

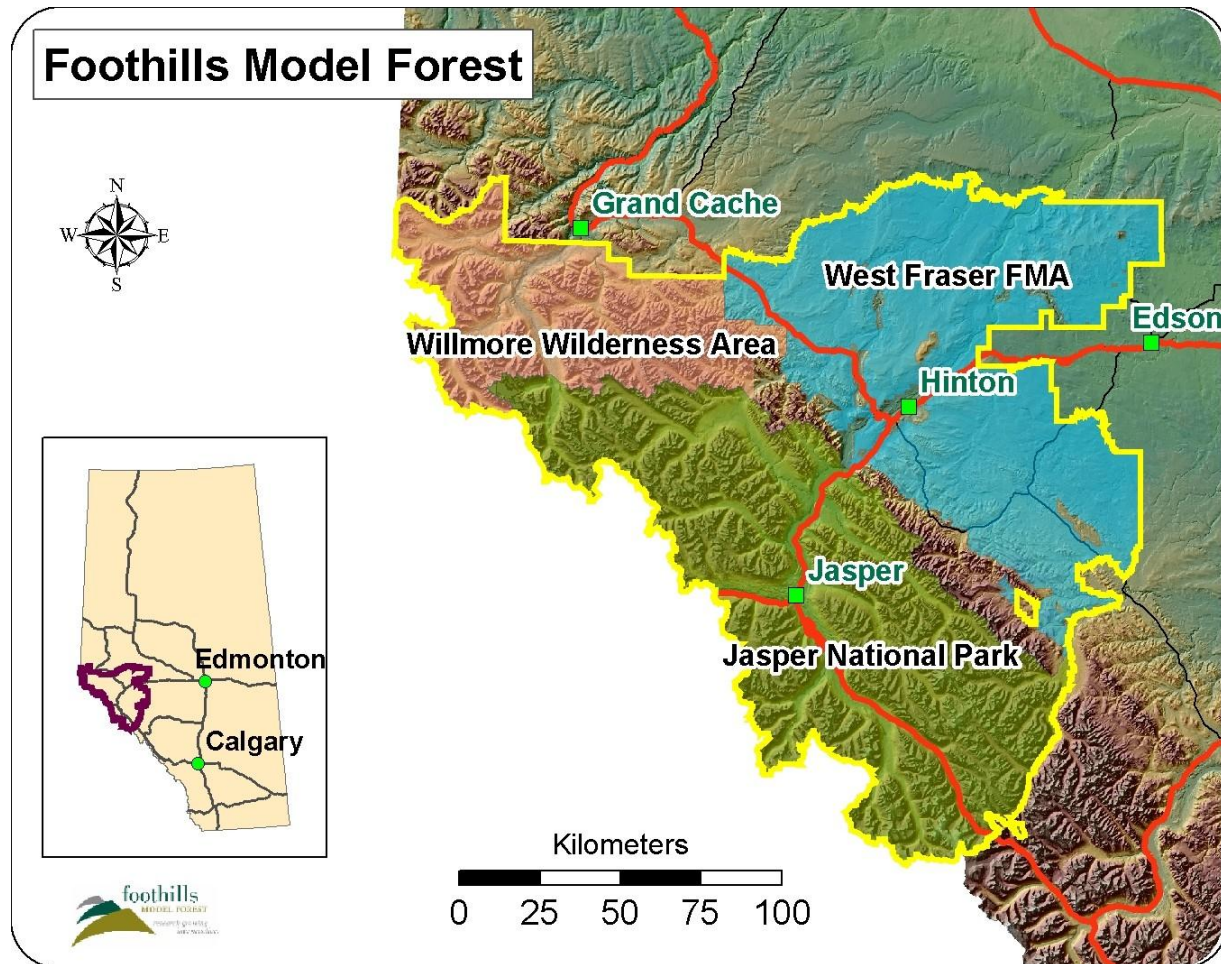
**FRI Annual General Meeting**

# **Aboriginal Involvement Program**



**October 15, 2008**

# Map of the Foothills Research Institute



# Aboriginal Involvement Program

**-Three inter-related sub program areas-**

- 1. Standardized Multi-community  
Traditional Cultural Study (2002)**
- 2. Industry Community Referral Process  
(2006)**
- 3. Technical Support (2002)**

