

Esk'etemc Specific Claims IR # 6 Wycott Flat Settlement Agreement

May 29 2023 Zoom Information session

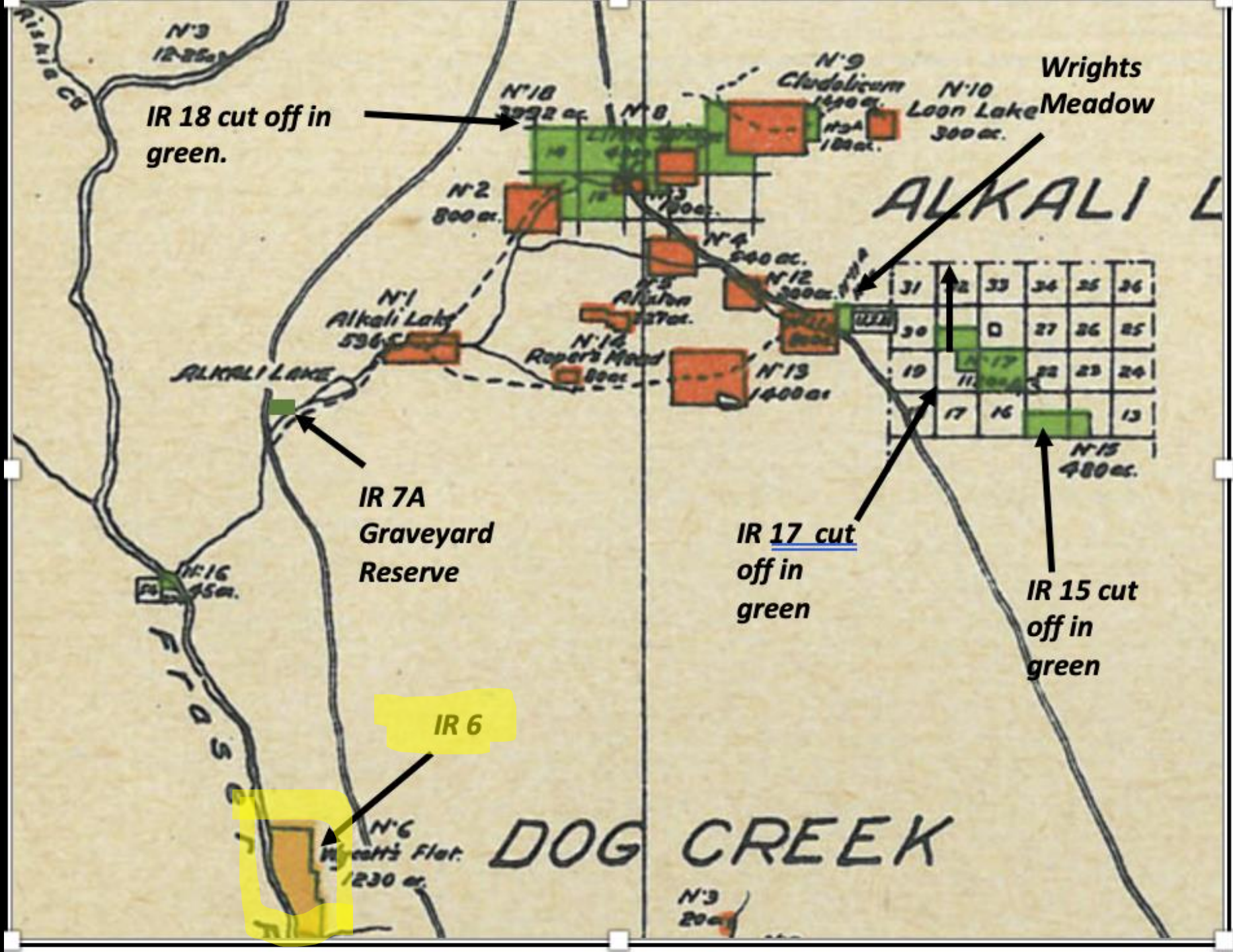


What are Specific Claims?

- They are claims against the federal government where the First Nation can provide evidence that the federal government has not fulfilled a treaty or agreement between the government and the First Nation.
- *Or* a breach of obligations under the Indian Act or other statutes pertaining to Indians.
- *Or* a breach of obligation arising out of the government administration of Indian funds or other aspects
- *Or* illegal disposition of Indian Land.
- They are very focussed claims and do not address Aboriginal Rights or Title. Canada will only provide a financial settlement and will not address land as compensation.

