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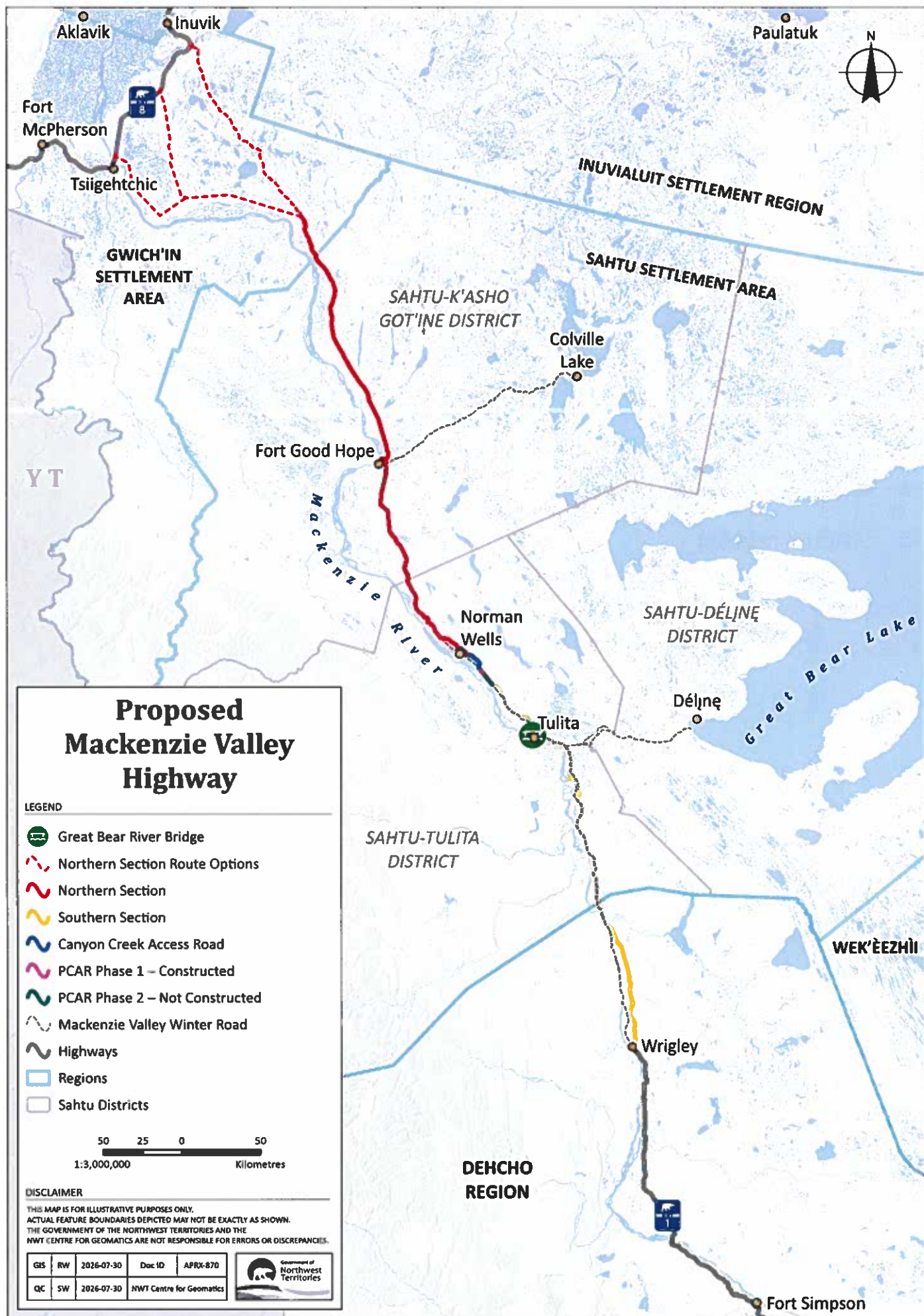


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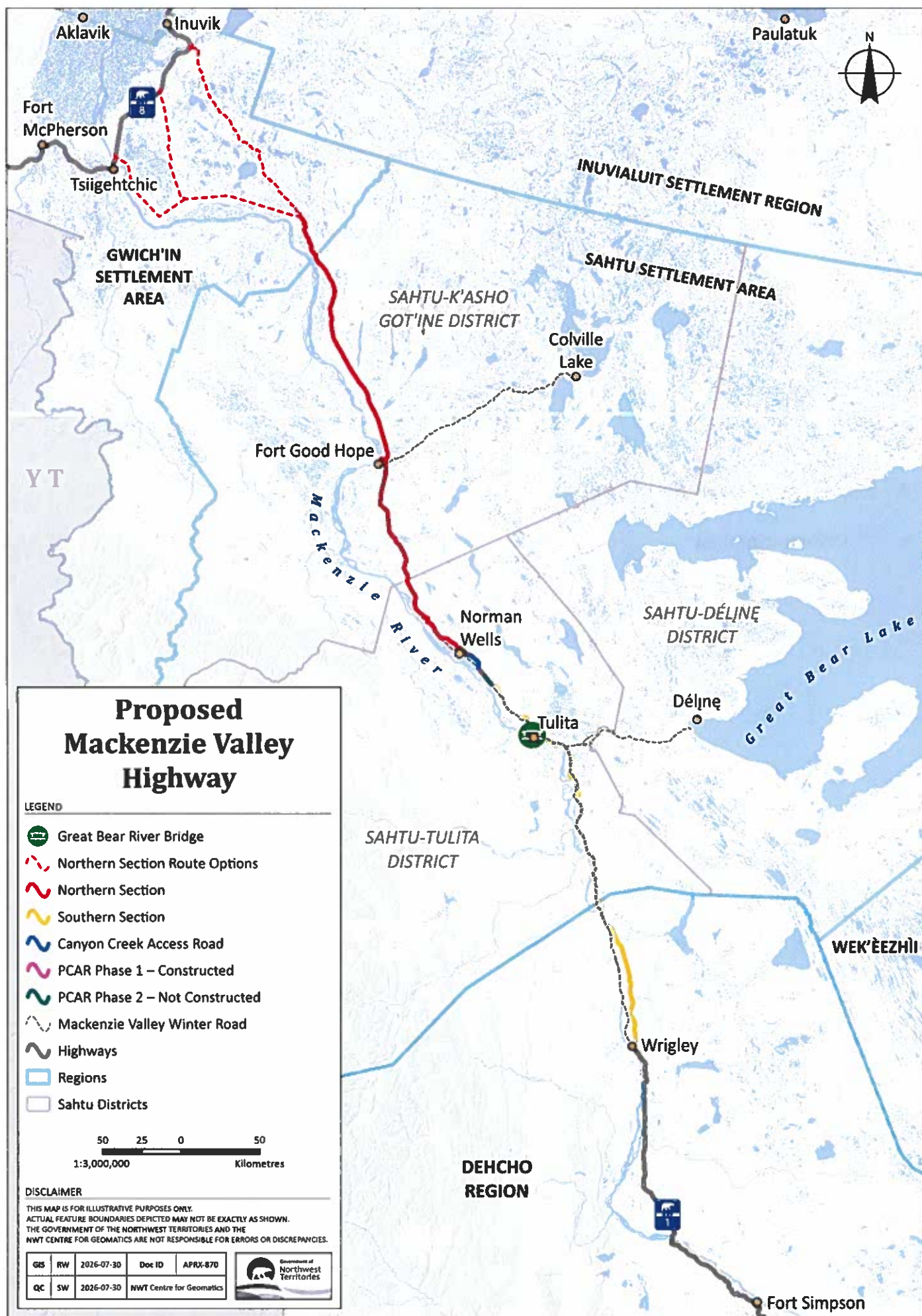


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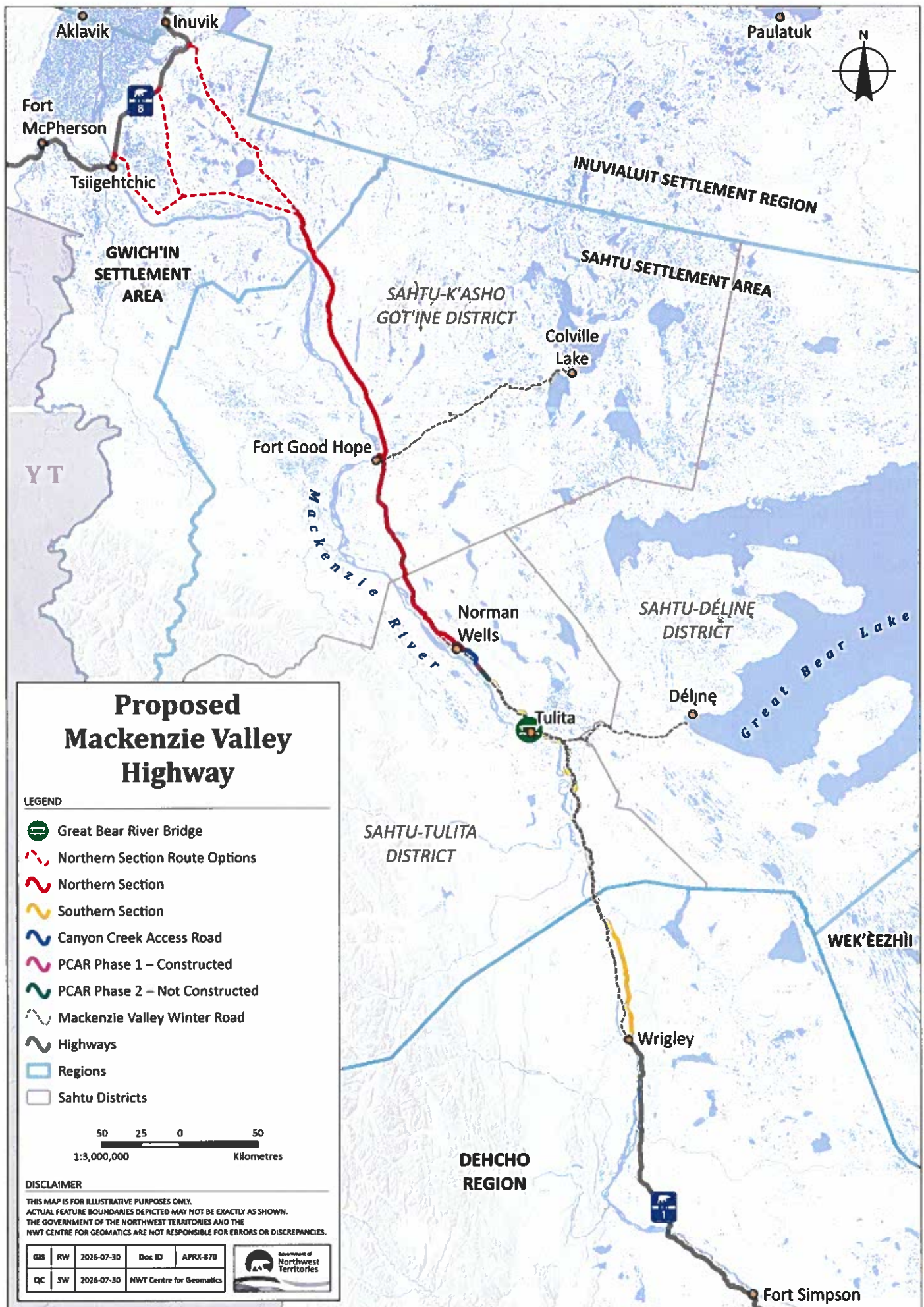