# Aboriginal Involvement Program

## *What We've Accomplished:*

### - **Multi-community Traditional Cultural Study –**

- 1) Documented and storing +2300 (~1400 in 2007) quality control reviewed sites from 4 communities
- 2) Training with over 25 community technicians
- 3) Interviews with 52 community elders
- 4) Youth participants 64

# Aboriginal Involvement Program

## *What We've Accomplished:*

### - Referral Process –

- 1) 1 pilot from Gov't (Alberta TPRC)
- 2) 9 pilot referral runs by 4 companies (Shell, Suncor, West Fraser, Coal Valley Resources)
- 3) Protection of 91 cultural sites from potential disturbances
- 4) Savings to companies of \$10-30k per day of planning time by using process

# Aboriginal Involvement Program

## What We've Accomplished:

- 1) Highest density of traditional data documented in the nation
- 2) Regional coordination table for access and communication with communities for land use
- 3) Phase 1 of Foothills Aboriginal Engagement Pilot underway
- 4) No major political blow ups

# Aboriginal Involvement Program

## How:

### 1) Relationships:

Leveraging Community – Industry – Government partnerships

### 2) Information:

Relying on data and technology rather than strictly politics and policy

### 3) Respect:

Utilize the data we have via relationships

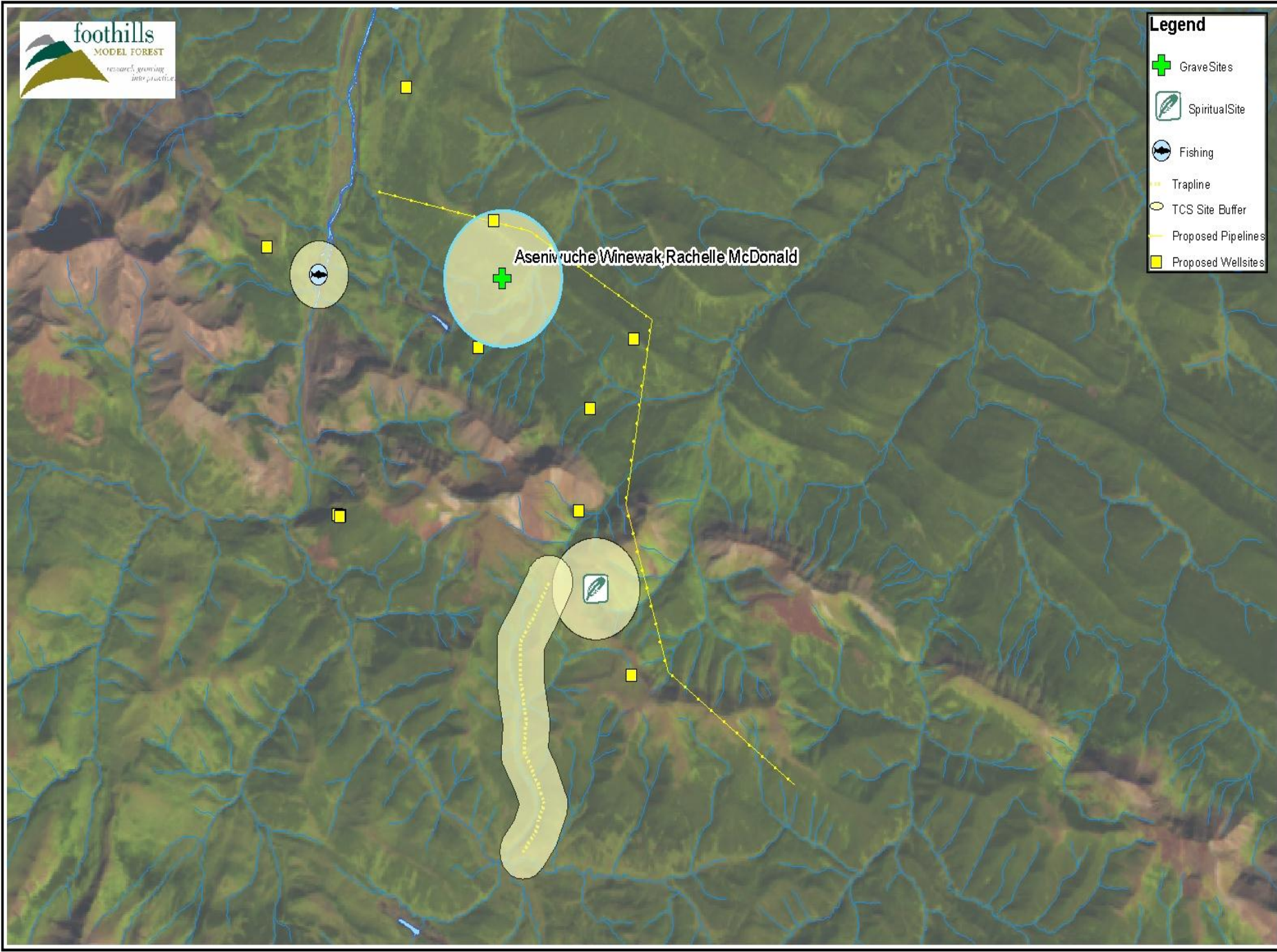
# Consultation Process Theory

- 1) Proposed development; potential impact; assessment**
- 2) High Quality Traditional Use Data**
- 3) Centralized Protection and Storage**
- 4) Processes and Relationships to Utilize Data and Dispense Consultation Efforts**





- Legend**
- GraveSites
  - SpiritualSite
  - Fishing
  - Trapline
  - TCS Site Buffer
  - Proposed Pipelines
  - Proposed Wellsites



Asenivruche Winewak, Rachelle McDonald

# Referral Process Pilot Reports

**Planned Harvest Blocks in Conflict with Traditional Use Sites**  
 Submitted to the Foothills Model Forest by Hinton Wood Products as HWP\_AOP\_2006  
 Report For Industry Representative