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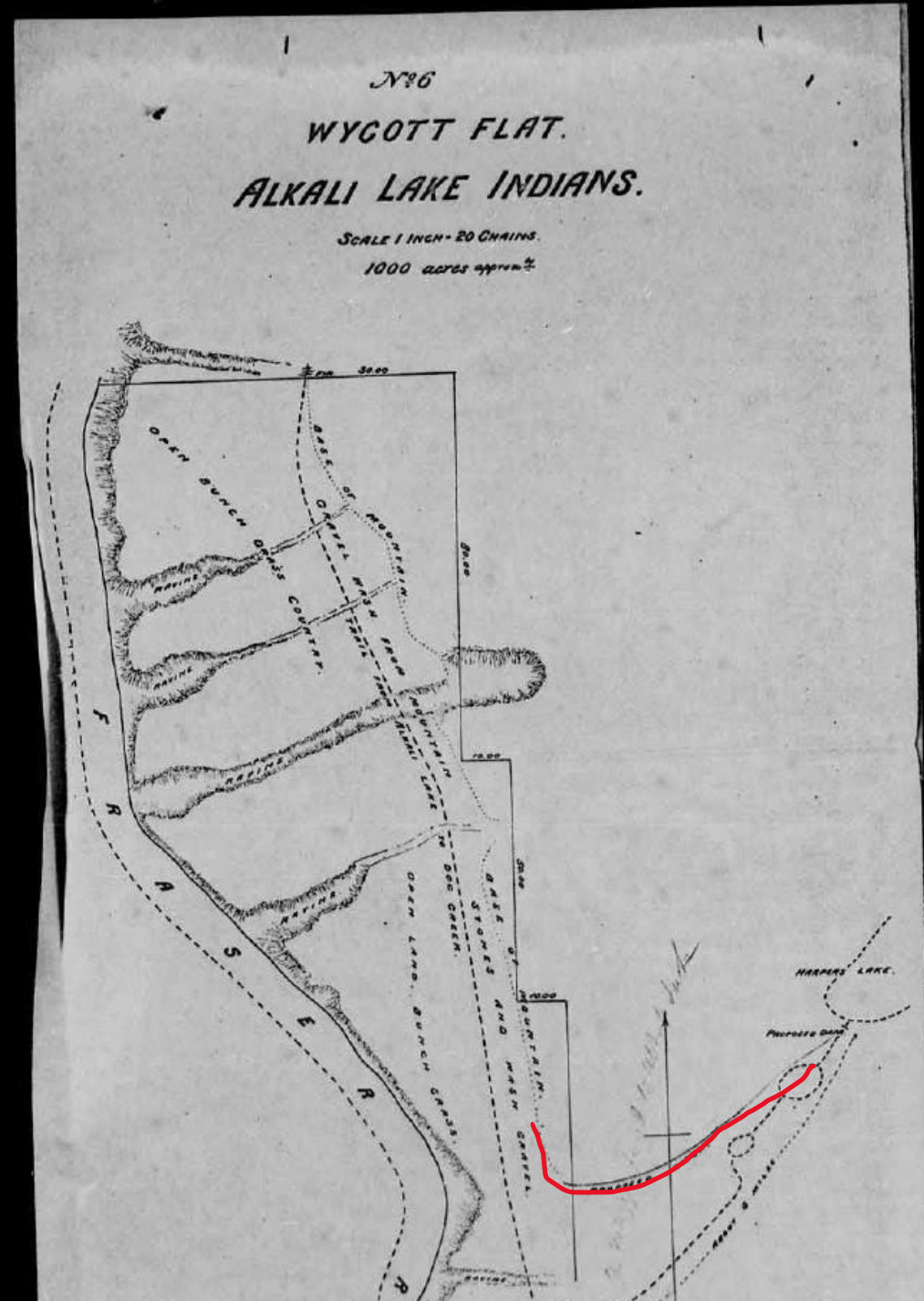
Map from
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- This reserve was laid out in 1881. it consisted of approximately 1100 acres on a series of benches above the Fraser River.
- Water rights to all the water from Harpers Lake (Vert Lake) were promised to Esk'etemc to irrigate the land. An irrigation ditch was surveyed.
- Commissioners said that Esk'etemc needed irrigated land to grow crops.
- Less than 100 acres of land could be cultivated. IR # 6 was needed for crops and hay.

IR # 6 Survey map
by Jemmett, 1883
Irrigation ditch is shown
in red.



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- 1891 Water Record #142A for the water from Vert Lake.
- The Indian Agent, Meason was to oversee the construction of the ditch to bring water from Vert Lake to the reserve. This never happened.
- Esk'etemc's water rights were ignored through the years.
- This claim was filed in 2008 and Canada has prepared an offer for Esk'etemc review.
- This offer must be ratified by the Esk'etemc community.

Next steps for Specific Claims Settlement Offer

- Complete the draft settlement agreement
- Selection of a Ratification Officer
- Notification of the date of the ratification vote and the formal information meetings with Esk'etemc's lawyer, Stan Ashcroft and the ratification officer to be sent out. The financial advisor will be present for at least one of the meetings.
- Mail out of voting and information packages.
- Hold information meetings
- Ratification Vote
- If the Ratification vote is successful—planning sessions for the investment of the Settlement Agreement funds will be held.

- Questions comments?
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