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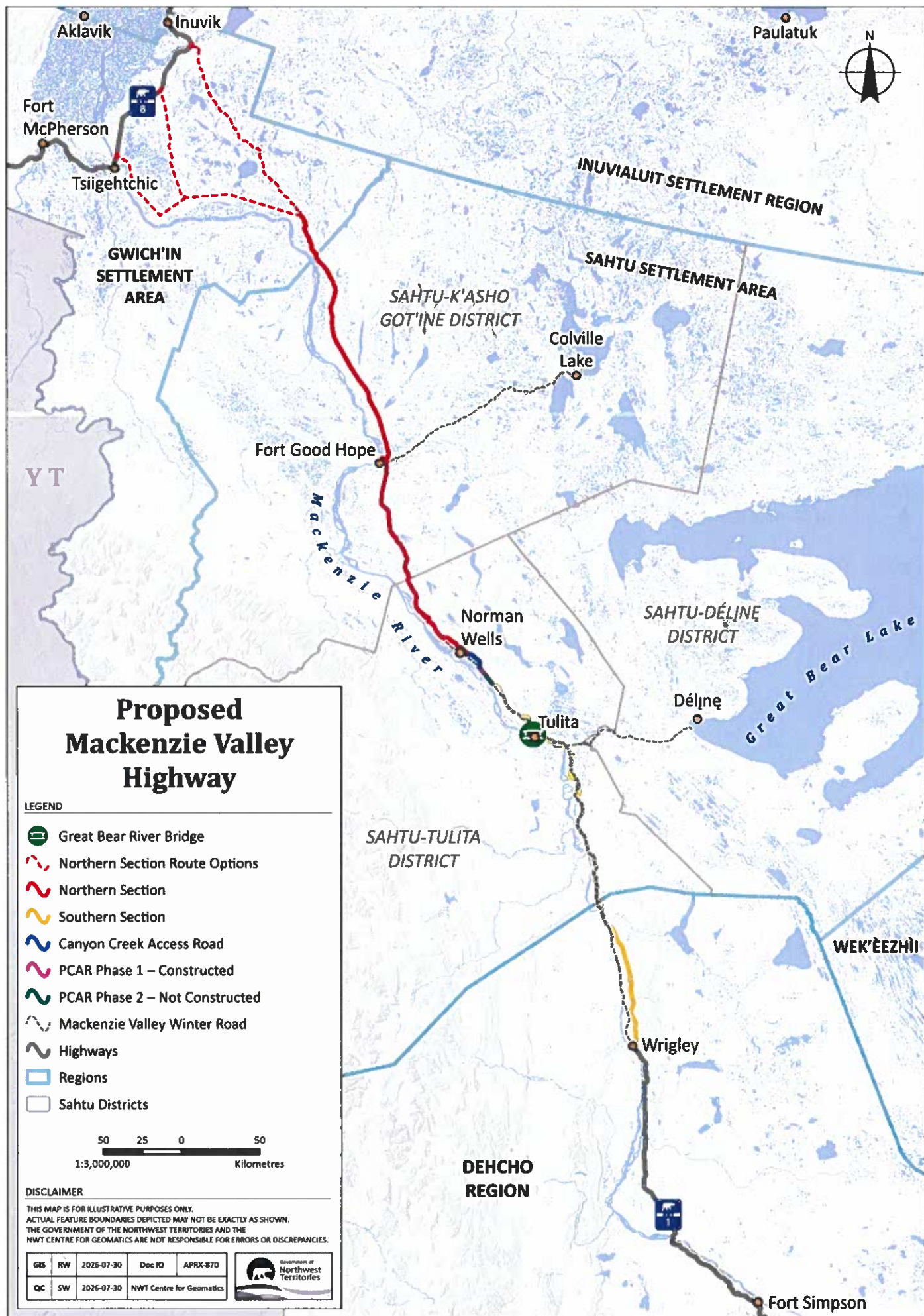


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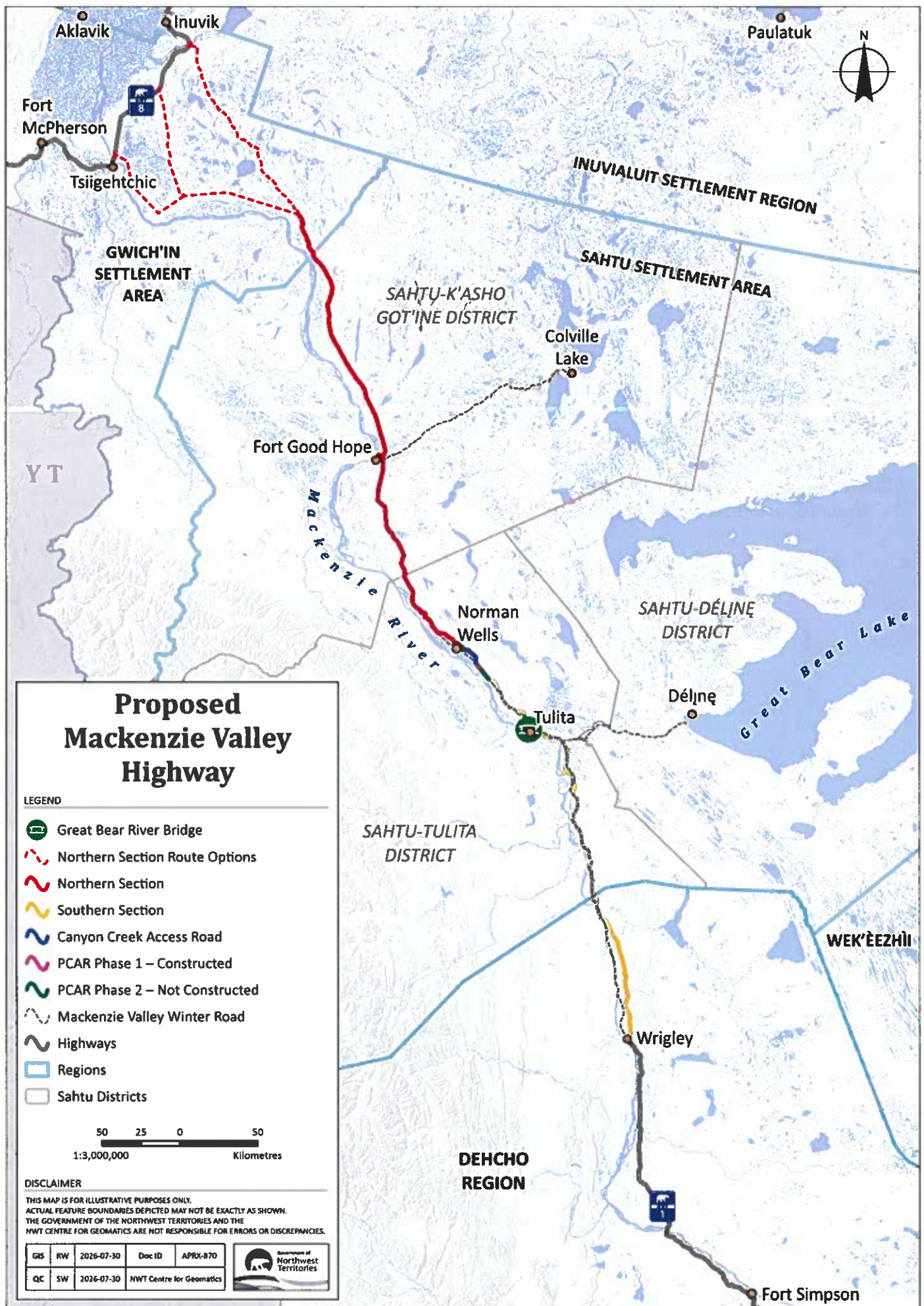


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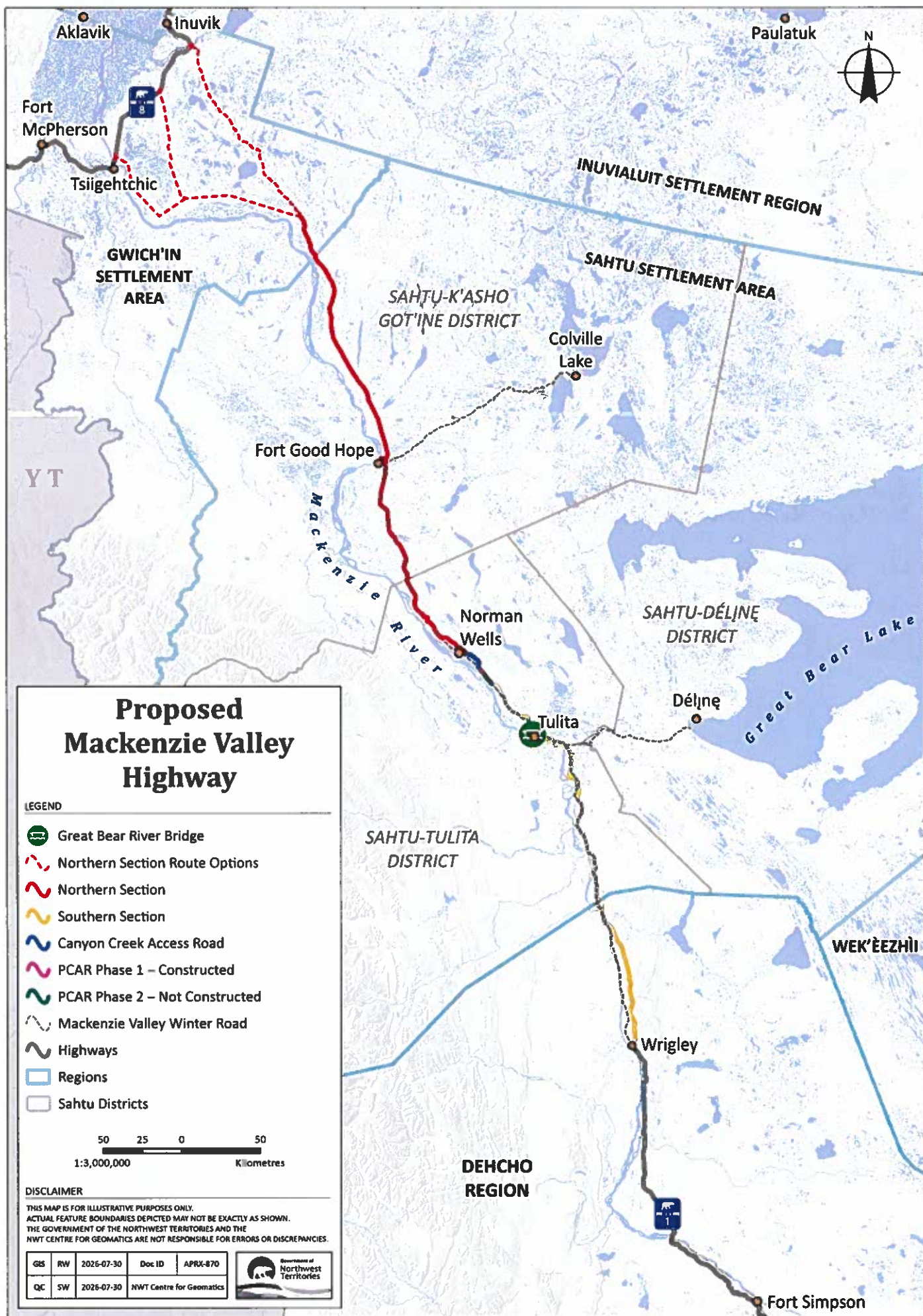


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CONSULTATION PROCESS

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FUNDING SUPPORT

The GNWT remains prepared to offer funding to Délıne Got'ine Government to support the consultation process. If you require funding in order to participate in this process, please contact Patricia Coyne.

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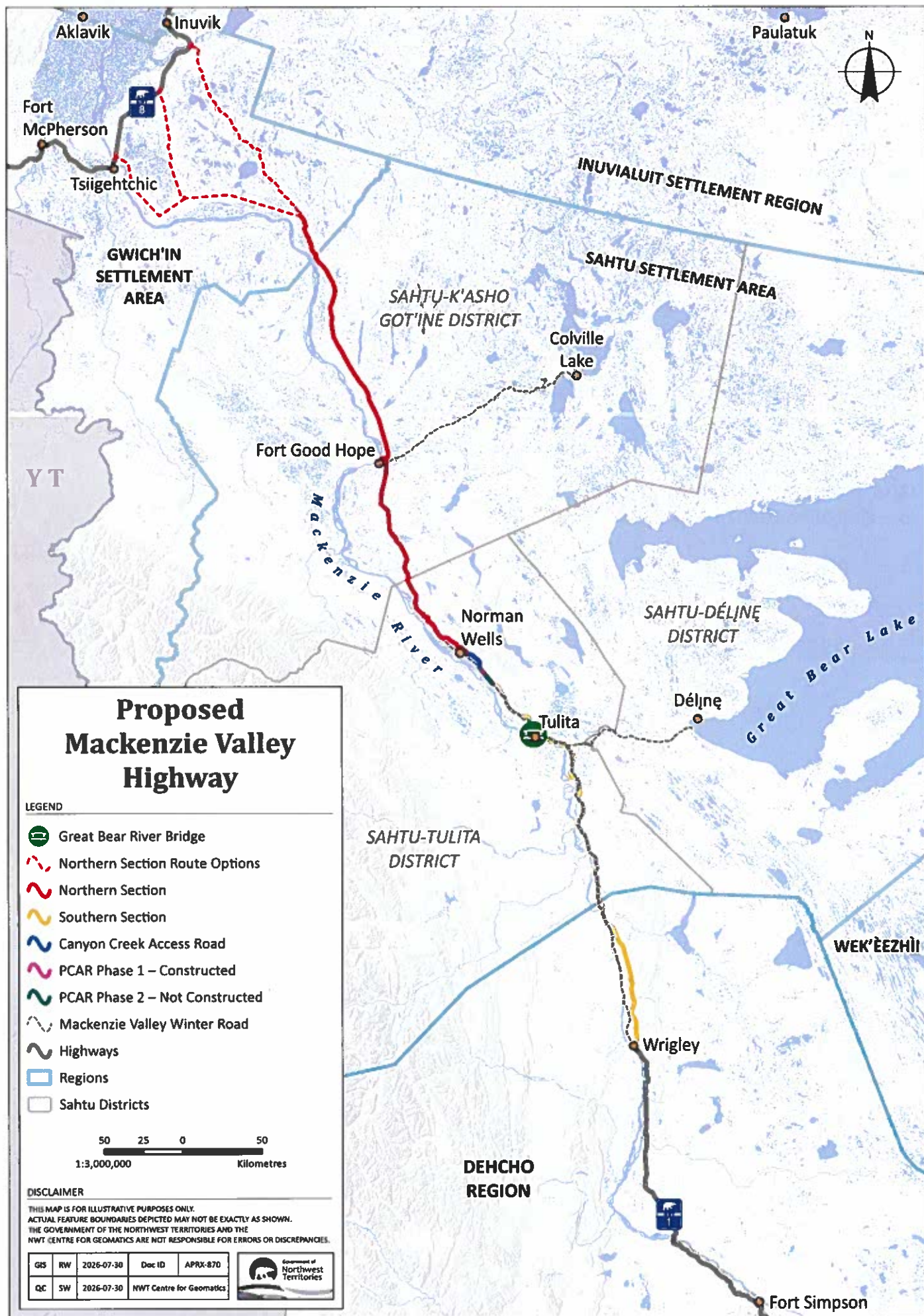


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CONSULTATION PROCESS

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FUNDING SUPPORT

The GNWT remains prepared to offer funding to Fort Good Hope Métis Nation Local #54 Land Corporation to support the consultation process. If you require funding in order to participate in this process, please contact Patricia Coyne.

