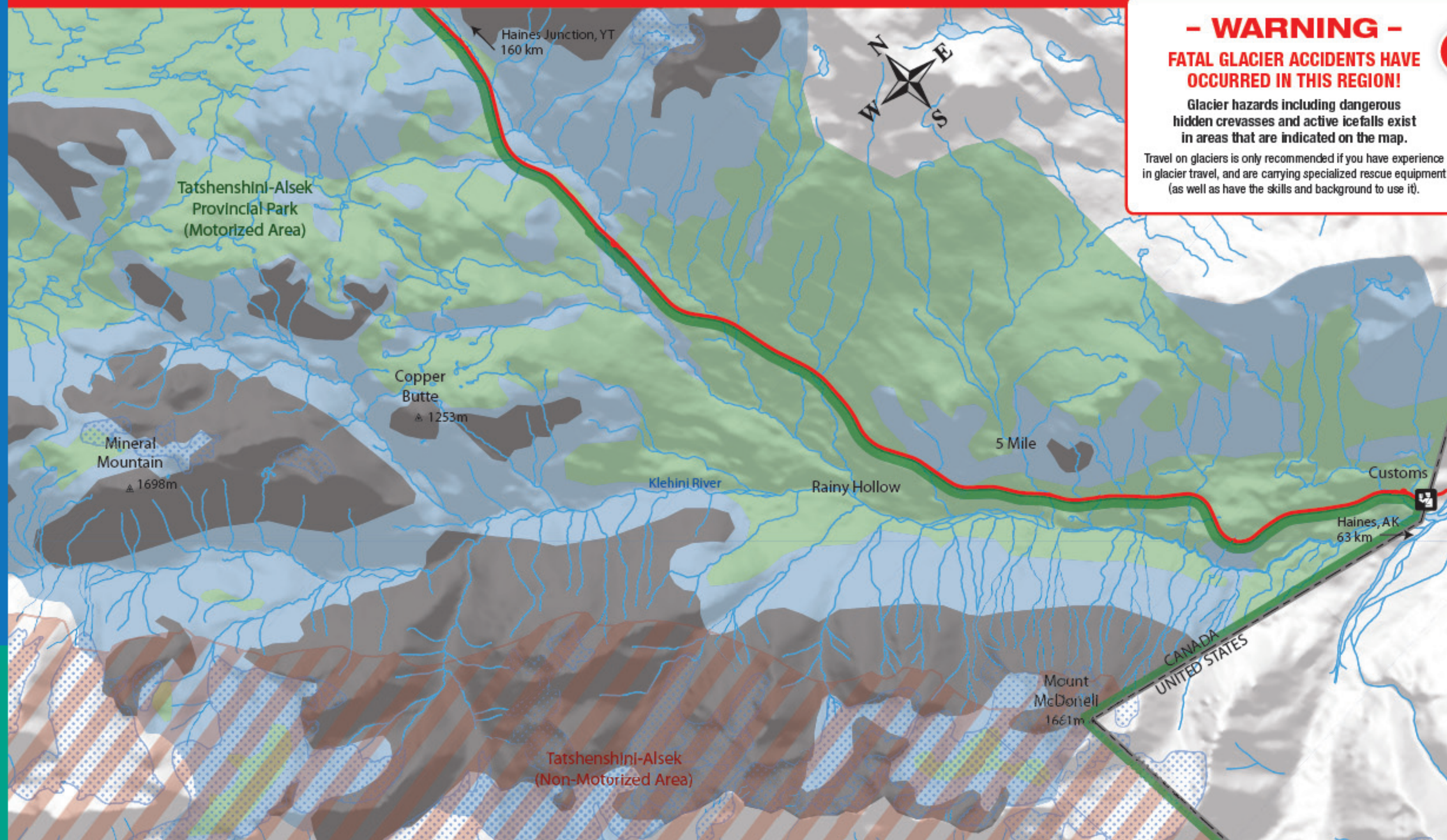


# THIS IS AVALANCHE TERRAIN

## HAINES PASS RAINY HOLLOW



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This area is a part of the traditional territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.

