



DEVELOPMENT TITLE: *Jackpine Paddle Guided River Outfitting in Nahanni National Park Reserve.*

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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT DATE(S): August 1st – September 30th, 2025

DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION:

Many visitors accessing Nahanni National Park Reserve do so as clients of commercial outfitting companies. Guided river outfitting typically begins at earliest the first week of June (more often, the second to third week of June) and, on average, run until the first week of September. They range anywhere from one to three weeks in length and include river tripping and hiking as primary activities. A commercial river outfitter must obtain a Parks Canada business licence to operate.

The Guidelines for Licensing of Guided River Outfitting in Nahanni and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserves outline the considerations for safety and sustainability, set quotas for visitation and limit the number of licences Parks Canada issues. The guidelines were developed through detailed public consultations, stakeholder engagement and in consultation with cooperative management partners in Nááts'jch'oh and Nahanni National Park Reserves.

As per the licensing guidelines and dependent on the outcome of this preliminary screening, Parks Canada has completed its five-year review of the Nááts'jch'oh Allocation and is considering issuing a Type C and the fourth Type B business licence to Jackpine Paddle to offer guided river outfitting services in Nahanni National Park Reserve. This business licence would allow the licensee limited allocation. A maximum of 15 people (including guides) would be permitted on each guided excursion. According to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA), a Parks Canada business licence must undergo preliminary screening. This preliminary screening applies to Jackpine Paddle's application for a business licence to conduct guided river outfitting activities in Nahanni National Park Reserve:

Activities

- *Water-based:* canoeing
- *Land-based:* camping, day hiking, backpacking (overnight camping)



Locations (see map, Appendix 1)

WATER-BASED ACTIVITY START LOCATIONS	
Island Lakes, Nahanni	Access for the South Nahanni River
Bunny Bar, Nahanni	
Gahnjthah Mje, Nahanni	
Nájljcho, Nahanni	

WATER-BASED ACTIVITY END LOCATIONS	
Gahnjthah Mje, Nahanni	Blackstone Territorial Park, NT
Nájljcho, Nahanni	Łíídlj Kúé, NT
Nahanni Butte, NT	
Lindberg's Landing, NT	

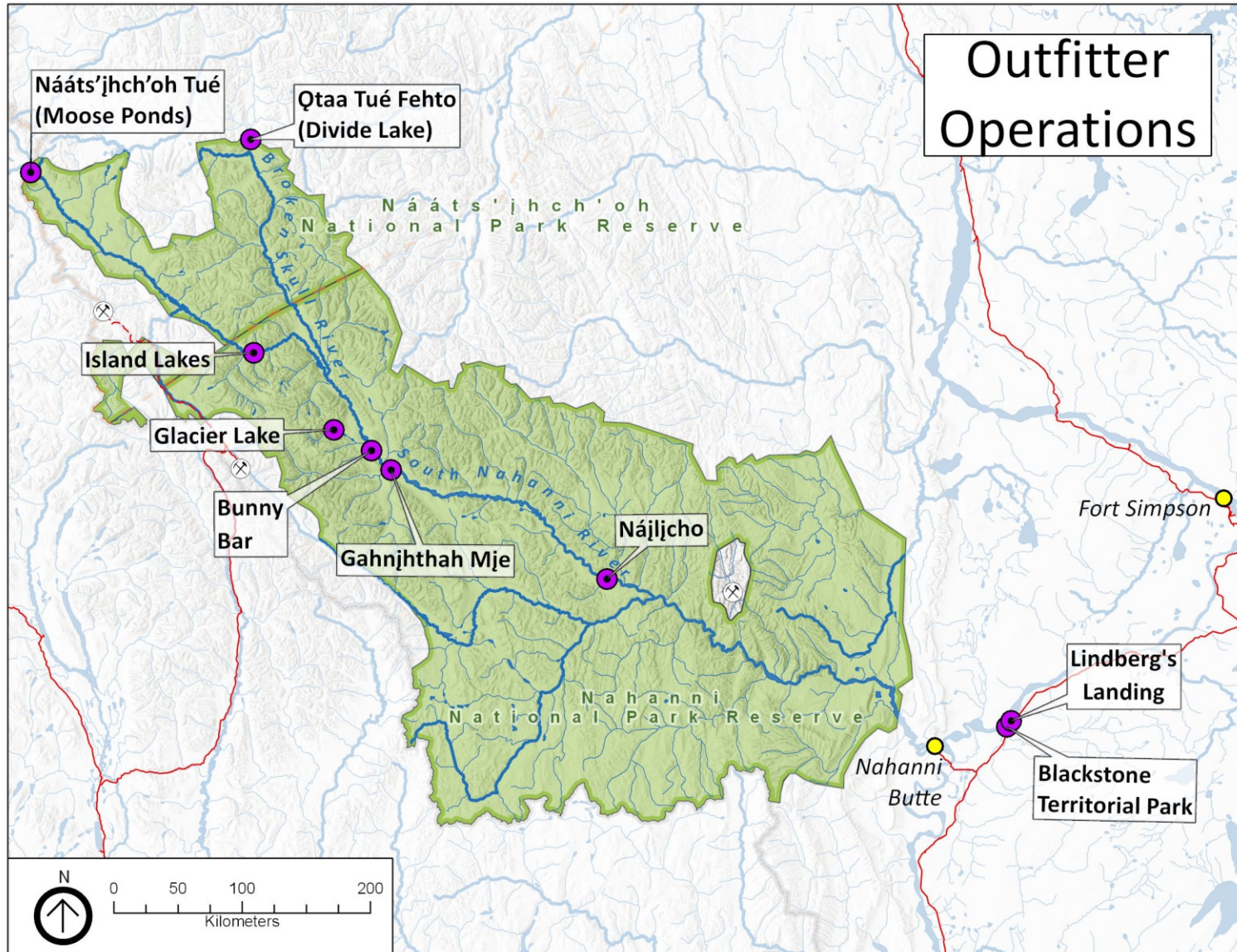
WATER-BASED ACTIVITY CAMP LOCATIONS	
Nájljcho	Gahnjthah Mje
Glacier Lake	
Random camp locations along the South Nahanni River	

HIKING / BACKPACKING ROUTES (Note: all are backcountry/non-maintained routes)	
South Nahanni River to Glacier Lake (multi-night)	Glacier Lake to Fairy Meadows (multi-night)
Gahnjthah Mje to Gahnjthah Tufa Mounds (day)	Gahnjthah Portage and Campground (day)
Sunblood Mountain (day)	Marengo Creek (day)
Pulpit Rock and Gate Viewpoint (day)	Painted Canyon (day)
Scow Creek (day)	Lafferty's Creek (day)
Other exploratory day hike routes along river corridors	

Mitigations

Jackpine Paddle will follow best practices for leave-no-trace camping and will adhere to the mitigations described in the *Parks Canada Best Management Practice for Commercially Guided Eco-tourism Activities in Nahanni and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserve of Canada*. This document is available upon request from Parks Canada staff at Nahanni.

Appendix 1



Appendix 2 - Distribution List

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