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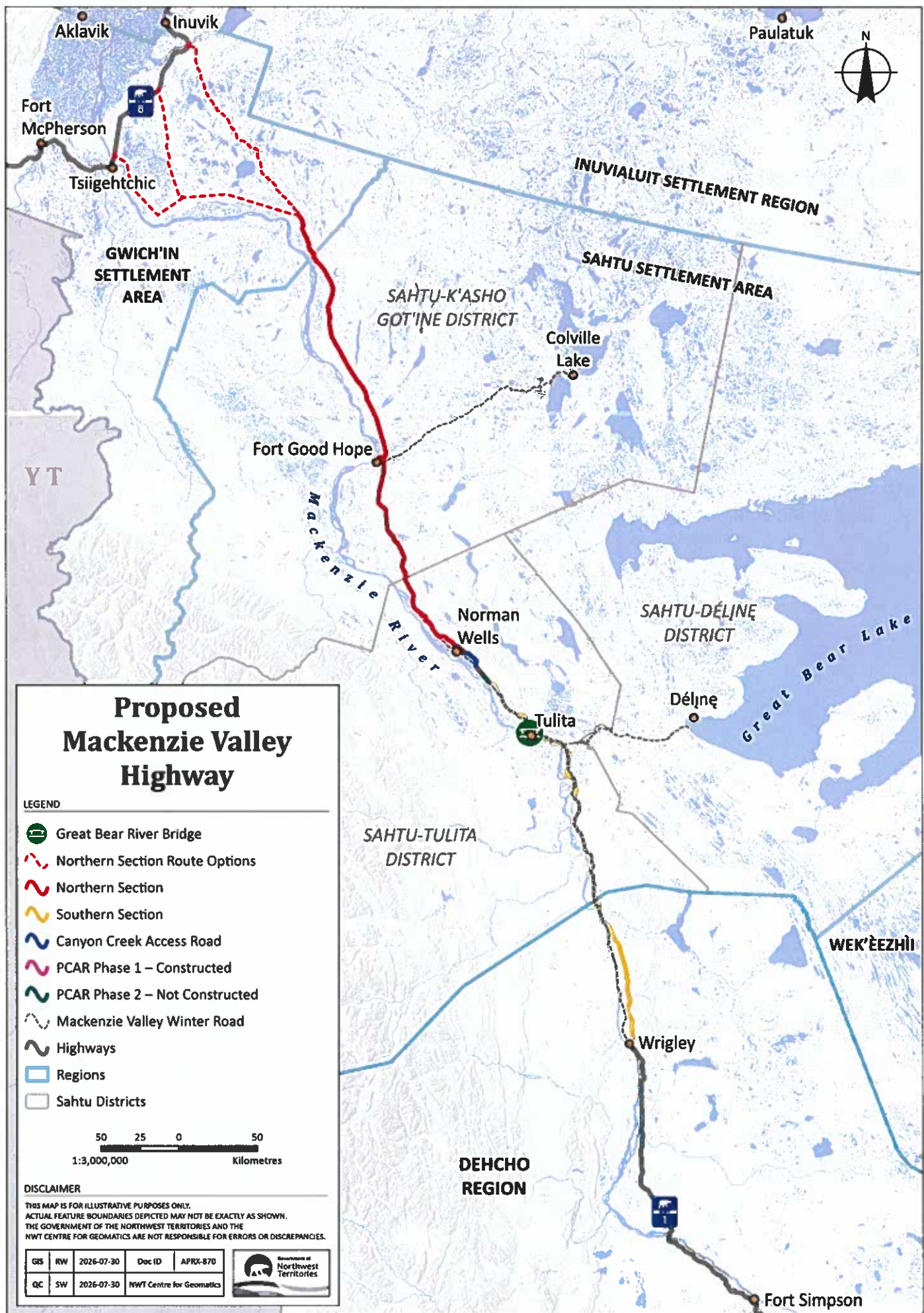


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CONSULTATION PROCESS

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FUNDING SUPPORT

The GNWT remains prepared to offer funding to Fort Norman Métis Land Corporation to support the consultation process. If you require funding in order to participate in this process, please contact Patricia Coyne.

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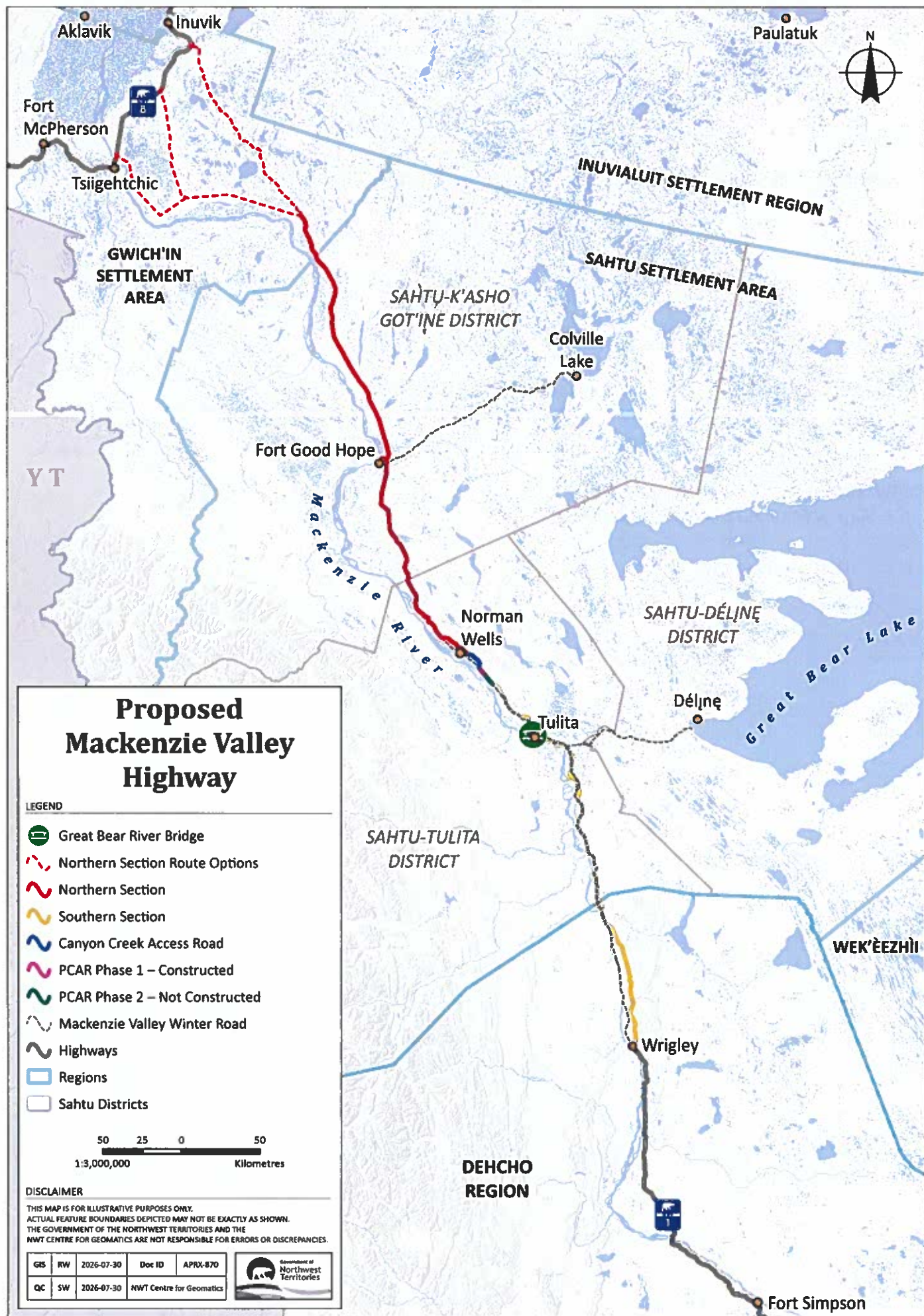


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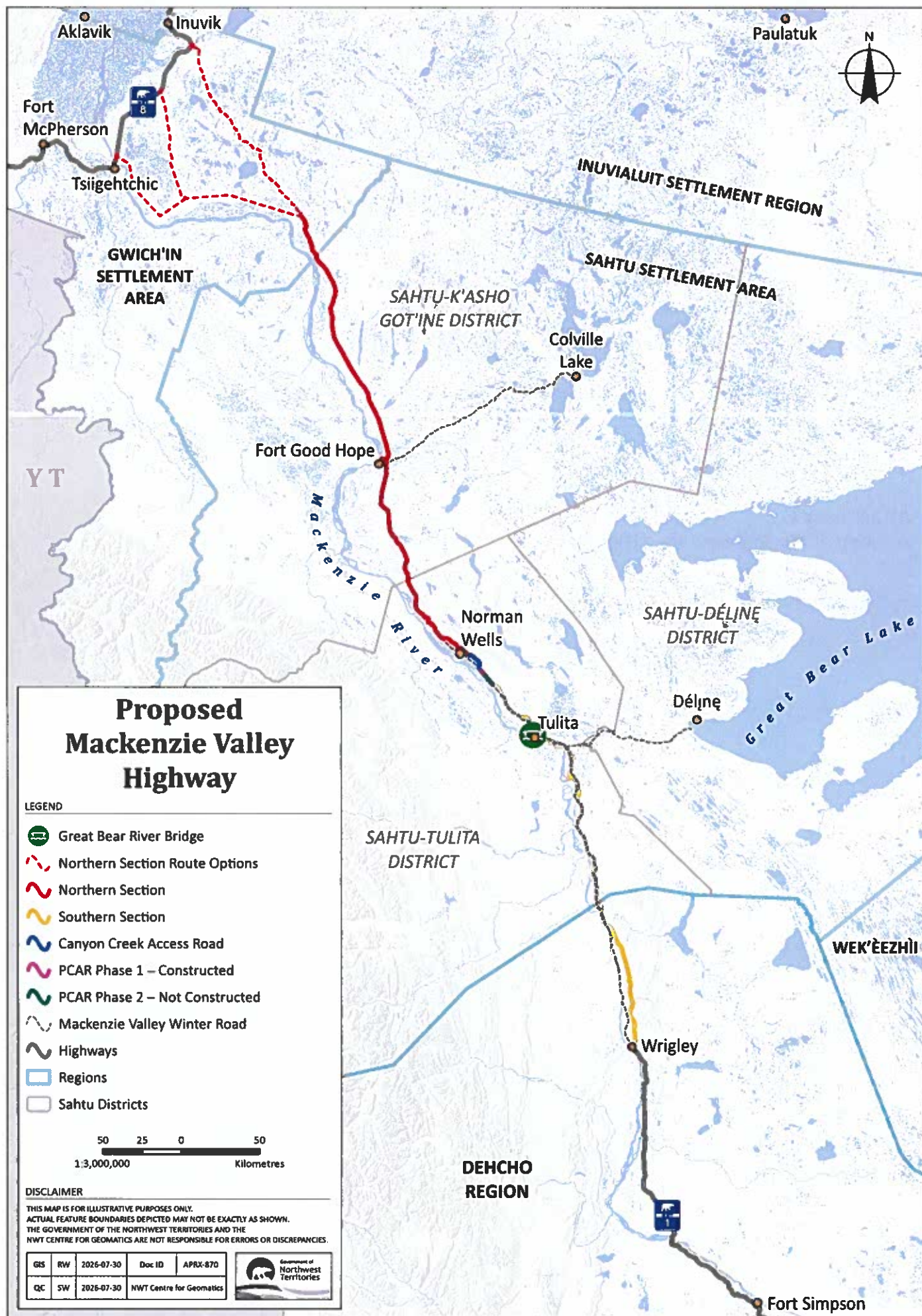


