



# Field Notice



## Winter 2024 Field Notice

Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation

*Issued: January 2024*

### What's Happening?

Field programs will be continuing into the 2024 winter season to support the provincial Environmental Assessment and federal Impact Assessment for the Marten Falls First Nation proposed Community Access Road.

### Atigwag / Caribou Collar Collection and Mortality Investigation

Radio tracking collars were placed on atigwag / caribou in February 2021. After three years of gathering data about atigwag / caribou populations, the collars are set to automatically release in February 2024. Field teams will go into the field to collect the fallen collars between **February and July 2024**. Additionally, if there are any mortalities of collared atigwag / caribou reported prior to the release of collars, field crews will conduct mortality investigations at this time, as needed. The mortality investigation includes determining the cause of death of the animal (e.g., predation, hunter, natural causes) and collecting the collar from the field.

In the event that a collar does not automatically release as intended, a specially trained caribou capture team will be deployed to manually remove the collar without harming the animal. If necessary, this will occur between **February and March 2024**.





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## What to do if you find a dropped collar:

Please collect the collar and report to the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team at 1-800-764-9114, or email [info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca](mailto:info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca). Please provide detailed information about where you found the collar (e.g., date, habitat type, any animal signs in the area).

To learn more about wildlife studies, view [webinars recordings](#) and [educational videos](#) on our website.

An update will be provided if the above schedule changes due to weather or other conditions. The field teams will be accessing sites across the study area by helicopter, so you may see helicopters in the area.

## Where?

See the next page for a map.

## Contact Information

You are welcome to contact the Project Team at any time with questions or comments.

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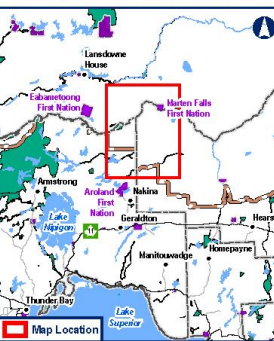
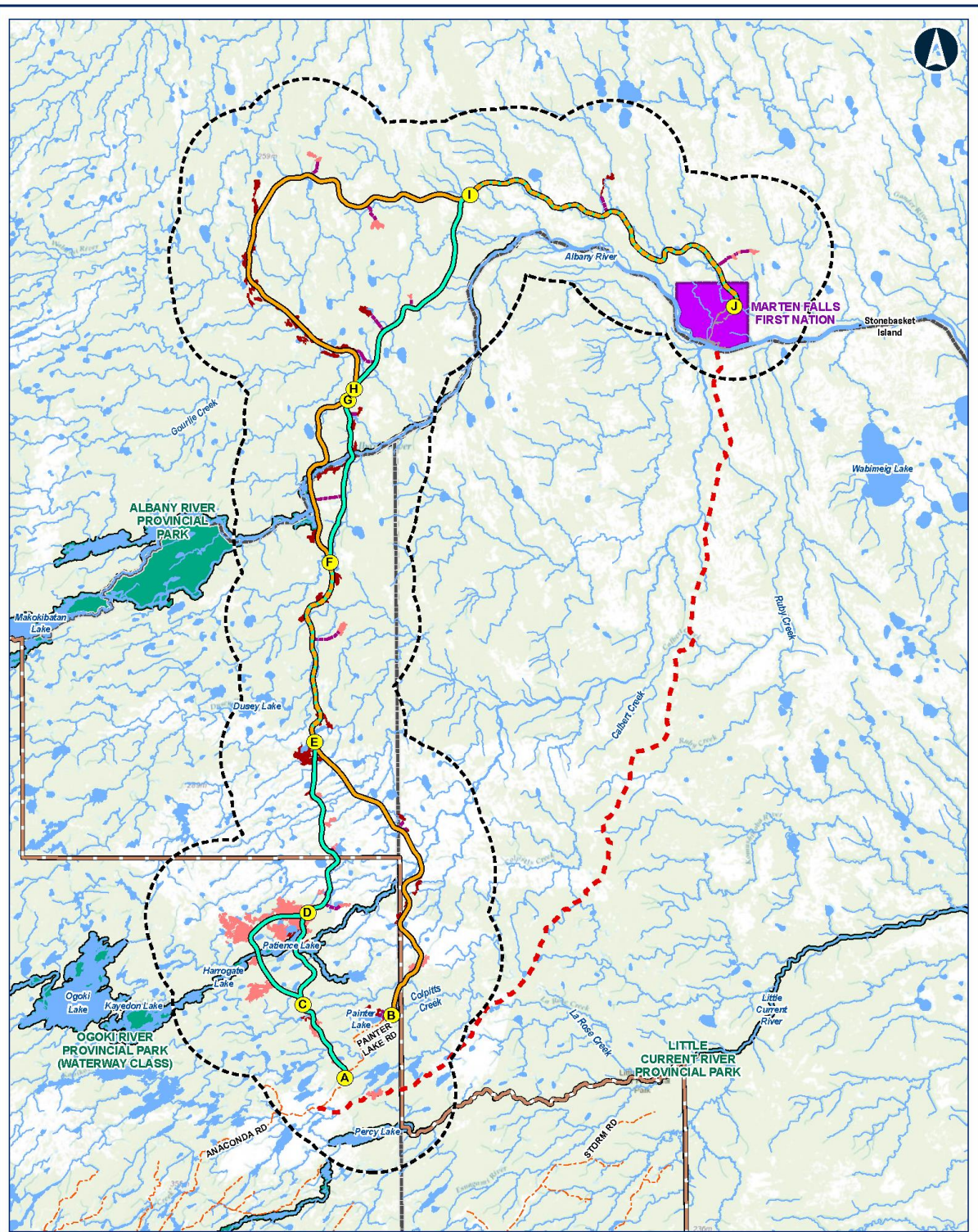
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**Legend**

- Segment Node**: Yellow circle with letter (A-I)
- Local Study Area**: Dashed black line
- Route Alternatives**:
  - Alternative 1: Solid yellow line
  - Alternative 2: Solid orange line
  - Alternative 3: Solid green line
  - Alternative 4: Dashed red line
- Potential Aggregate Source**:
  - Bedrock: Red square
  - Sand and gravel: Yellow square
  - Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site: Dashed purple line
- General Features**:
  - Local Road: Solid black line
  - Resource / Recreation Road: Dashed orange line
  - MFFN Existing Winter Access Road: Dashed red line
  - Watercourse: Blue line with wavy pattern
  - Waterbody: Blue area
  - Far North Boundary: Dashed purple line
  - First Nation Reserve: Purple square
  - District Municipal Boundary: Dashed grey line
  - Provincial Park: Green area

**Notes:**  
None

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**MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD**

**Ungulates Local Study Area**

0 5 10 20  
Kilometres

Datum: NAD 1983 CSRS UTM Zone 18N

Oct, 2023 1:500,000  
Map Scale: 1:500,000

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**Figure 1**

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