



DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION FOR PERLIMINARY SCREENING

DEVELOPMENT TITLE:

Striking Balance- Tsá Tué Biosphere Reserve episode (Saoyú-?ehdacho National Historic Site)

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT DATE(S):

July 23 – July 28, 2018

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DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION:

Striking Balance is a 9x50 minute docu-series that will take us coast to coast - exploring nine of Canada's UNESCO World Biosphere Reserves. While Biosphere Reserves are internationally unique ecological areas, there is also an extraordinary human element at the heart of each one.

At over 9.3 million hectares, the newly designated Tsá Tué Biosphere Reserve is the largest Biosphere Reserve in North America, and the first Biosphere designation in the world undertaken entirely by Indigenous People - the Sahtuto'ine Dene. Striking Balance will share the story of the Dene's deep relationship with the landscape, and the recent precedent-setting land use and governance agreements developed here.

Striking Balance will also look at some of the challenging historic uses of the territory, such as mining, as well as some of the exciting land and conservation partnerships that have resulted from the governance changes, such as the Saoyú-?ehdacho National Historic Site.

Water, lake trout, and caribou will be featured in the discussions about the land. The focus of these discussions will be sustainable stewardship – through the guidance of the Elders, the teachings of the Prophets, and the guardian program. In development by the Biosphere Council, the guardian program, in collaboration with partners such as the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and visiting researchers, trains local people in monitoring techniques – which will help the Dene make even better resource management decisions.

Filming will take place at the Tłı̄ɛhdá Knowledge and Healing Camp, while an annual Sahtugot'ine event is being held. The crew will consist of three people.

NOTE: The preliminary screening will apply only to the components of the development related to commercial filming (i.e.: generator operation, drone operation, motorized boat operations in support of filming), not to Sahtugot'ine traditional harvesting, which is authorized under the

Canada National Parks Act. Traditional harvesting activities conducted by Sahtugot'ine related to this development will include motorized boat operation to support traditional activities, and may include hunting/fishing and cooking fires.

Schedule: (Note: maximum crew size= 3 people)

Date	Location	Activities
July 23-28	Tłı̨ehdá Knowledge and Healing Camp - Saoyú-ᑭehdacho National Historic Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The film crew anticipates travelling by boat, and camping with the Knowledge and Healing camp participants. • Filming will take place throughout the duration of the planned Knowledge and Healing camp activities. Aerial filming will be done by drone flights during the camp. (Flights will be piloted by a trained UAV/drone pilot (Zach Melnick).

Logistical/equipment details:

- The film crew will travel by motorized boat from Deline to the Tłı̨ehdá Knowledge and Healing Camp with Sahtugot'ine participants. The crew will also camp with the Knowledge and Healing Camp participants and use camp facilities (e.g.: waste management, cooking and sleeping facilities)
- Equipment: tripod, camera, boom microphone & sound recorder, hand held reflector for interviews, battery operated LED light for interviews, and a UAV
- Equipment such as generators and fuel will be located at the site as part of the ongoing Tłı̨ehdá Knowledge and Healing Camp and will follow Parks Canada
- All food, grey water, waste (human/camp), and fuel will be managed in accordance to Parks Canada policies and traditional practices.

Figure 1: Location of Tłozehdá Knowledge and Healing Camp