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CONSULTATION PROCESS

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FUNDING SUPPORT

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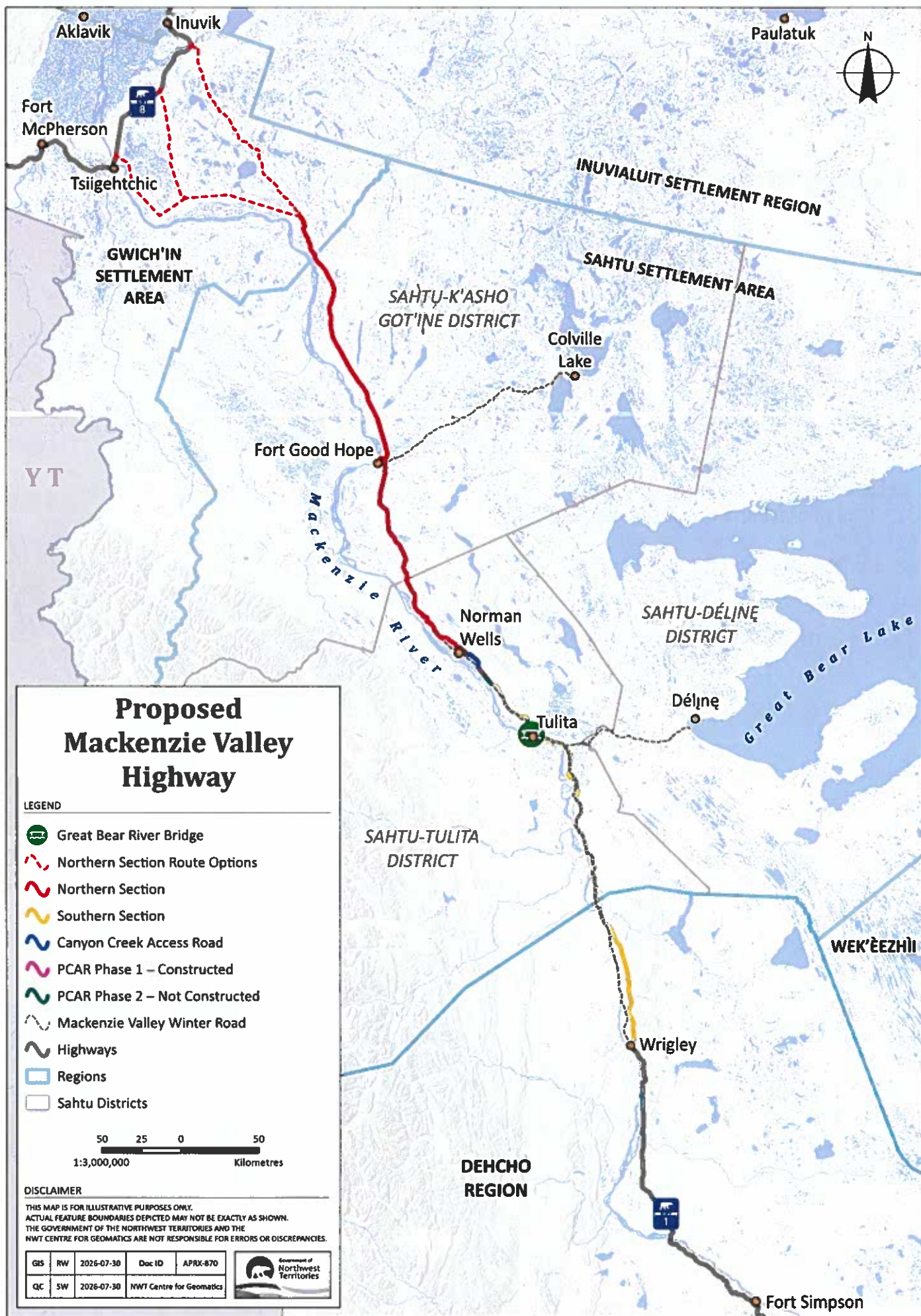


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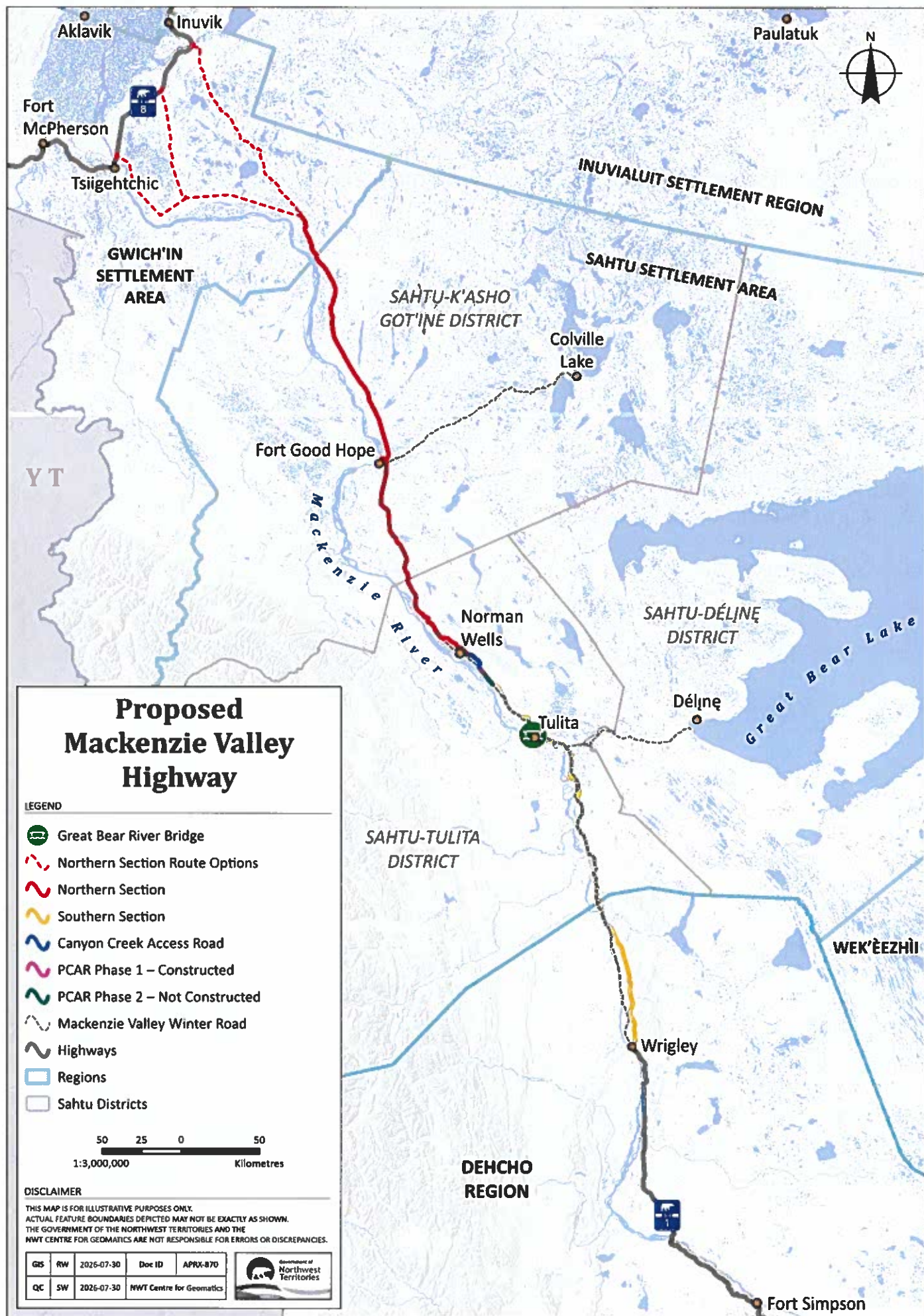


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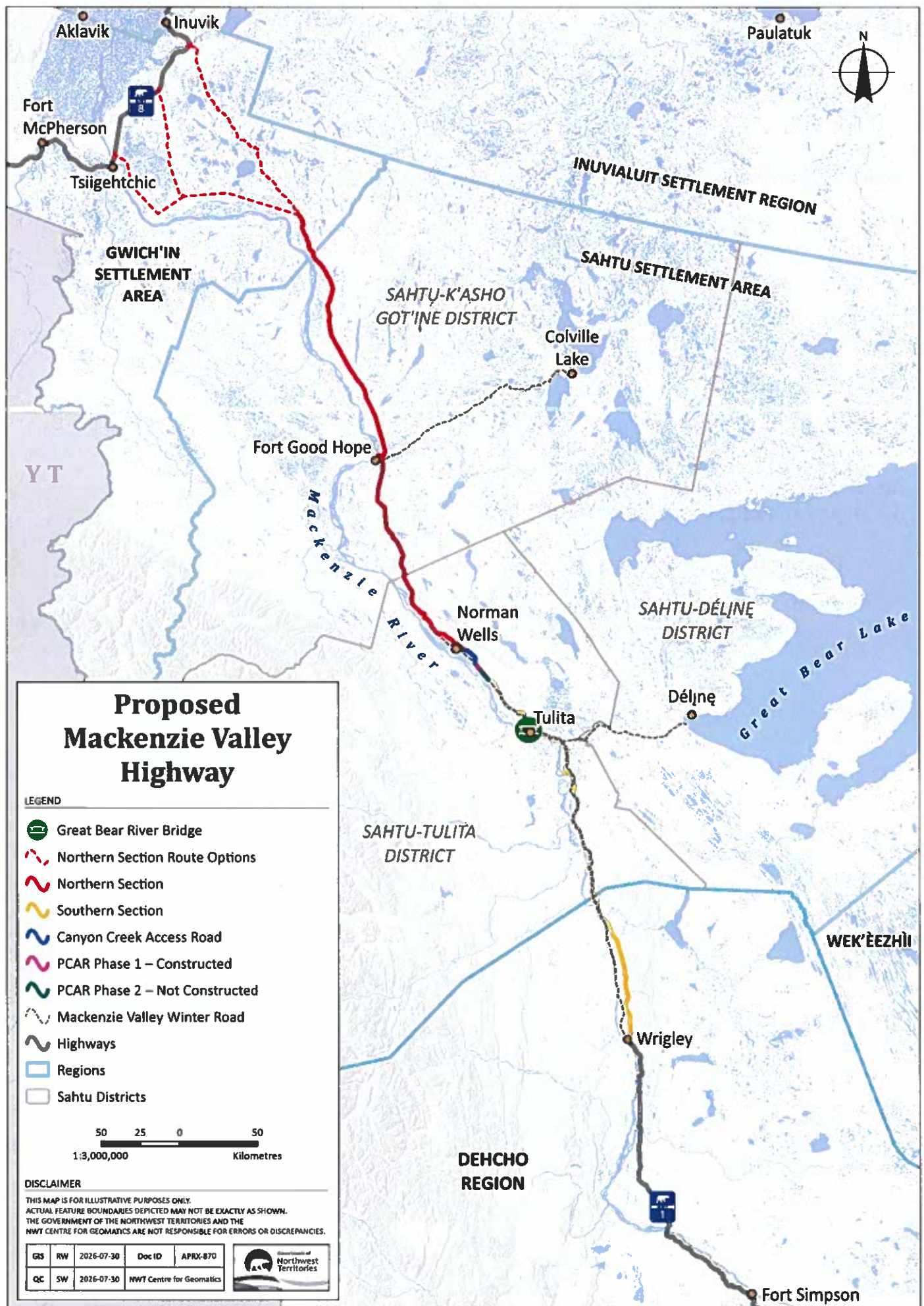


