

Nahanni National Park Reserve
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To: Distribution List

Re: Notification of Commencement of Preliminary Screening of Aircraft Operations in Nahanni and Nááts'j'ihch'oh National Park Reserves

In accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, Parks Canada will be conducting a preliminary screening of Aircraft Operations in Nahanni and Nááts'j'ihch'oh National Park Reserves. Pursuant to Item 16, Schedule 1 of the *Preliminary Screening Requirement Regulations*, a Parks Canada business licence must undergo a preliminary screening. Attached is a description of the proposal. Please note this proposal is the same as last year.

Please note that aircraft operators are responsible for ensuring their employees and clients are following Protect NWT guidelines, Transport Canada regulations, and adhering to all Chief Public Health Officer's directions and orders as they may occur.

If you have any comments on this proposal, please submit them to Colleen Murchison (colleen.murchison@pc.gc.ca) by March 16, 2022.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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DEVELOPMENT TITLE: *Aircraft Charter Company Operations in Nahanni and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserves*

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT DATE(S): April 1st, 2022 – March 31st, 2023

DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION:

Nahanni National Park Reserve (Nahanni) and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserve (Nááts'jch'oh) are accessed primarily by air (fixed and rotary wing aircraft) for park operational and tourism purposes; other than permit-only road access via the Howards Pass Access Road in the extreme western portion of the parks. The majority of air access is facilitated by aircraft charter company outfitters. These companies must obtain Parks Canada business licenses to operate in the parks; according to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) their activities must undergo preliminary screening before these licenses can be issued. Aircraft operations run throughout the year, though decrease substantially and are primarily limited to park operational requirements during the fall, winter, and spring. Day flights, to drop off/pick up overnight visitors and park staff, or facilitate day sightseeing excursions, comprise the majority of charters, though occasional overnight stays are required for park operational purposes. This preliminary screening applies to the following aircraft charter companies, and up to five additional aircraft operators (for designated landing areas only), and includes the listed activities/locations:

Companies Licensed to Operate in Nahanni and/or Nááts'jch'oh

Air Tindi	Horizon Helicopters Ltd.	Simpson Air 1981 Ltd
Alkan Air	Kluane Airways Ltd	Solitude Excursions Ltd
Alpine Aviation	Liard Air Ltd	South Nahanni Airways
Black Sheep Aviation & Cattle Co. Ltd.	Nahanni Heli Adventures	Trans North Turbo Air Limited
Fireweed Helicopters Ltd.	Northern Rockies Air Charter Ltd.	Tundra Helicopters
Great Slave Helicopters 2018 Ltd. / Sahtu Helicopters	North-Wright Airways Ltd	

Activities at designated landing areas in Nahanni and non-designated landing areas in Nááts'jch'oh

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



Locations (see map, Appendix 1)

Non-designated aircraft landing areas in Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve		
(A)	Nááts'ihch'oh Tué (Moose Ponds)	These areas were used as aircraft access points prior to park establishment and may become designated landing sites once archeological assessments are completed. Aircraft operators are permitted annually to land at these locations.
(B)	Túoch'ee Tué (O'Grady Lake)	
(C)	Qtaa Tué Fehto (Divide Lake)	
(D)	Níonep'ene? Tué (Grizzly Bear Lake)	
(E)	Tuededéveh Tué (Clearwater Lake)	
---	Howards's Pass Access Road	Transport of authorized researchers/contractors and/or Parks Canada staff

Non-designated aircraft landing areas in Nahanni National Park Reserve		
(F)	South of Haywire Lake	Transport of researchers for purposes outside of park operational activities
(G)	Bologna Glacier	Transport of researchers for park operational activities
(H)	Southwest of Glacier Lake	Transport of researchers for purposes outside of park operational activities
(I)	Southeast of Tungsten	
---	Howards's Pass Access Road	Transport of authorized researchers/contractors and/or Parks Canada staff
---	Prairie Creek Access Road	Transport of authorized researchers/contractors and/or Parks Canada staff

