

**Project Name:**  
**Community Capacity Initiative – Resource  
 Pre Development Program**

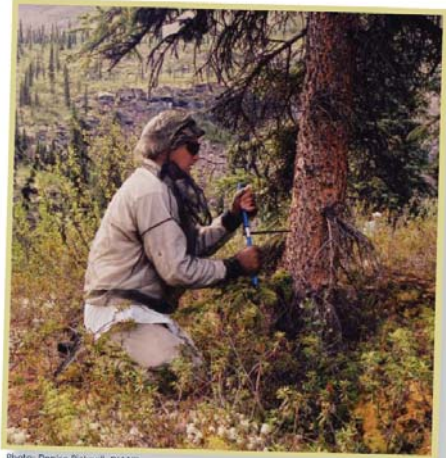
<b>Project Location:</b>	Northwest Territories	
<b>Client(s):</b>	Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development	
<b>Date Completed:</b>	2004	
<b>Project Budget:</b>	\$30,000	

Photo: Denise Bicknell, DIAND

Tree Coring in the NWT (Photo: DIAND)

**Project Summary:**

The Resource Pre Development Program funding program was a time limited program intended to help strengthen the ability of affected Aboriginal organizations and tax-based communities in the Northwest Territories to participate more effectively in negotiations with Mackenzie Gas Project. The program is designed to assist Aboriginal organisations in the negotiation of land access and benefits agreements and tax-based communities who may require fee-for-service arrangements to address impacts on community infrastructure.

**Services Provided:**

- \* Conceptual review and design of the community capacity needs of NWT Aboriginal communities who were addressing the resource development plans and effects of the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline.
- \* Designed and advised on the development of the Resource Pre-development Program.

**Deliverables or Results:**

- \* Community-designed working groups to serve as a central point of project-community contact, coordination and communication;
- \* Collaborative sharing of information within the community and between communities;
- \* Community identified needs and strategies for participation; and
- \* Clearly defined interests of key organizations in the communities with respect to project-related impact management.

**Reference:**

Matthew Spence, Assistant Director, Pipeline Readiness Office, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development NWT, 1-867-669-2853.