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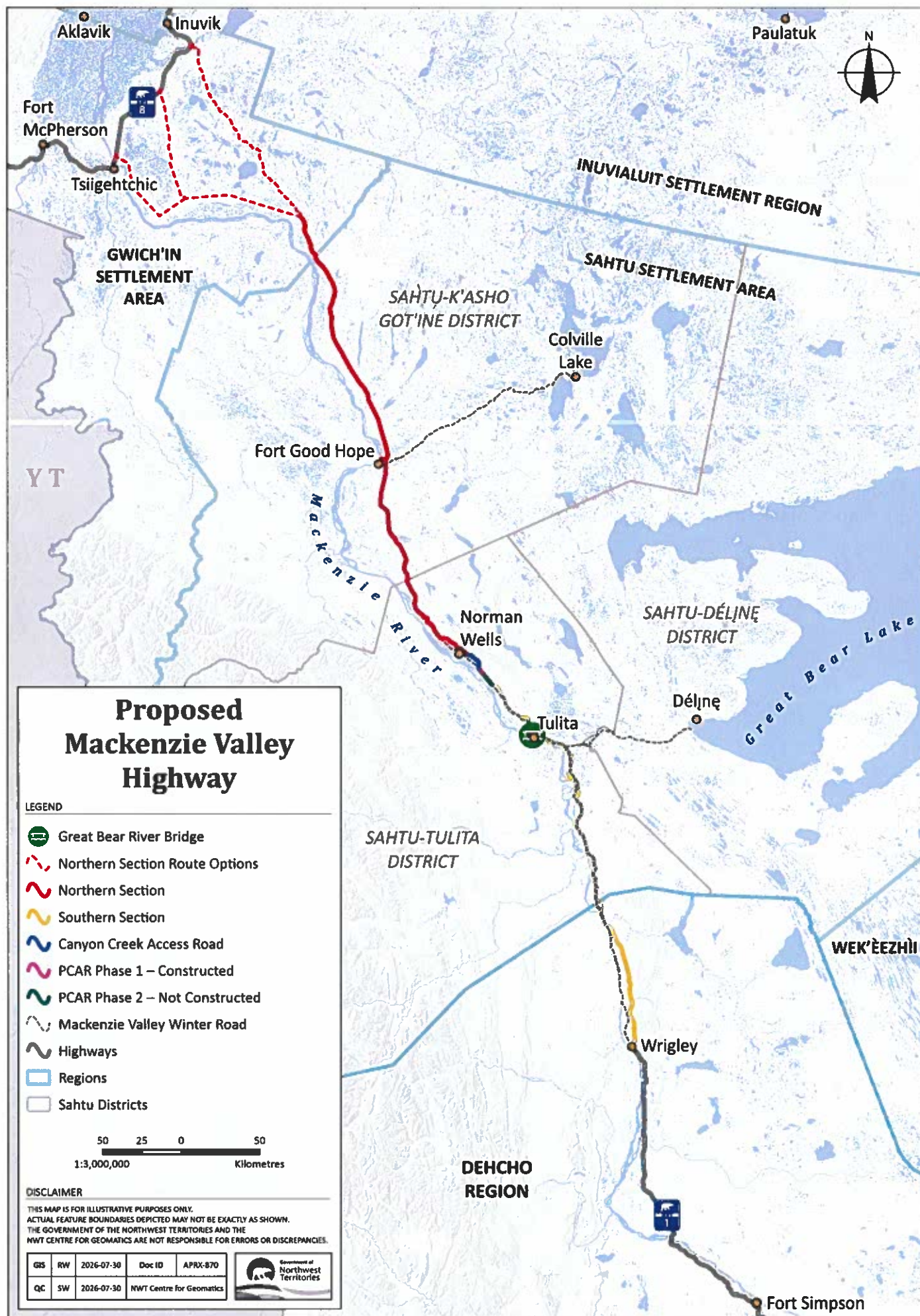


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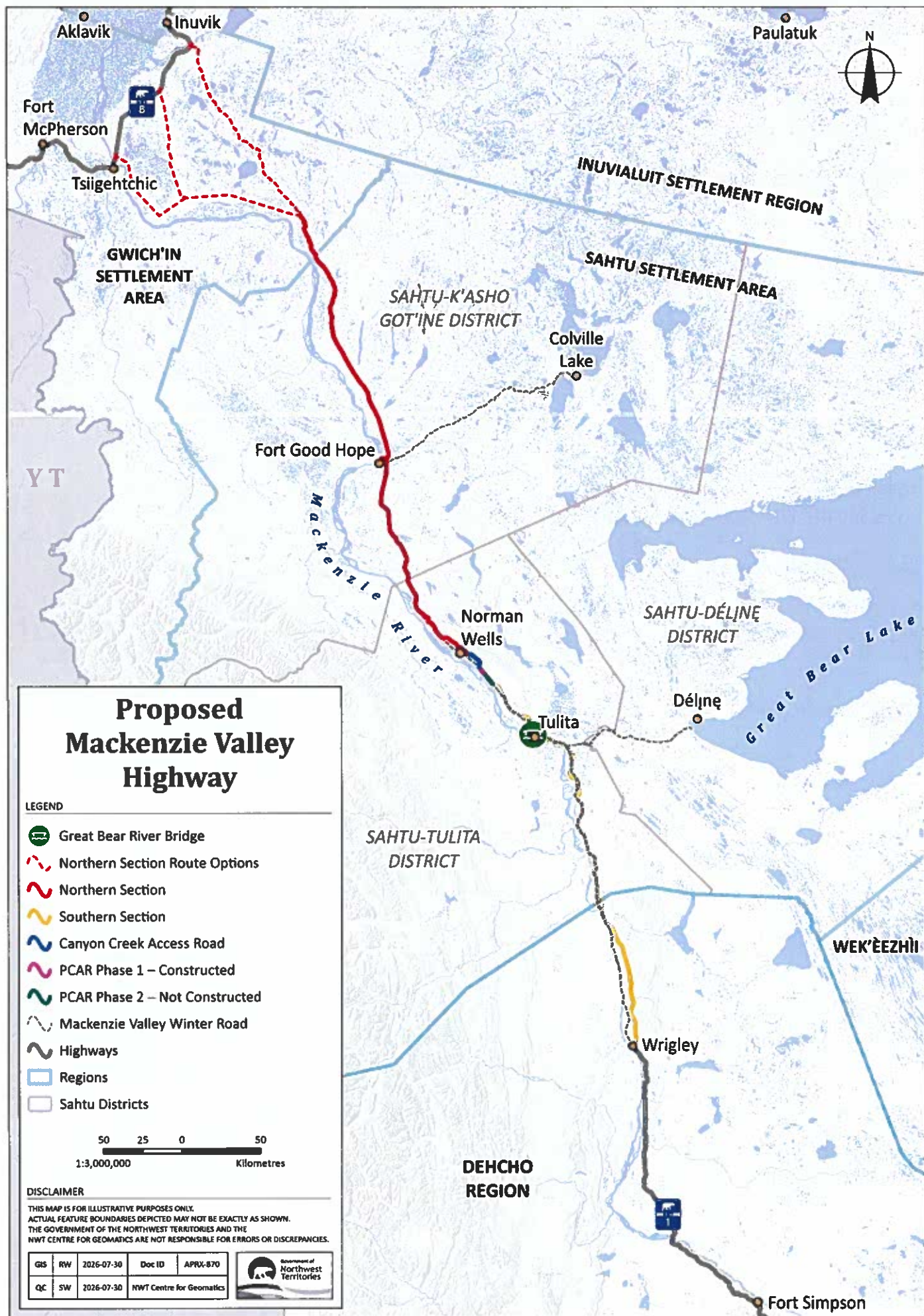


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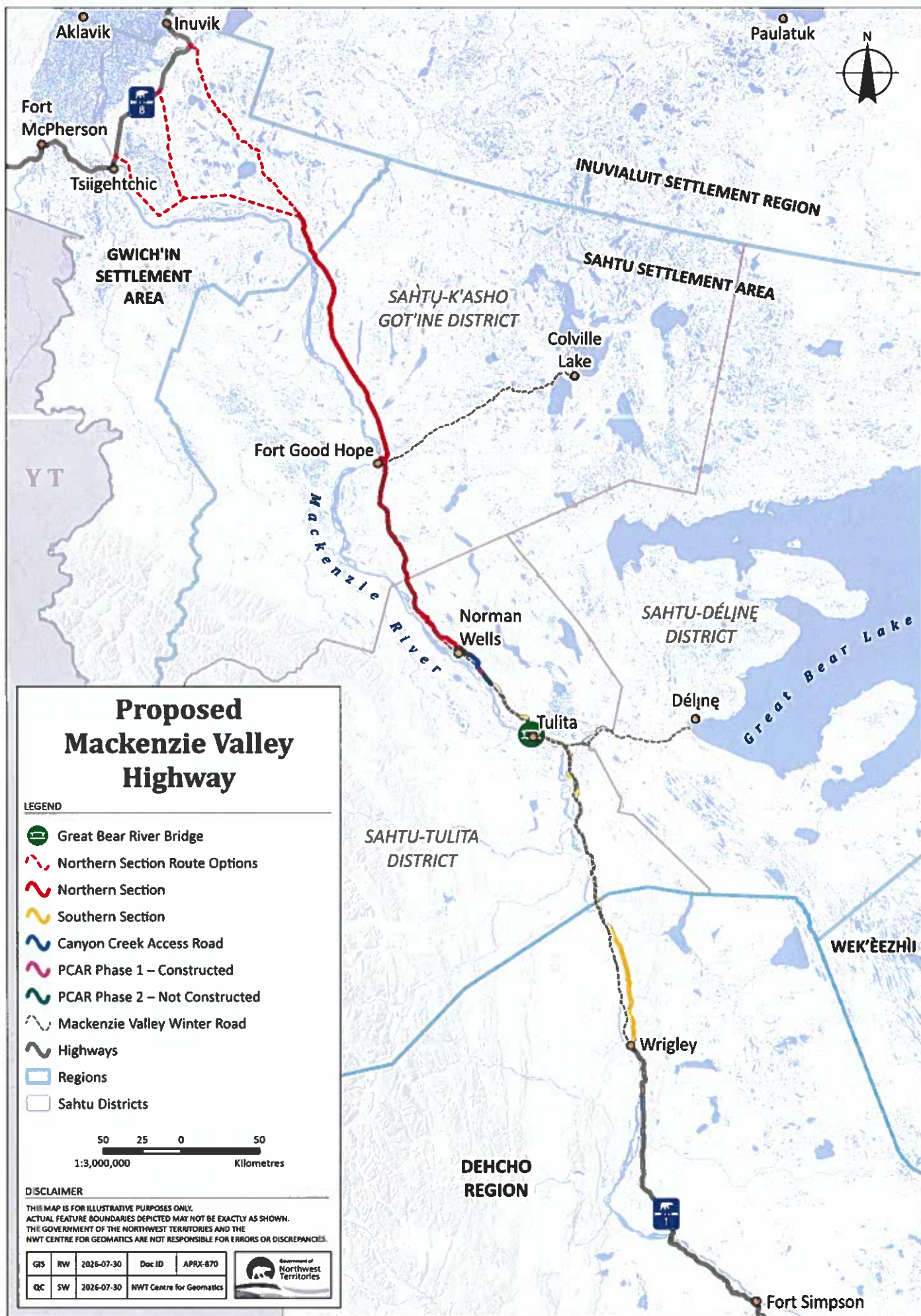


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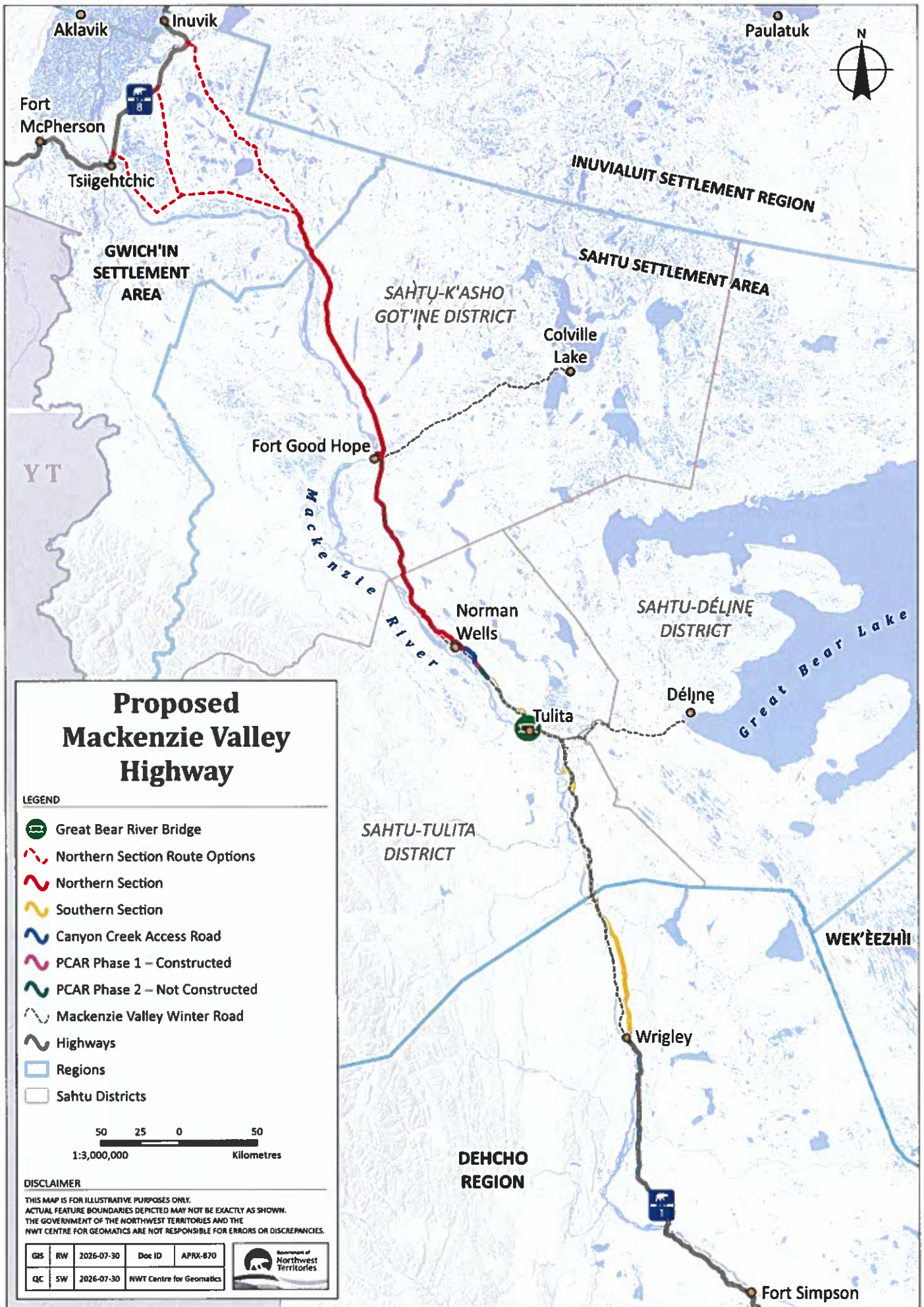