**Block/Location ID:** 5-009-0038    **Planned Harvest Date:** 15-Jul-06

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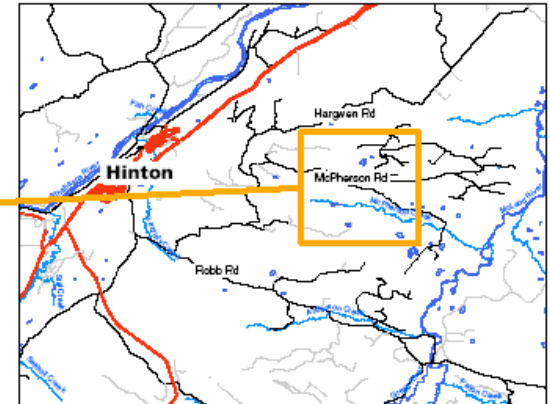
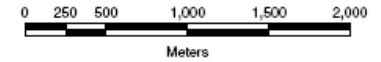
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Pilot Study  
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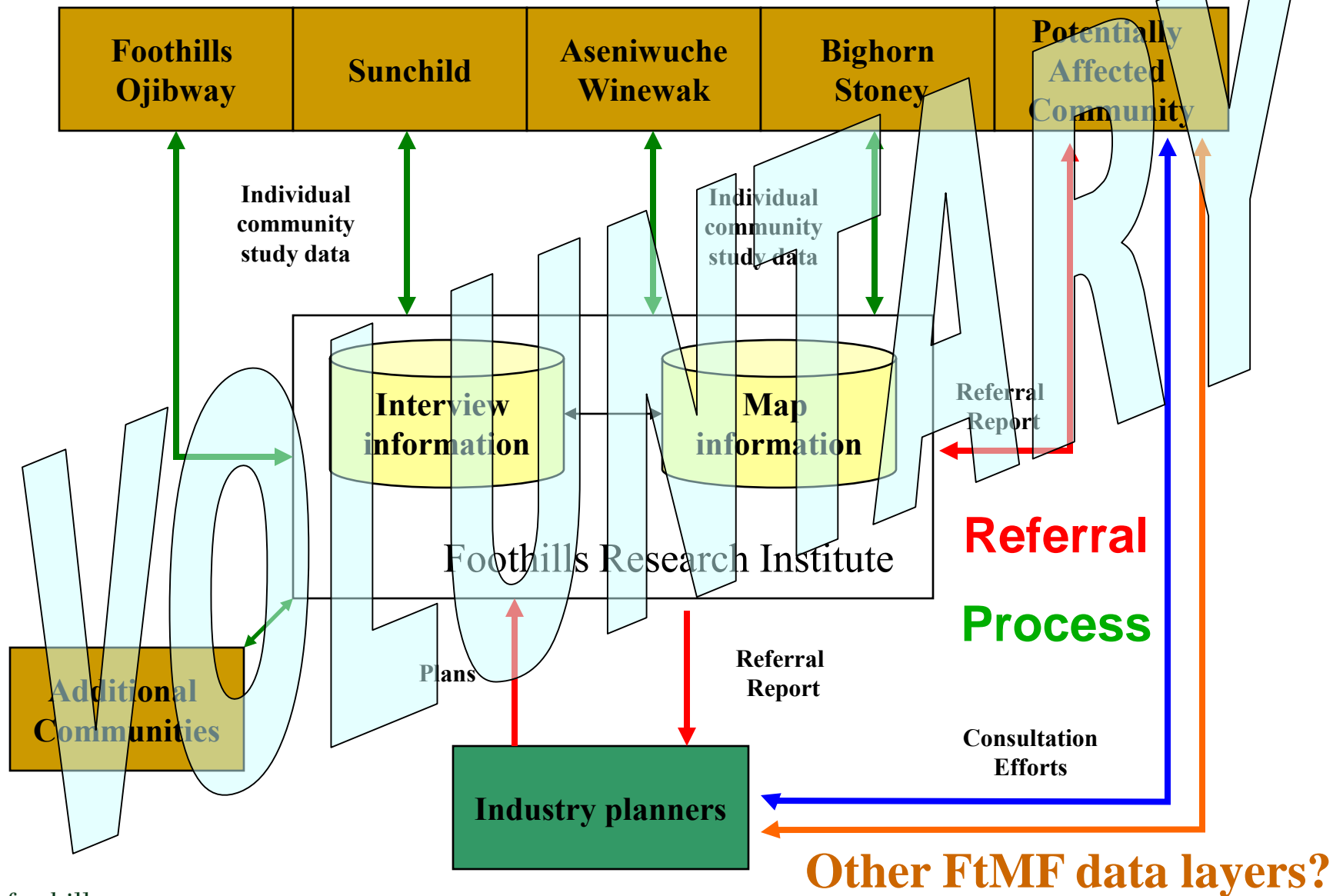
**Area of Proposed Shell Development**  
 Twp 051 Rge 23 W5M



Prepared For the Foothills Ojibway Society  
 On July 12, 2006  
 By Melissa Pattison



# Multi-community Traditional Cultural Study



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## Timeline:

