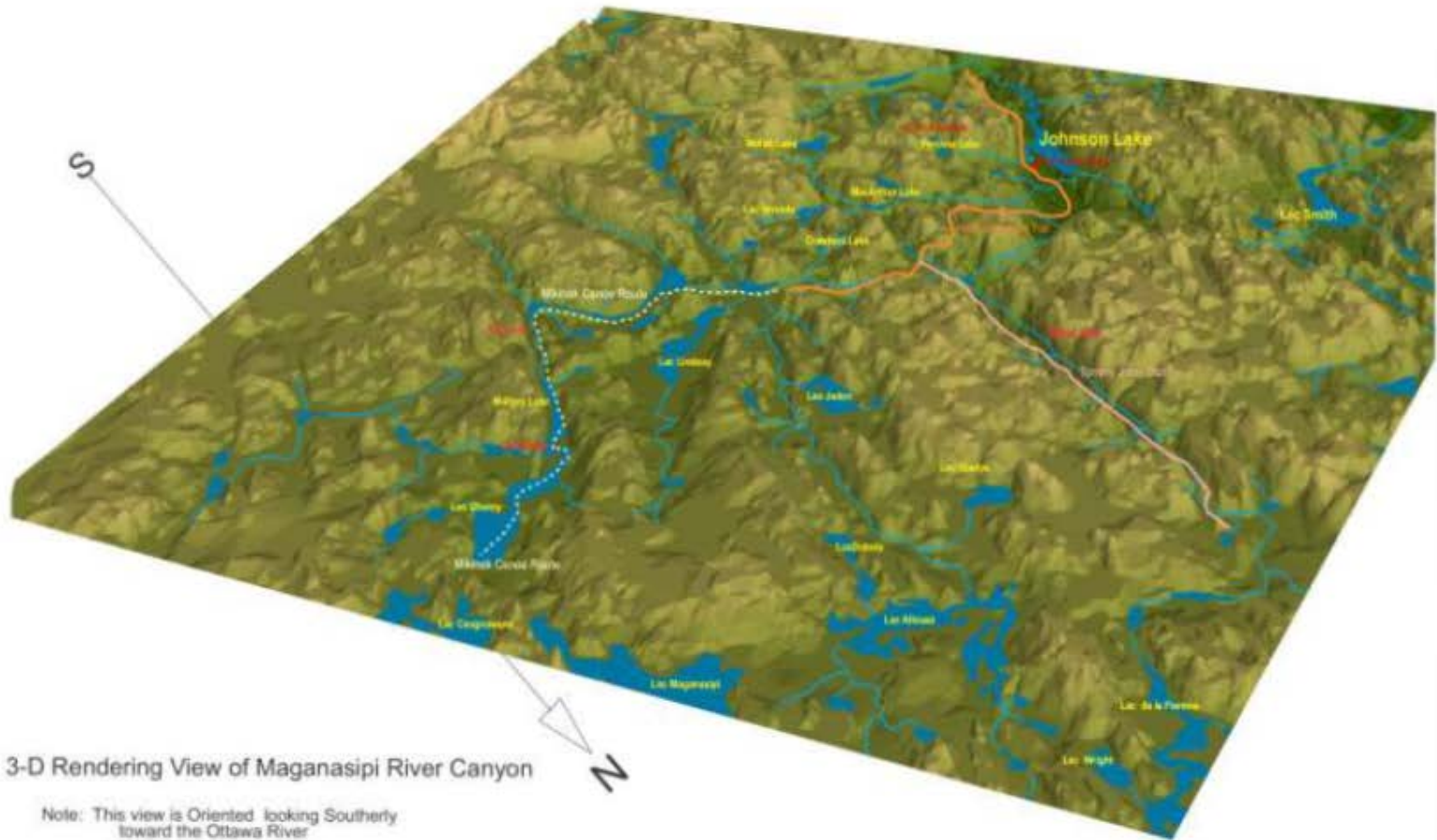
APPROXIMATE DISTANCES

RIVER TO HILL CAMP	6 MILES
HILL CAMP - DACK CAMP	4 "
HILL CAMP - JOHNSTON LAKE	4 "
HILL CAMP - PLACER	60 MINUTES
HILL CAMP - FERNALD	30 "
HILL CAMP - JOHNSON	35 "
HILL CAMP - MOTT	60 "
HILL CAMP - MADILL	60 "
CAMP - STAFFORD	25 "
CAMP - RED PINE	60 "
CAMP - ROSAMOND	40 "
CAMP - LIVES	10 "
HILL CAMP - MOTT	35 "
ROSAMOND - MOTT	15 "
ROSAMOND - ACKERSON	8 "

MAGANASSIPI FISH & GAME CLUB.  
 NO SCALE  
 DRAWN FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED  
 BY JOHN TRING, 1935 BY E. L. TORWOOD  
 CORRECTED, 1931  
 SOLID LINES - ROADS - DOTTED - TRAILS



# Maganasipi River Canyon Topography



3-D Rendering View of Maganasipi River Canyon

Note: This view is Oriented looking Southerly toward the Ottawa River

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