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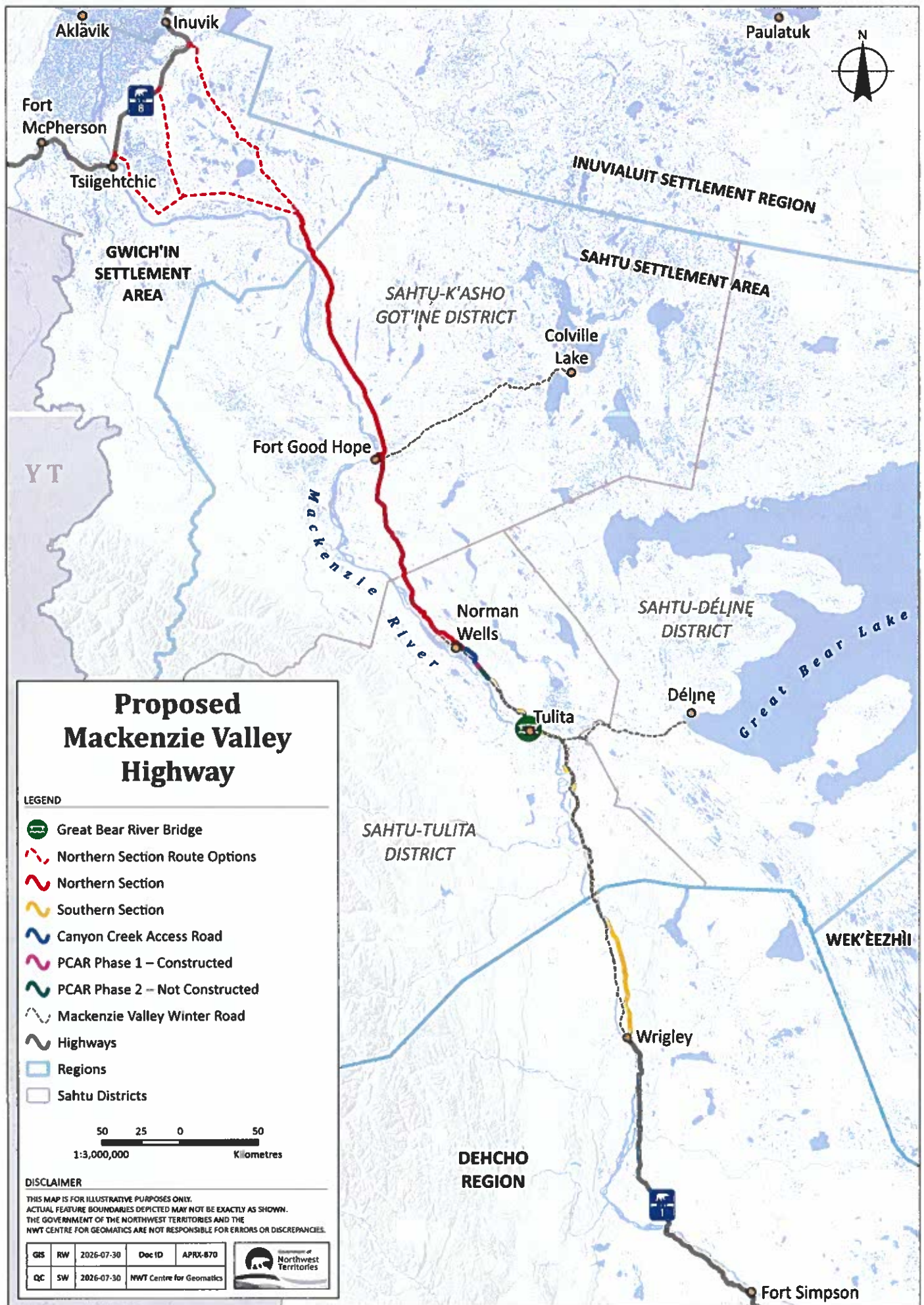


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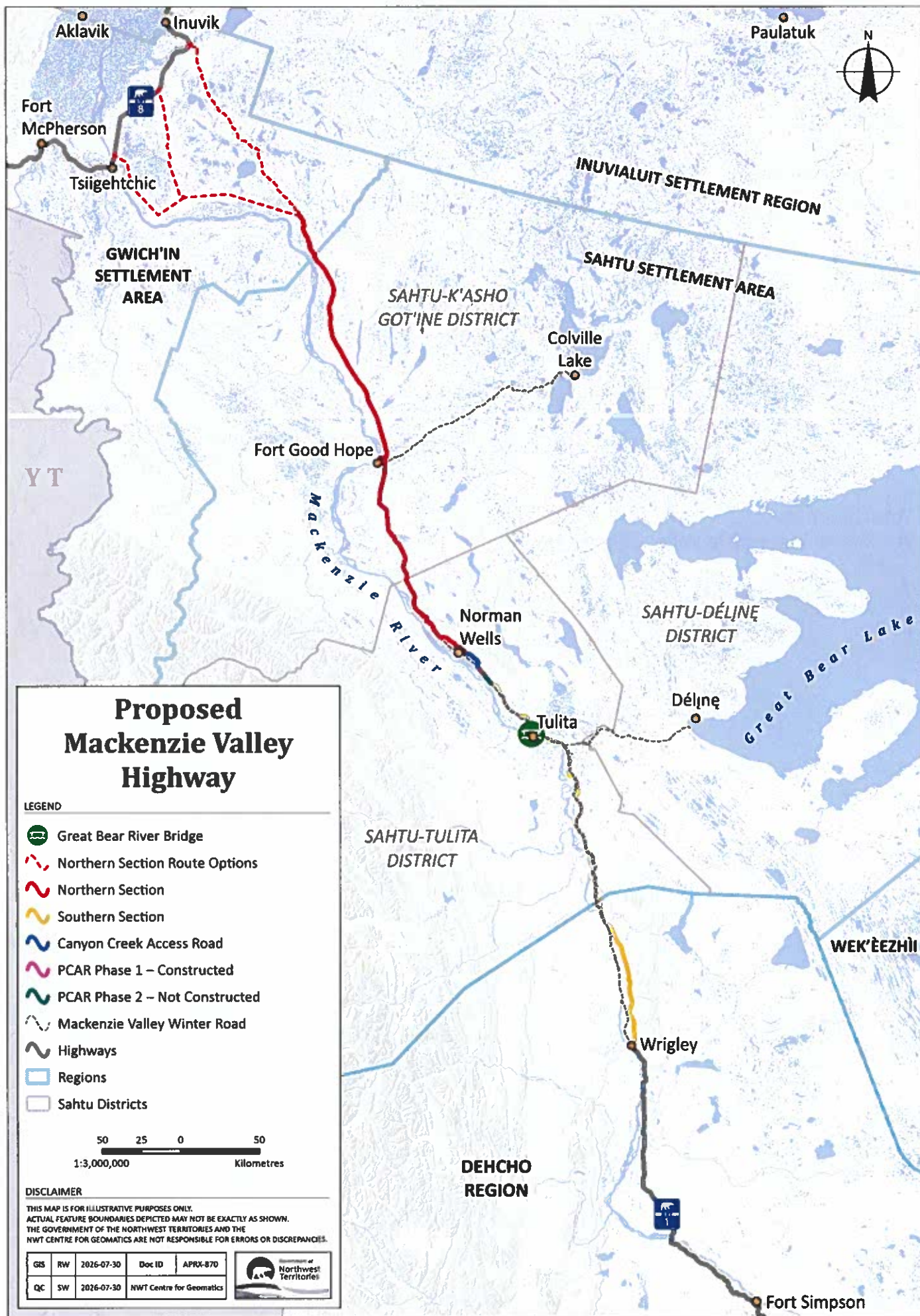


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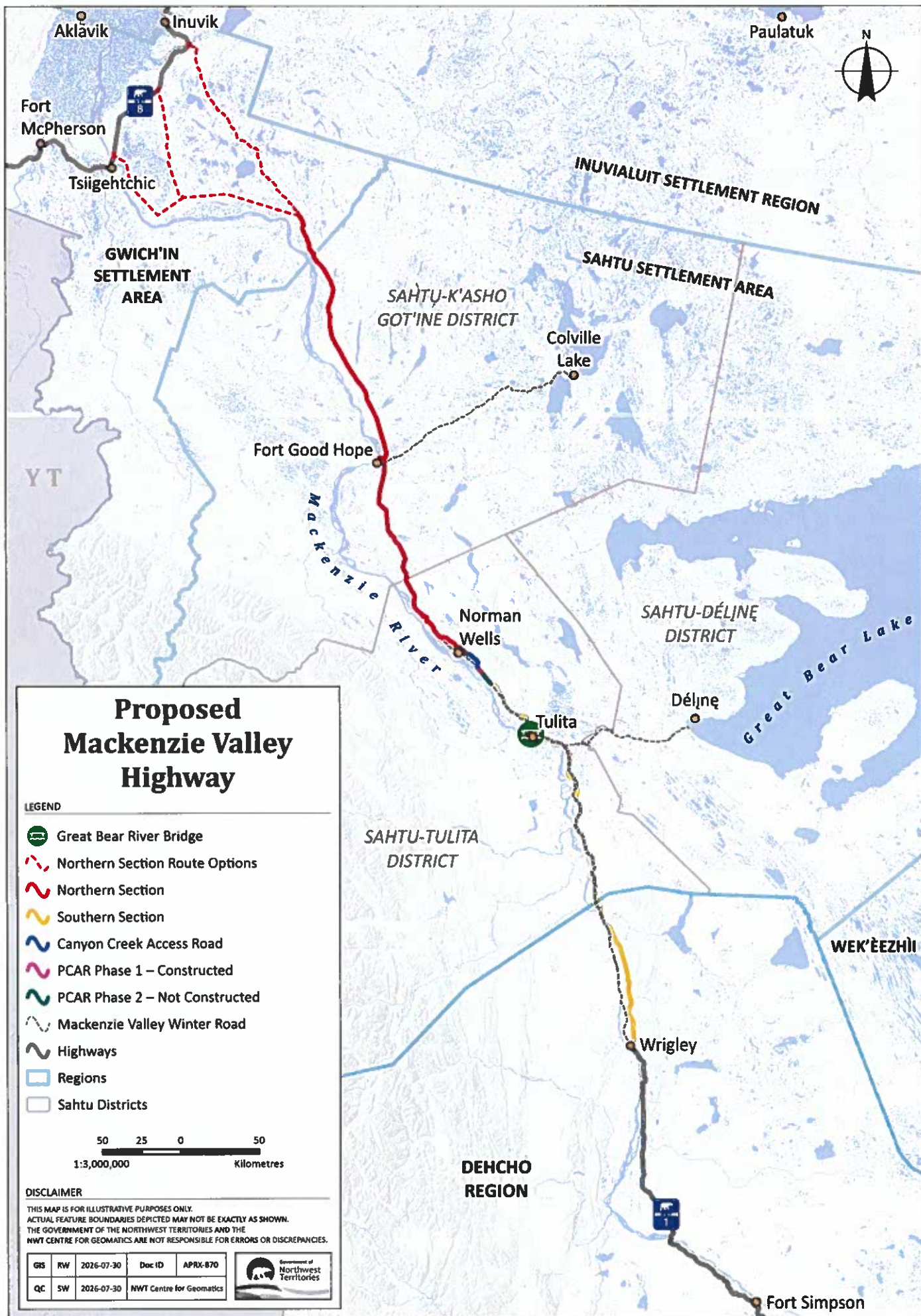


