

DEVELOPMENT TITLE: *Guided motorized boat tours and expediting services on the lower Nahʔą Dehé (South Nahanni River)*

PROPONENT:

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

DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION:

Access to Nahanni National Park Reserve by motorized watercraft is currently restricted to Parks Canada operational activities and Indigenous persons engaging in traditional renewable resource harvesting activities. In the spirit of the [Ndahecho Gondié Gháádé Agreement](#), Parks Canada is considering modifying the [Superintendent's Orders for Nahanni National Park Reserve](#) to allow motorized watercraft access for one Nahʔą Dehé Business, Nahanni River Expediting, to conduct motorized boat tours and expediting services on the lower Nahʔą Dehé (South Nahanni River). Nahanni River Expediting must obtain a Parks Canada business licence to operate in the park reserve; according to the [Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act](#) their activities must undergo preliminary screening before the licence can be issued.

Nahanni River Expediting's primary activities would be guided day tours up the lower Nahʔą Dehé from Tthenáágó (Nahanni Butte) to Tułetseqę (Kraus Hot Springs). Day tours would occur up to five times throughout the summer, subject to water levels; tours would only operate when water levels are high enough to permit safe access for outboard motors with propellers. Each tour would include up to three visitors, two boat operators, and two 18-20 ft motorized boats – a primary tour boat and a backup safety boat. Nahanni River Expediting would also conduct one annual scouting trip, prior to the start of tour operations, to verify river channels and identify the best route.

Additional proposed motorized watercraft activities between Tthenáágó and Dahaehth'j (Deadman Valley) include:

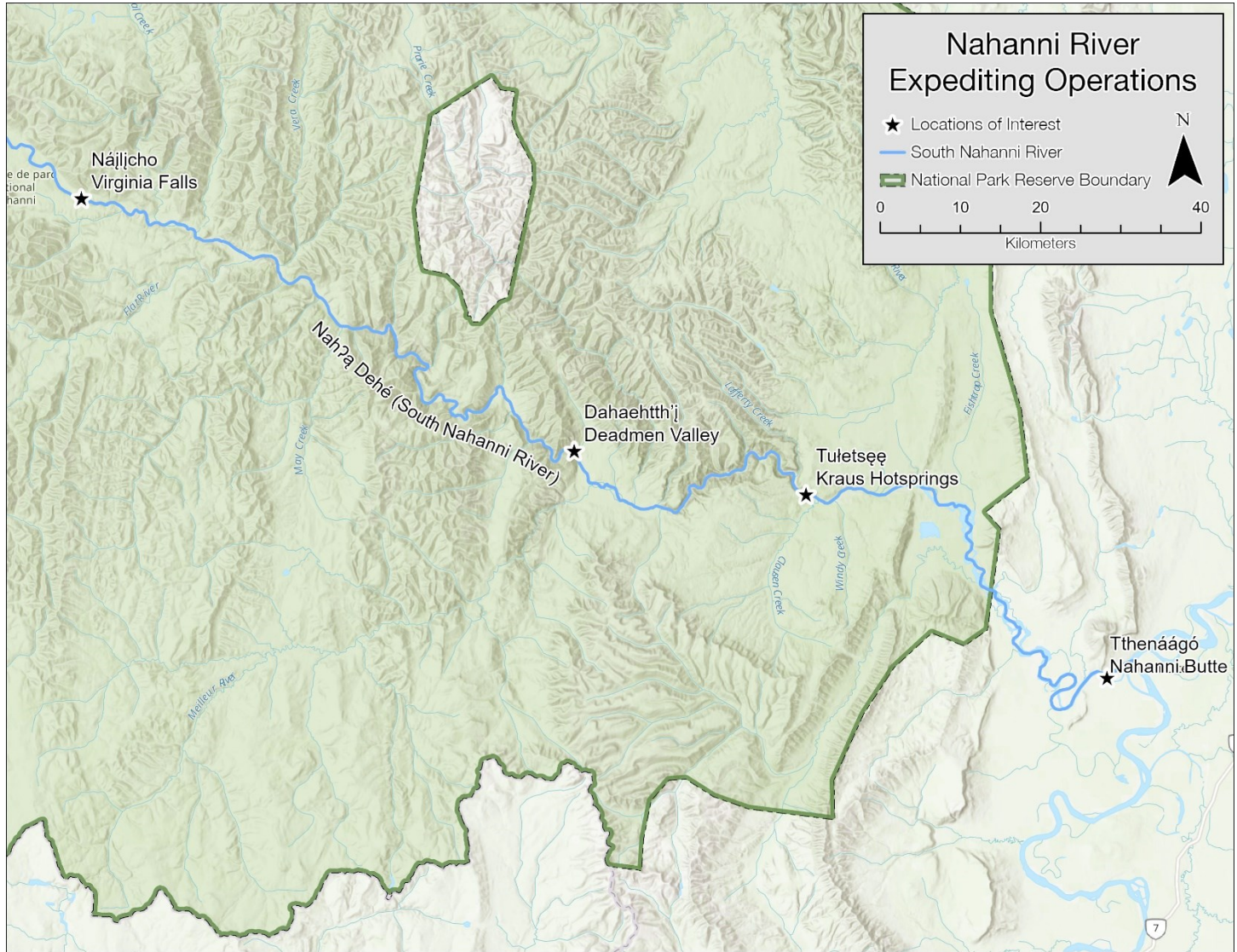
- Transport of Parks Canada and Nahʔą Dehé Park Corporation personnel, equipment, and supplies in support of general park operations
- Emergency transport of Parks Canada personnel and visitors in support of rescue operations
- Commercial transport of researchers

LOCATIONS: See map (Appendix 1).

MITIGATIONS:

Nahanni River Expediting will follow a leave-no-trace wilderness use ethic and will adhere to the mitigations described in the Parks Canada Best Management Practice for Commercially Guided Eco-tourism Activities in Nahanni and Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserves of Canada.

Appendix 1



Appendix 2 - Distribution List

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