



DEVELOPMENT TITLE: *Villers Air Services Ltd. Operations in Nahanni National Park Reserve*

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT DATE(S): Annual operations occurring primarily from June to September

PROPONENT:

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DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION:

Nahanni National Park Reserve (Nahanni) is accessed primarily by air (fixed and rotary wing aircraft) for park operations and tourism purposes. Air access is facilitated by aircraft charter companies. Although aircraft operations occur year-round, they decrease substantially during the fall, winter, and spring and are largely limited to park operational requirements during these seasons.

Day flights to drop off and pick up overnight visitors and park staff, or to facilitate day sightseeing excursions, comprise most charters. Occasional overnight stays are required for park operational purposes. All aircraft charter companies operating within the park reserve must obtain a Parks Canada business licence.

Villers Air Services Ltd. has not previously held a business licence for Nahanni. In accordance with the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA), the company's proposed activities must undergo a preliminary screening before a licence can be issued.

Activities at designated landing areas in Nahanni

- Day flight seeing experiences
- Commercial transport of visitors and freight for recreational activities such as hiking, mountain climbing, mountaineering, and river trips
- Nahanni operational activities
- Transport of researchers for purposes outside of park operational activities



Locations (see map, Appendix 1)

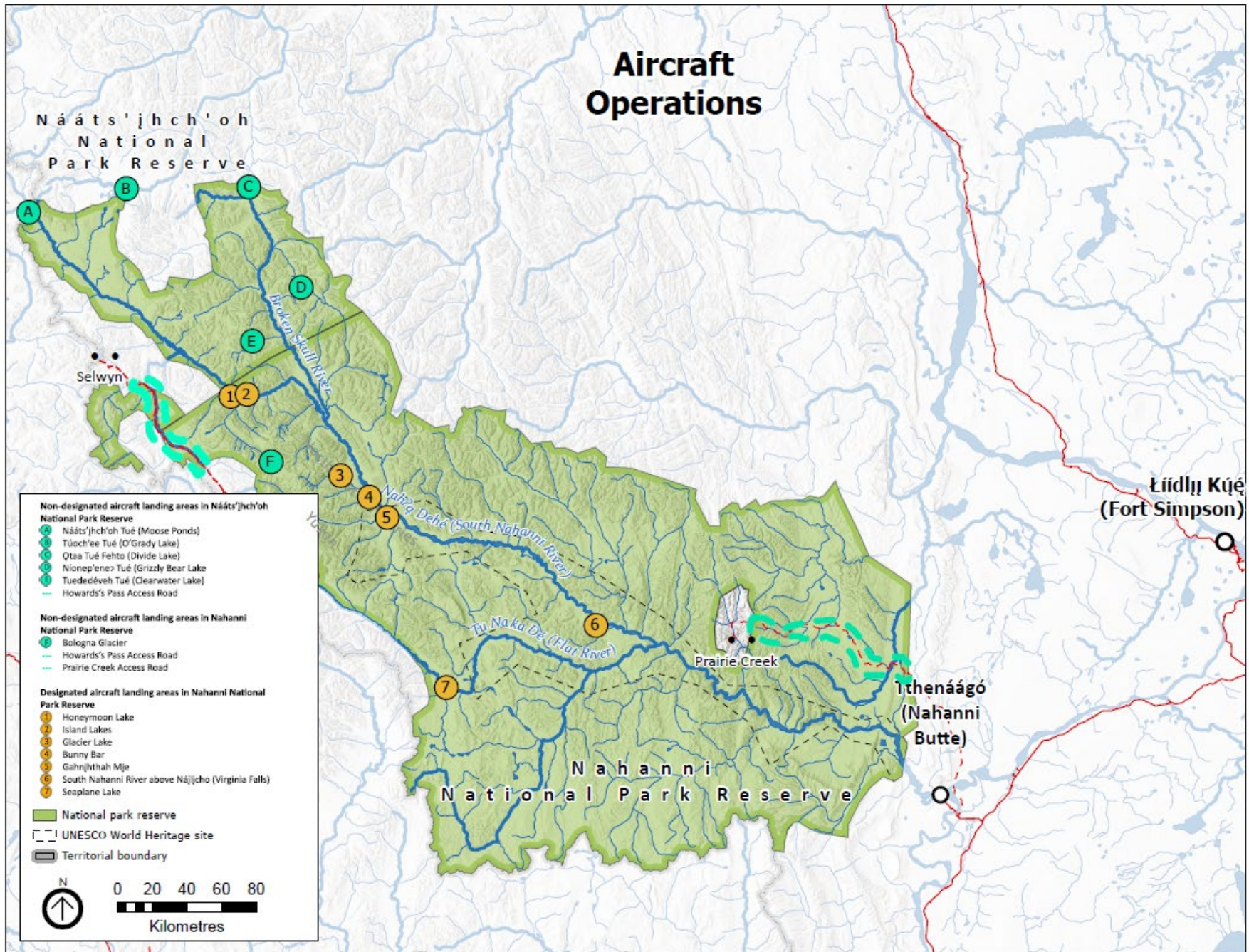
| Designated aircraft landing areas in Nahanni National Park Reserve | |
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| ① | Honeymoon Lake |
| ② | Island Lakes |
| ③ | Glacier Lake |
| ④ | Bunny Bar |
| ⑤ | Gahnjthah Mje |
| ⑥ | South Nahanni River above Nájłjcho (Virginia Falls) |
| ⑦ | Seaplane Lake |

Mitigations

Operators will adhere to the mitigations described in the *Parks Canada Best Management Practice (BMP) for Aircraft Operations and Landings in Nahanni and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserves of Canada* and, when applicable, the *Fuel Caching Protocol for Nahanni National Park Reserve and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserve*.

Appendix 1

Note: (this map pertains to both Nahanni and Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserves; however, this preliminary screening only applies to Nahanni).



Appendix 2

Distribution List

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