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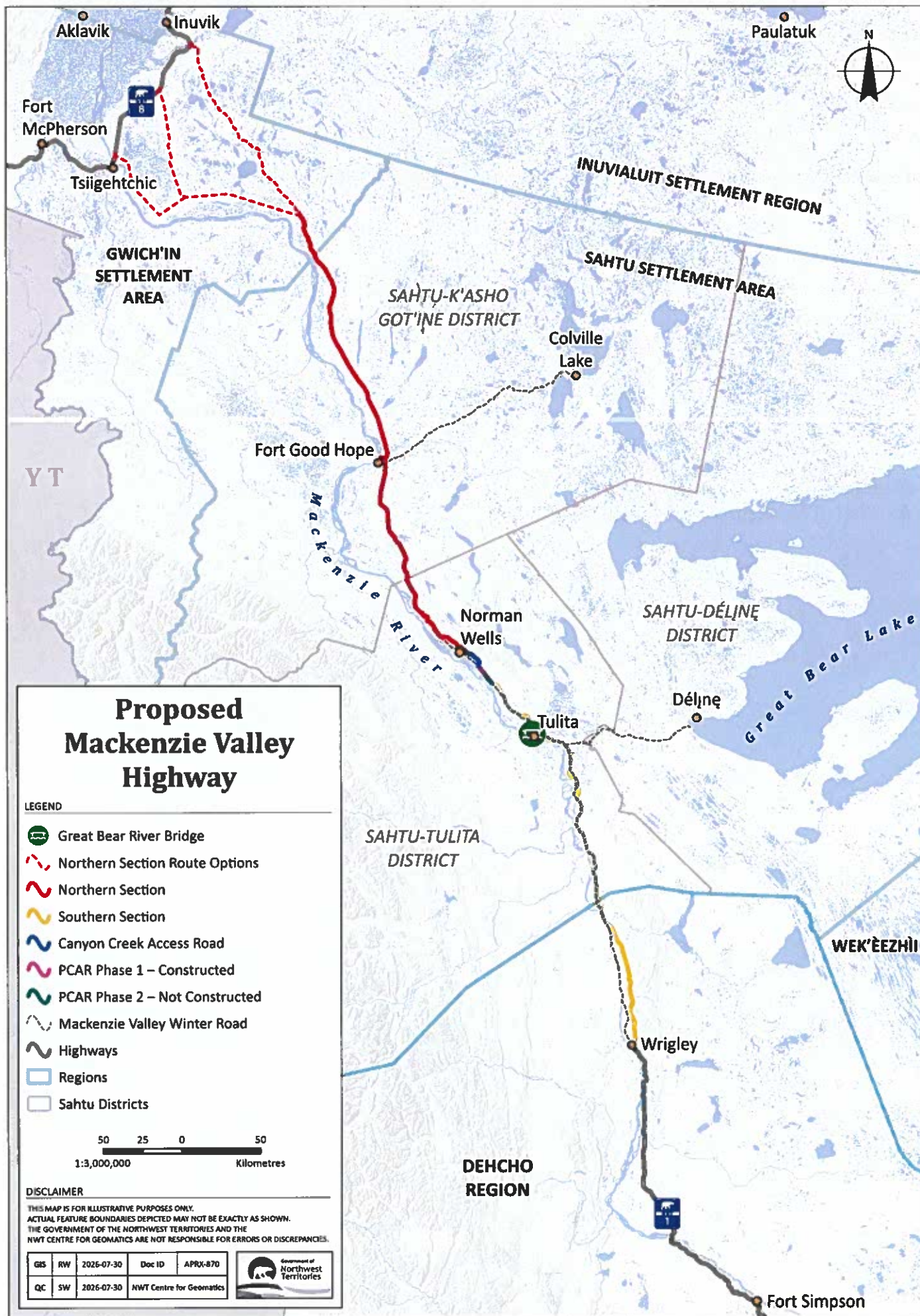


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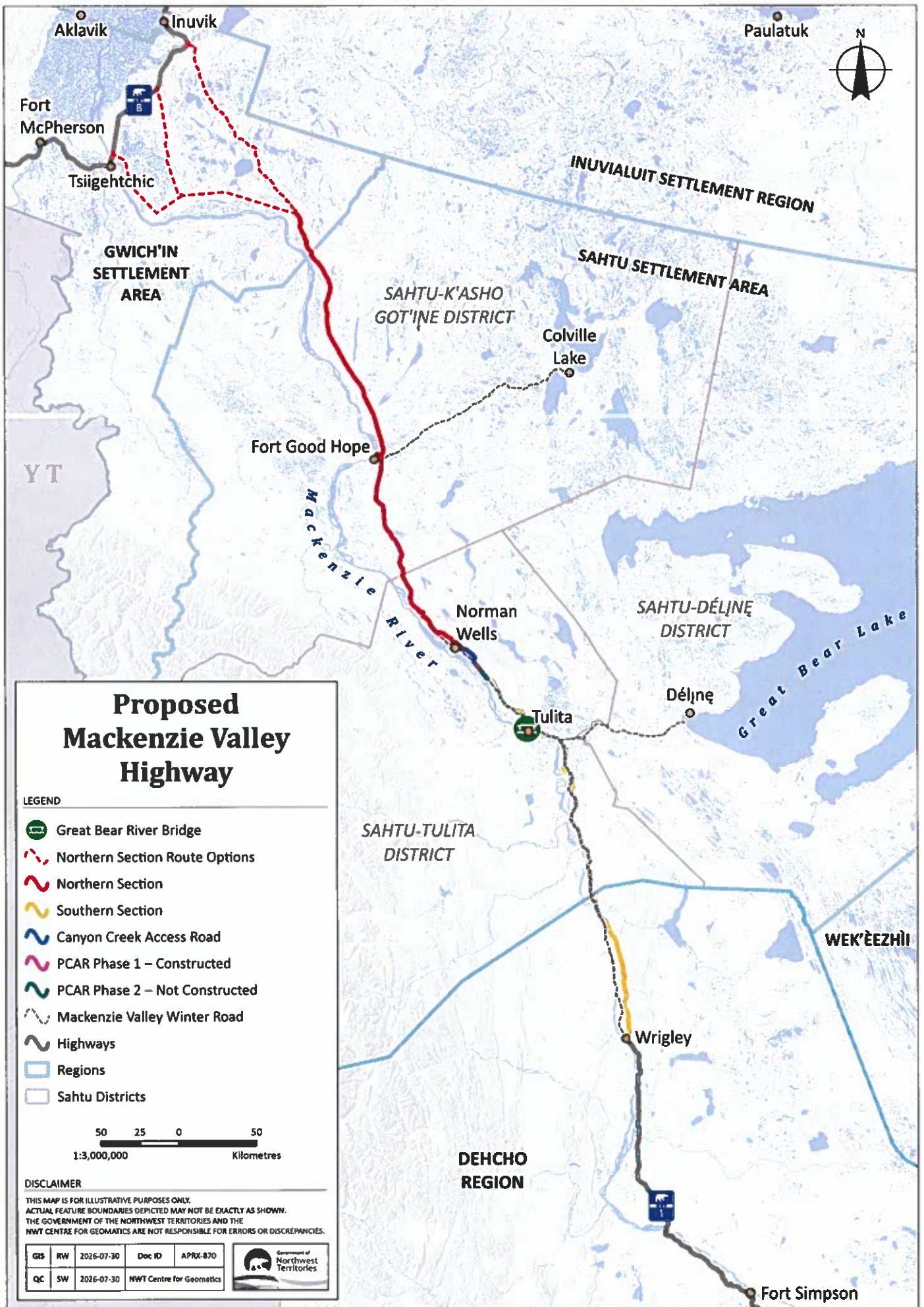


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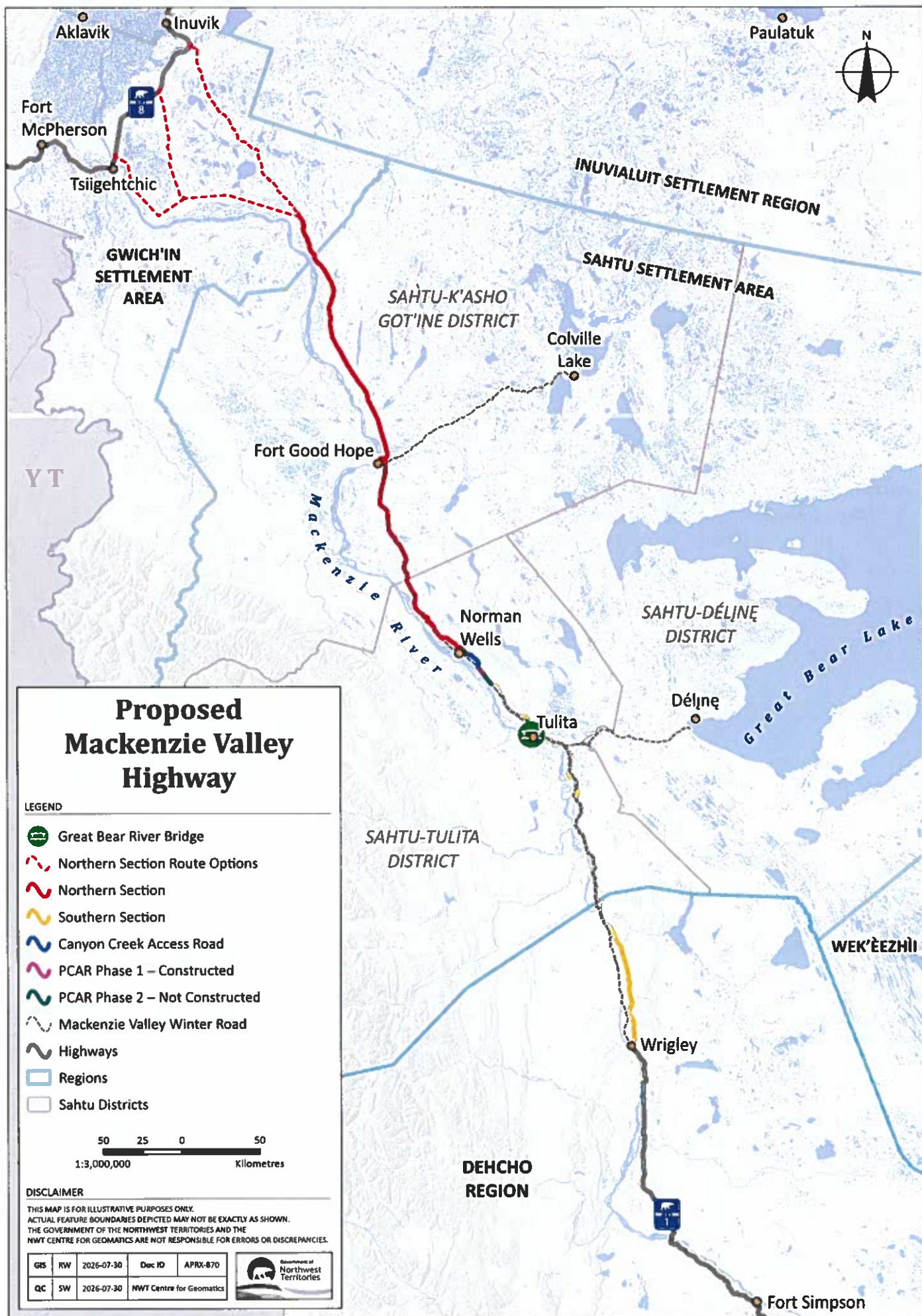


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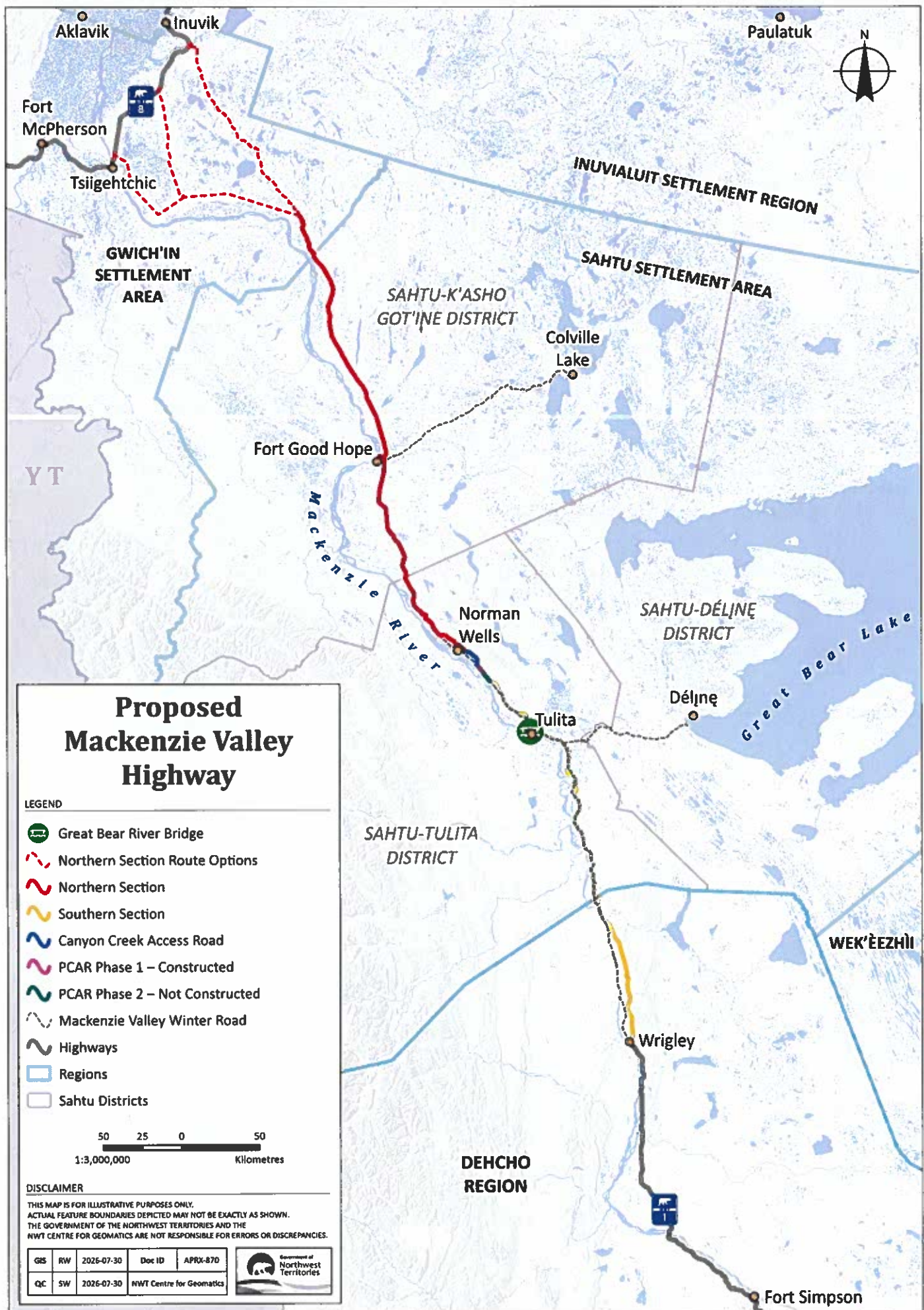