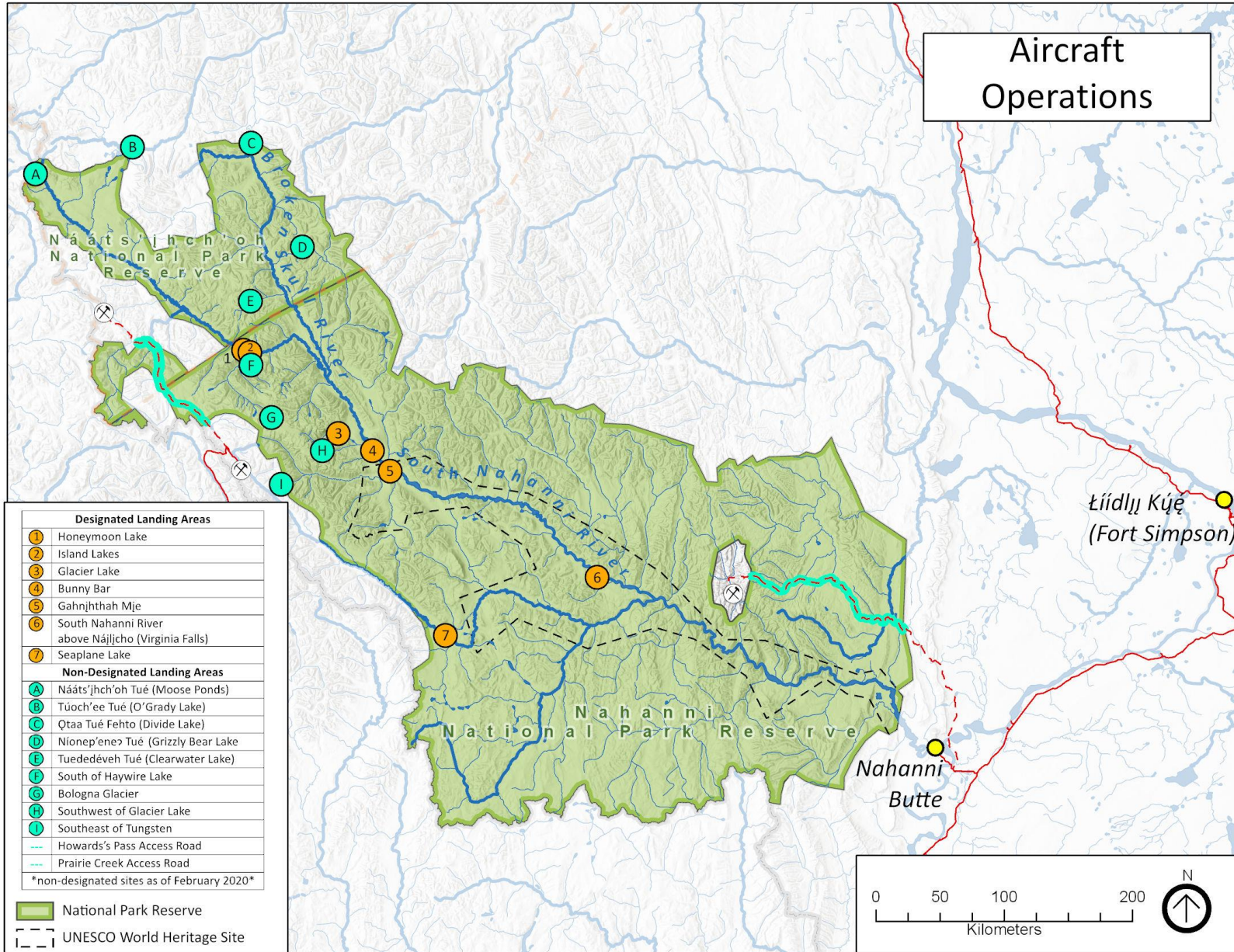
Designated aircraft landing areas in Nahanni National Park Reserve	
(1)	Honeymoon Lake
(2)	Island Lakes
(3)	Glacier Lake
(4)	Bunny Bar
(5)	Gahnjthah Mje
(6)	South Nahanni River above Nájljcho (Virginia Falls)
(7)	Seaplane Lake

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'ihch'oh National Park Reserves of Canada*" and, when applicable, the *Fuel Caching Protocol for Nahanni National Park Reserve and Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve*

Appendix 1

Note: all flight start/end locations are from designated airports/aerodromes outside of the parks.



Appendix 2

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