

How can we learn more?

There are research tools and reference material available on-line to help you find information about boundaries, surveys, registered rights and land management on First Nation Reserves. You can add to your knowledge base as a land manager through self-study, working with other land managers, and taking formal training. Listed below are some of the most important resources to help you understand surveys and more!

[First Nations Land Management Resource Centre \(FNLMRC\)](#)

FNLMRC provides resources, technical expertise, networking, and professional development for First Nations in the developmental or operational stage of governance under the [Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management](#).

They have developed training and resource documents that can help all land managers:

[Guide to the Evaluation of Proposals for Resource Centre Survey Contracts](#)

[Guide to Best Practices for Land Governance Dec 7, 2015](#)

[Training material from FNLMRC](#)

[National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association \(NALMA\)](#)

NALMA provides technical expertise, networking and communication, and professional development for lands managers for First Nation lands managed under the [Indian Act](#).

NALMA offers a [Professional Lands Management Certificate Program](#)

NALMA administers [funding for surveys](#) on First Nation Reserve lands managed under the *Indian Act*.

NALMA has a listing of [Regional Land Associations](#) with individual contact information.

[Association of Canada Lands Surveyors \(ACLS\)](#)

The ACLS governs the practice of [Canada Lands Surveyors](#) in accordance with legislation. Canada Lands Surveyors are the only surveyors legally authorized to perform cadastral surveys on [Canada Lands](#) administered under the [Canada Lands Surveys Act](#).

To Find a Canada Lands Surveyor see the ACLS [map tool and listing of surveyors](#).

The Association of Canada Lands Surveyors has an Aboriginal Liaison Committee and an Integrated Land Management Working Group, striving to improve communication with First Nations. Courses developed by the ACLS are available on [GeoEd](#).

[Contact](#) the Association by phone at 613-723-9200.

[MyCLSS](#) is a collaborative site between the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors and the Surveyor General Branch of Natural Resources Canada for the initiation and management of survey projects. It includes useful links about surveys on First Nations under the headings of Research, Authorizations, and Data and Tools including a template for a [Land Status Report](#).

Natural Resources Canada, Surveyor General Branch

Staff of the [Surveyor General](#) Branch can provide advice to First Nations, issue specific survey instructions to a Canada Lands Surveyor, review survey plans, and set the national standards for surveys. Contact them at [regional offices](#) across Canada.

The [Canada Lands Survey Records](#) have search tools to find survey plans and projects in progress.

Natural Resources Canada has [extensive resources](#) for First Nations and Canada Lands Surveyors involved in land management and surveys including:

[CLSS Map Browser](#) – an interactive, map based plan and parcel search tool

[Survey Plan Search](#) – a text based search tool for all current and historical records

[Survey Project Search](#) – a text based search tool for in-progress survey projects

[Canada Lands in Google Earth](#) – an overlay providing an integrated view of boundaries and parcels in Google Earth

[Information about Parcel and Boundary Datasets for use in a GIS](#)

Surveys are geo-referenced using the [Canadian Spatial Reference System \(CSRS\)](#)

Maps of Canada Lands includes a map for [First Nations Land Management](#)

Some useful documents prepared by the Surveyor General Branch are:

[Getting a Survey Done](#) Sept 2014 V 1.0 with amendments

[National Standards for the Survey of Canada Lands September 2014](#)

[Interdepartmental Letter of Agreement related to the Cooperation in the Area of Surveys and the Specifications for Descriptions of Land for Transactions on Reserve Lands](#) Dec 2014 - see page 9 for Section 10.0 Chart A - Guideline for Minimum Land Descriptions Requirements

[Surveys, Parcels, and Tenure on Canada Lands](#) Oct 2010

[Beyond Boundaries Parcel Fabric Renewal](#) April 2014

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

INAC hosts and manages three online web based land registry systems that are available for anyone to search for ownership, leases, permits, and other interests on a parcel of First Nation Reserve land.

The Indian Land Registry System (ILRS) includes documents related to reserves administered under the [Indian Act](#).

The First Nations Land Registry System (FNLRS) is for the land records of First Nations operating under the [First Nations Land Management Act](#).

The Self-Governing First Nations Land Register (SGFNLR) is for recording documents that grant an interest in self-governed First Nation lands.

[All three of these systems](#) can be found by logging on to the Indian Lands Registry System.

The [Indian Lands Registration Manual](#) December 2014 includes examples and instructions for preparing a Land Status Report and much more.

A great deal of additional material regarding the management of lands on First Nation Reserves can be found online at the INAC website, starting at the ["Lands" page](#).

Other sources of information and learning opportunities

[Kanawayihetaytan Askiy](#) - A University of Saskatchewan Certificate Program on the management of lands and resources on First Nation Reserve lands.

[Saskatchewan Aboriginal Land Technicians](#)

[First Nations Technical Services Advisory Group Inc.](#) (in Alberta)

[Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation](#)

[Regional Land Associations](#)

[Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics](#)

[First Nation Tax Commission](#)