

Logo Announcement



Dene Kayeh Institute is proud to present the logo for Dene K'éh Kusān – the Kaska Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area Proposal in British Columbia.

In pursuit of a visual identity for our IPCA proposal, we wanted to share the vision that Dene K'éh Kusān represents and focus on the symbols which illustrate the very essence of who we are as Dene.

WATER

Our traditional territory encompasses 15 major watersheds within it. Our rivers and lakes have always been our highways, and our traditional and contemporary communities are located along these water bodies. Water is central in describing our story and Kaska sacred responsibilities to steward and care for our lands.

RIVERS

To the Kaska, rivers are both physically and symbolically interconnected to all living things. Rivers are a central characteristic of our cultural landscape and continue to shape our Nation's identity. Dene K'éh Kusān represents the protection of this connection to our past and also the revitalization and renewal of our relationship to the various important riverscapes in our traditional territory. Riverscapes are resilient, as are our people.

CONFLUENCES

Confluences of water also represent an important feature of our approach for our IPCA. Confluences are a place where waters come together and are cultural crossings that have served as important meeting places for our people. They also symbolize the mixing and sharing of ideas and knowledges. Where the waters flow together an important braiding of wisdom and experiences takes place which is essential to help us better steward our lands and waters.