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- GLACIER
- NON-MOTORIZED AREA



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**ABOUT US:**

The Yukon Avalanche Association is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting avalanche safety and awareness and educating the public on the risks of avalanche. We provide training courses, equipment, and information on avalanche hazards. We are a member of the International Association of Avalanche Organizations (IAAO).

**TRAINING:**

Avalanche safety training courses equip you to get the most out of your mountain backcountry experience. Knowledge, planning, and carrying the proper safety equipment are the keys to fully enjoying Canada's spectacular mountain terrain. For more information on a variety of safety training courses, please check out [www.yukonavalanche.ca](http://www.yukonavalanche.ca).

**EMERGENCIES**

There is no cellular coverage in the Haines Pass area. A satellite phone can be a lifesaver in some circumstances. The closest telephone is at Canada or US Customs near Pheasant Camp.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:**

1-867-634-5555

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FOR ALL BACKCOUNTRY USERS



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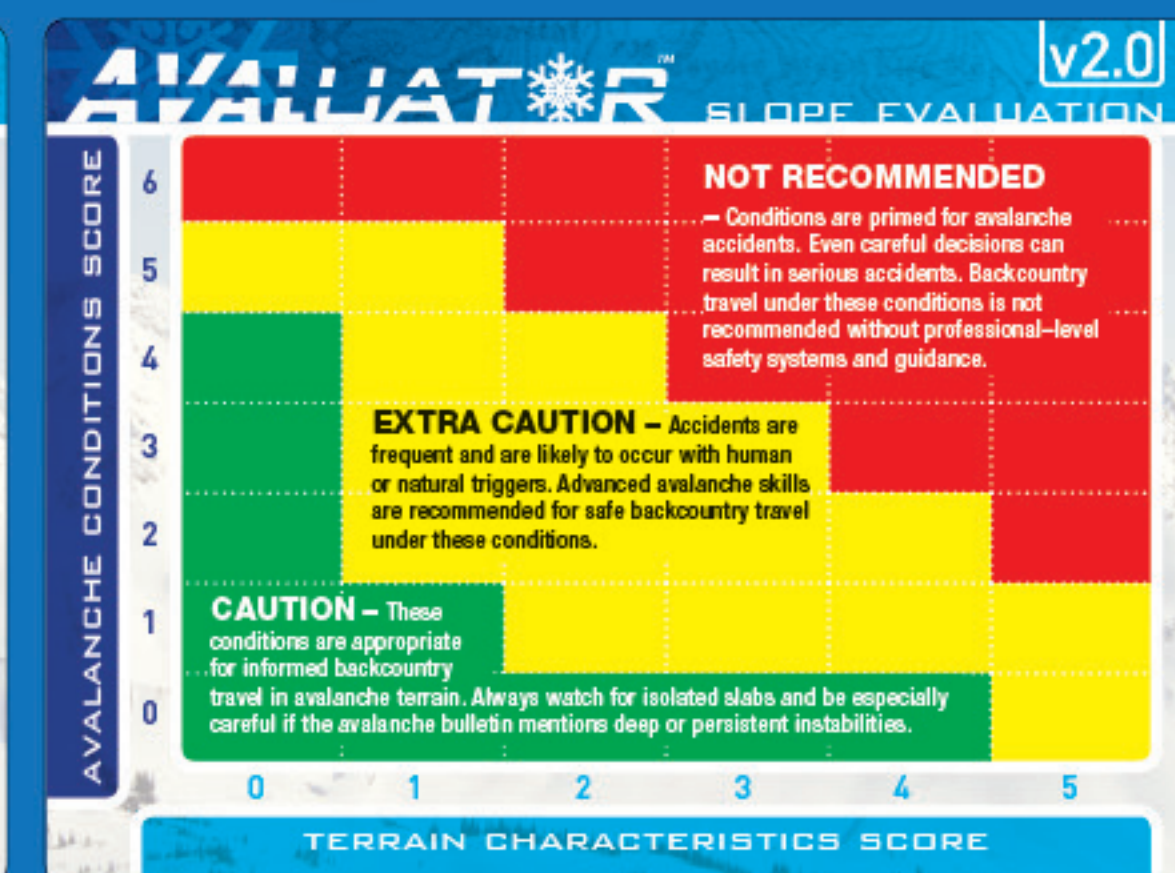
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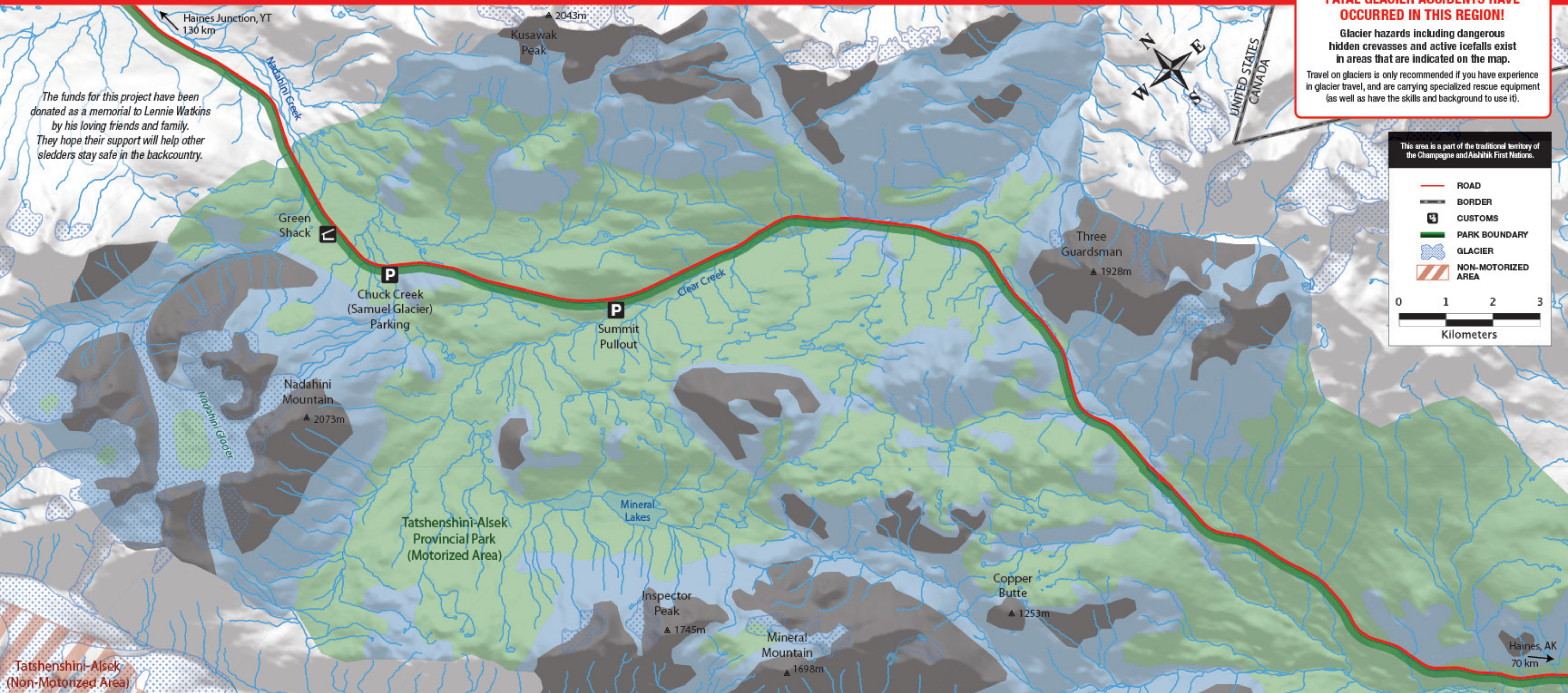




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