

# Proposed Geothermal Energy in Lílwat Territory

**QWELQWELÚSTEN**  
(MOUNT MEAGER):

**LÍLWAT**  
**SQWÉQWEL**  
**AND**  
**PRESENT DAY USE**



A geothermal energy development project is being proposed at the base of Qwélqwélústen (Mount Meager) in Stúqátl's (Upper Lillooet River watershed).



Qwélqwélústen is associated with many sqwéqweí (true stories) and sptakwlh (legends), described in Lílwat oral history as a place of power and danger. Prior to its last eruption 2350 years ago, Lílwat ancestors climbed to the top of Qwélqwélústen. The peak was so high that they could see the ocean.

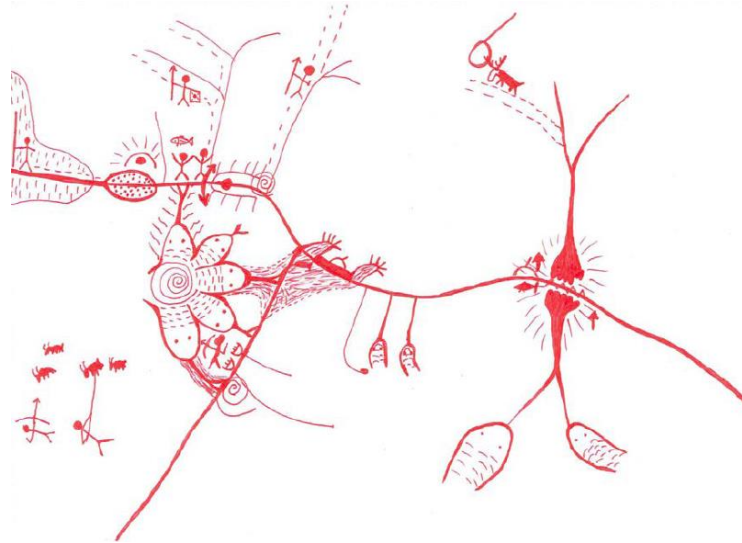


Image: Drawing of the storied landscape of Stúqátl's by Johnny Jones (2011)

Qwélqwélústen was an important area for goat hunting as well as gathering berries, roots, bulbs, mushrooms, materials, medicines and ceremonial items. Lílwat hunters used to dip in Nqwélqwélústen (Meager hot springs) before

pursing hunts, both for cleansing and to remove their smell to ensure a successful hunt. There were many trails throughout the area leading to hunting camps as well as a route to the Squamish River.



Today, Qwélqwélústen continues to be a place of importance to Lílwat7úl, used for gathering berries, medicines, materials, and mushrooms; hunting; and for its cultural and spiritual significance.



**COMMUNITY SURVEY COMING SOON**

Do you have sqwéqweí to share about Qwélqwélústen? Have you used or do you currently use this area? Let us know! Contact [lands@lilwat.ca](mailto:lands@lilwat.ca).