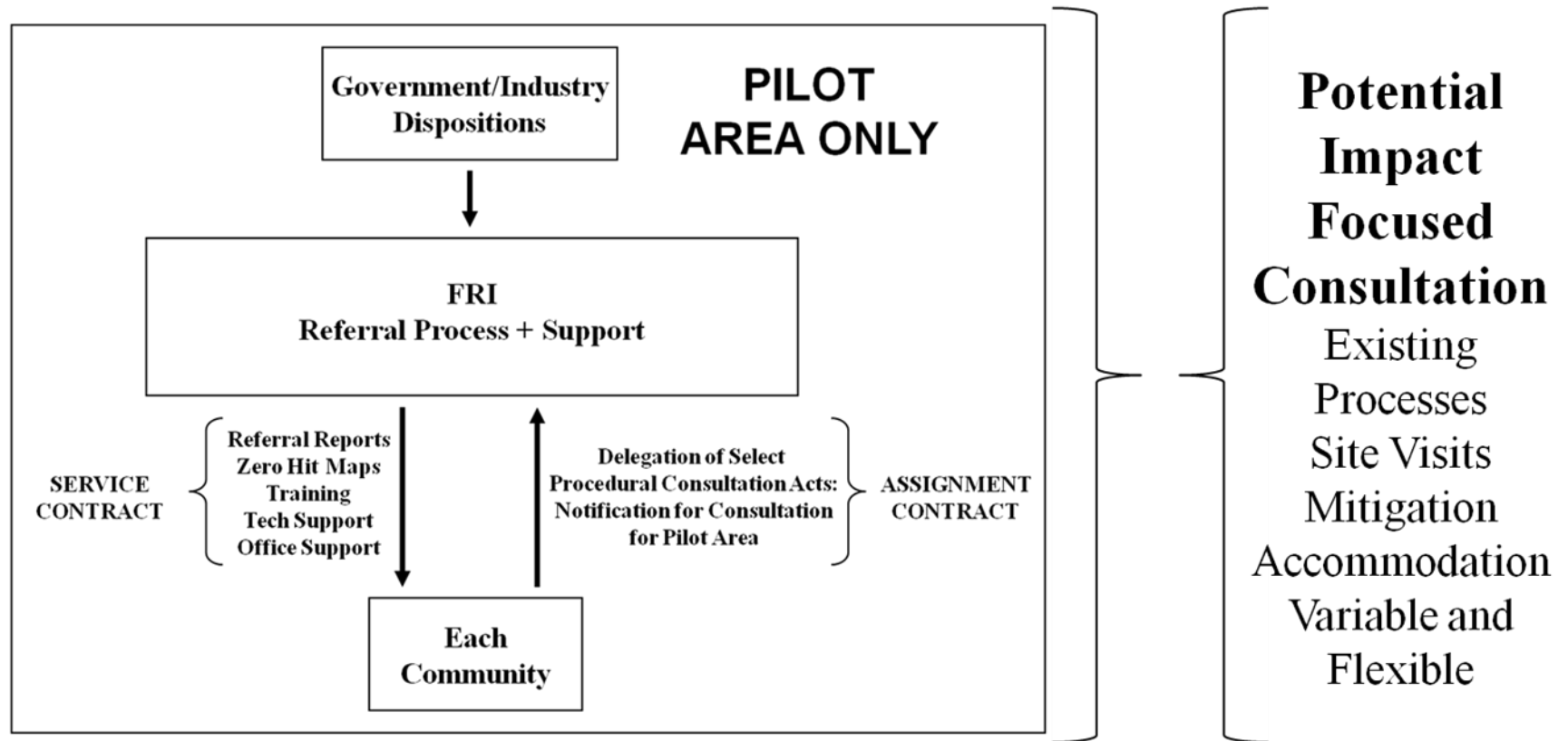
- 1) TUS Data Collection – 2005 to Present
- 2) Referral Process Development – 2006 to Present
- 3) Phase 1: Pilot Process Development – Fall 2008
- 4) Phase 2: Pilot Process Operations – Winter 2008