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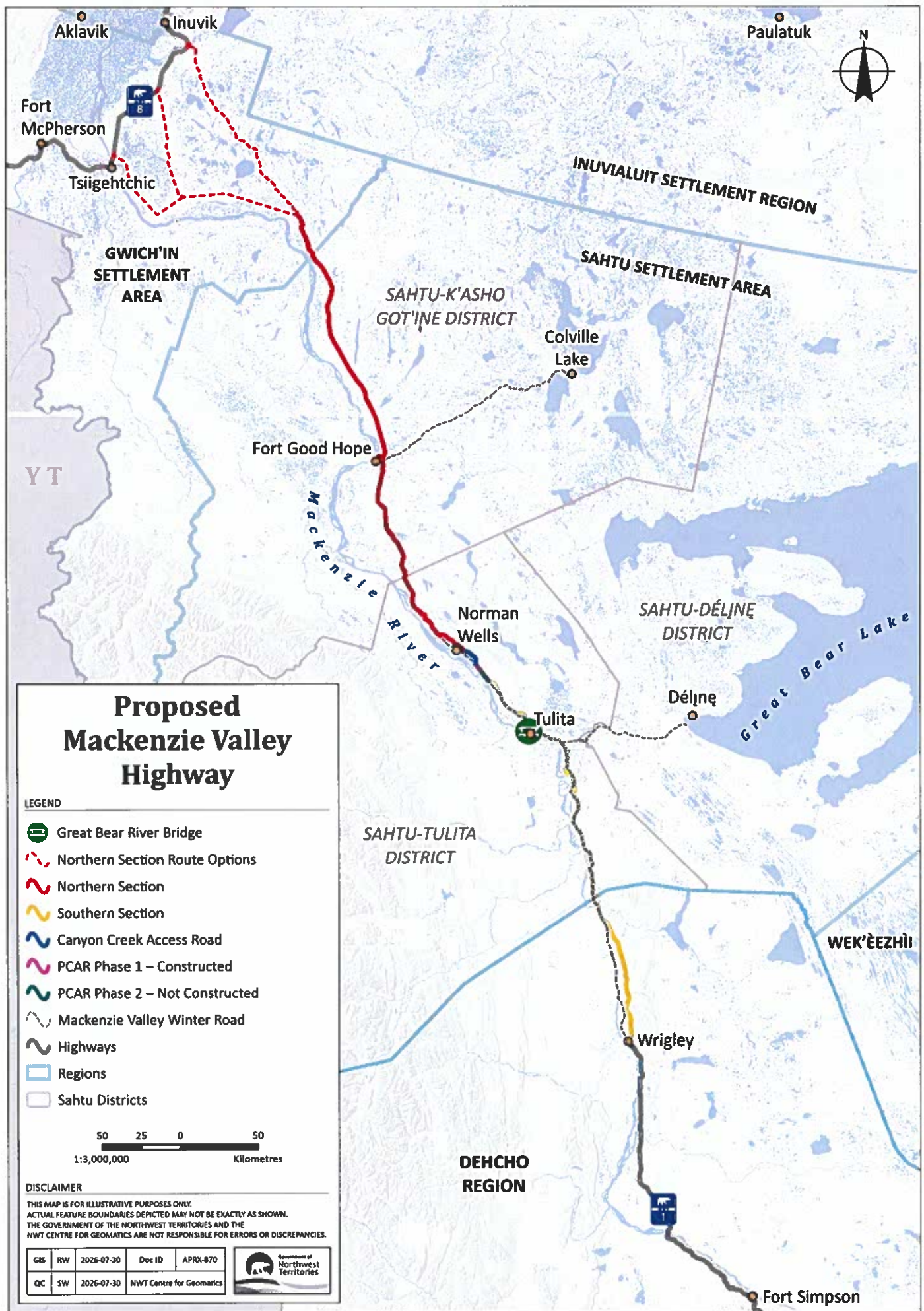


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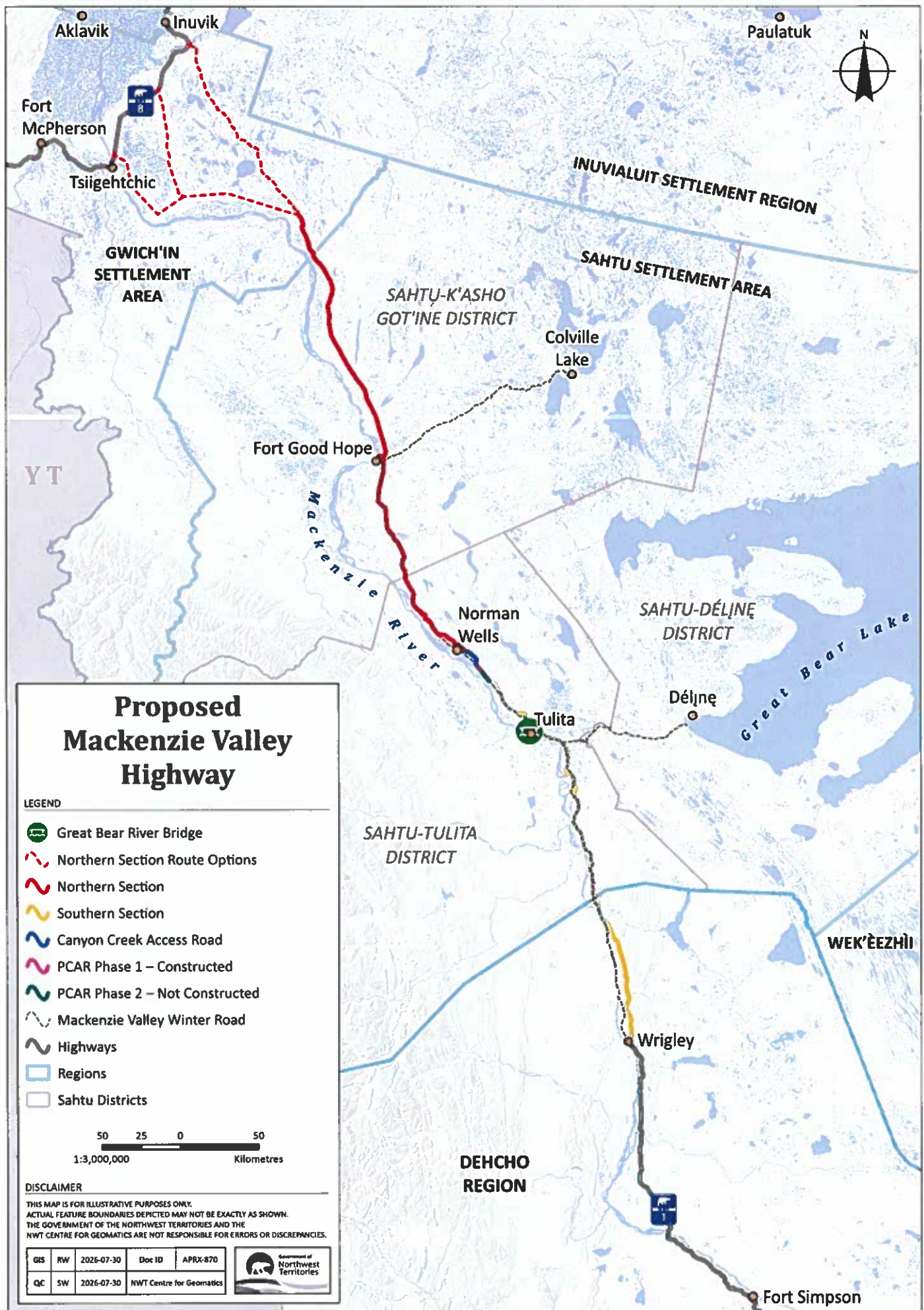


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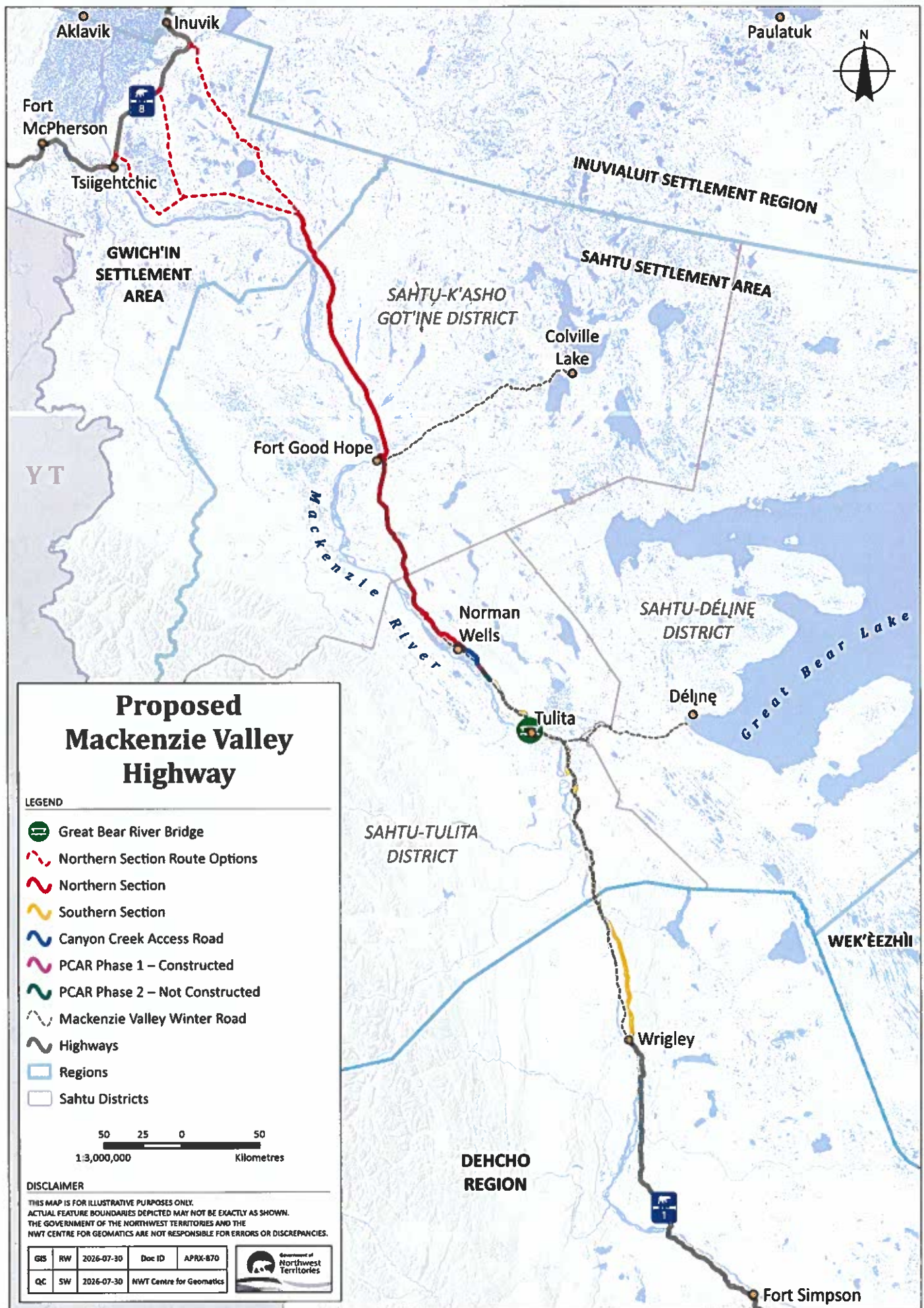


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