**501 Peace Potluck Episode Summary**

***Overview:*** *Art and Dan connect on the banks of the Peace in Treaty 8 Territory to meet with locals impacted by the Site C dam project. They meet an off gridder, a family that is losing their ranch, hunt for whitetail deer, pick berries on a bear trail, and cook at a rustic campground overlooking the mighty Peace Valley.*

Dan has driven to Art’s territory over a 1,000 kms away to hunt with his friend who lands in an airplane on the banks of the Peace River! They head to meet a local off-grid prepper who makes drymeat inside his home and sample some dried elk and moose. Art’s friend Mark, a rancher/Site C activist has agreed to guide them around the Peace valley for whitetail deer and on their way the hosts revisit a local vista to talk about the impacts of the Site C project.

The next morning before the hunt they meet Mark at the Boon ranch and visit a family that is being forced off their land by BC Hydro. The hunters head out and are immediately successful bagging and dressing a nice deer. The cook takes place at a campground run by the Boon family. To be sure there is variety, the guys pick saskatoons and chokecherries in the middle of an old bear crossing.

Everything is cooked hunter style in the woods using only a campfire and portable outdoor cookware. It is various tender, juicy cuts of delicious fresh whitetail cooked in a number of ways on the fire including ribs dripping with chokecherry BBQ sauce. Dan has made a pan fried saskatoon bannock and Art makes a traditional saskatoon pudding. At the meal there are stories of survival and life on the banks of the river. It is clear that Dan’s beliefs about Site C have been impacted by this trip.