# Foothills Aboriginal Engagement Pilot

21 Days Response

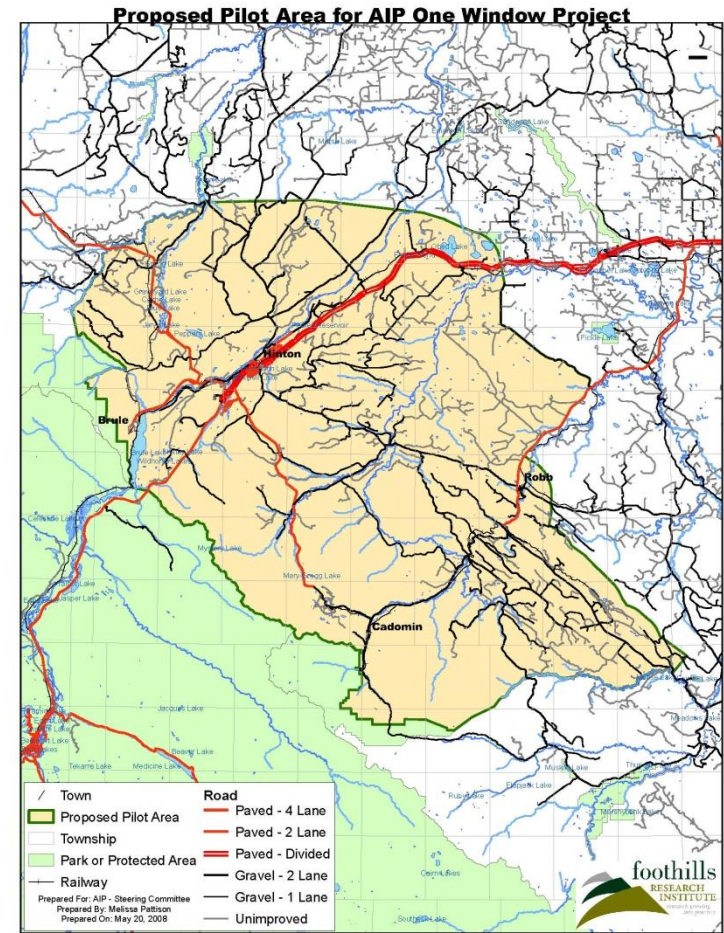
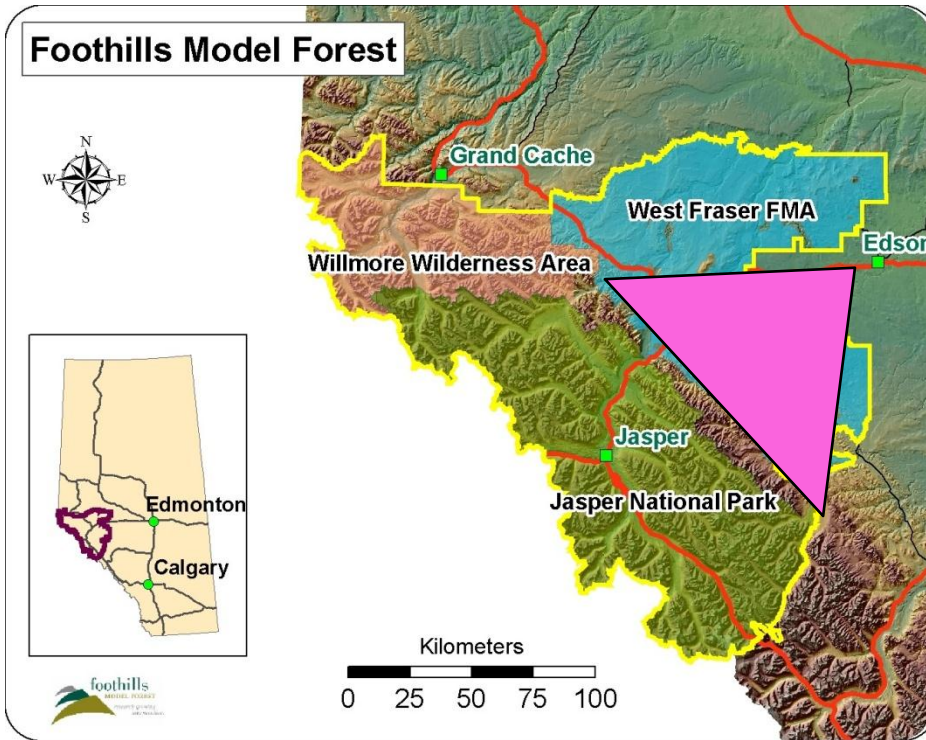
Variable Timing

3 Days Notification and Assessment



# Pilot Issues

## Where?



# The Opportunity

- Co-operation (assessments, notifications, access to process)
- Reduces liabilities (data and 'agreed' process driven rather than judgement calls)
- Decreases uncertainty (contracts, roles, process understood)



# The Opportunity

- Deals with over-lapping issues confidentially
- Efficiencies (timing, responses)
- Excellence in research, process management, administration

# The Opportunity

- Small scale
- Short time frame
- Pre-existing success, results, acceptance
- Innovation: latent bureaucratic and political capital

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