

## Documentation Wildlife Sanctuaries

Coverage: WSANC

Name: Boundaries of Wildlife Sanctuaries

Total of 2 Wildlife Sanctuaries:

- Mackenzie Bison
- Thelon

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Documentation National Parks / National Park Reserves

Coverage: NATPARK

Name: Boundaries of National Parks / National Park Reserves in the NWT

Total of 4 National Parks (NP) and National Park Reserves (NPR):

- Nahanni (NPR)
- Wood Buffalo (NP)
- Aulavik (NP)
- Tuk Tuk Nogait (NP)

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## ATTRIBUTE DESCRIPTIONS:

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NPNAME	name of the National Park / National Park Reserve
NPSTATUS	indicates whether polygon is a National Park or a National Park Reserve the * following the status for Aulavik is explained above
SOURCE	Source of the digital boundaries and scale they were digitized at
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NTS250/PARKP	Data was received from the Department of Canadian Heritage, Nunavut District, Pangnirtung (Yves Bosse) Original data was digitized (in SPANS) from the National Park Act legal description of the park at 1:250,000. Data was converted to ARC/INFO format by RWED. Remote Sensing.
NTS250/PARKF	Data was received from the Department of Canadian Heritage, Fort Smith (Dave Milne - National Parks CD-ROM - SPANS format) !!!original source and scale unknown Data was converted to ARC/INFO format by RWED. Remote Sensing.
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## Documentation Migratory Bird Sanctuaries

Coverage: MBIRD

Name: Boundaries of Migratory Bird Sanctuaries in the NWT

Total of 5 Migratory Bird Sanctuaries

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Anderson River    | 4. Cape Parry     |
| 2. Banks Island No.1 | 5. Kendall Island |
| 3. Banks Island No.2 |                   |

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NTS250/RWED97 Above data was reviewed in Sept. 1997 and boundaries confirmed by CWS. Where boundaries were found to be incorrect, corrections were made.

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## Northwest Territories

Area: 1,346,106 km<sup>2</sup>

### Protected areas

2 Canadian heritage rivers	?
5 migratory bird sanctuaries	27,806 km <sup>2</sup>
1 national historic site	
4 national parks	92,854 km <sup>2</sup>
2 national park preserves	49,573 km <sup>2</sup>
1 Ramsar site	16,895 km <sup>2</sup>
1 game preserve	?
1 heritage trail park preserve	?
1 provincial historic park	0.05 km <sup>2</sup>
2 Caribou calving grounds	?
2 SMAs	?
4 territorial historic sites	
10 territorial day use parks and areas	2.3 km <sup>2</sup>
28 territorial parks	32.5 km <sup>2</sup>
2 territorial wildlife sanctuaries	?
1 travel development area	?

### Total:

**Protected areas commitment:** In August, 1996, the federal and territorial governments committed to the completion of a PAS. The PAS identifies areas representative of each ecoregion by dividing the ecoregion into smaller sections called landscape units.

**Target:** none

### Guidelines for adequate landscape unit representation:

**-Small landscape units (<100 km<sup>2</sup>)** Adequate representation may require that the entire landscape unit be protected, especially if the landscape unit is smaller than 10 km<sup>2</sup>. Adequate representation requires the protection of adjacent landscape units to preserve integrity of the smaller unit.

**-Medium landscape units (100 to 5,000 km<sup>2</sup>)** Adequate representation may be achieved by protecting representative portions of the landscape units. For the larger landscape units it may be sufficient to protect a significant portion. Medium-sized landscape units are less vulnerable to loss of habitat integrity; protection of adjacent landscapes may be required if there are significant links with these that enhance the habitat integrity of the unit.

**-Large landscape units (>5,000 km<sup>2</sup>)** Adequate representation may be achieved by protecting a portion of the landscape unit in one or more protected areas that are each larger than 1,000 km<sup>2</sup>. The protection of adjacent landscape units may be required if there are significant links with these that enhance the habitat integrity of the unit.

Lady Evelyn Falls	Territorial Park	0.05	5
Liard River Crossing	Territorial Park	0.03	5
Little Buffalo River Crossing	Territorial Park	0.33	5
McKinnon	Territorial Park	0.04	5
Nitainlaih	Territorial Park	1	5
North Arm	Territorial Park	0.05	5
Paniksak	Territorial Park	0.02	5
Prosperous Lake	Territorial Park	0.01	5
Queen Elizabeth	Territorial Park	0.4	5
Sixtieth Parallel	Territorial Park	0.16	5
Tetlit Gwinjik	Territorial Park	1.02	5
Prelude Lake	Territorial Park Campground	1	5
Reid Lake	Territorial Park Campground	0.7	5
Madeline Lake	Territorial Park Day Use Area	0.014	5
Pontoon Lake	Territorial Park Day Use Area	0.02	5
Theetoh K'yit	Territorial Wayside Park	0.001	5
Bowman Bay	Territorial Wildlife Sanctuary		
Mackenzie Bison Sanctuary	Territorial Wildlife Sanctuary		
Great Bear Lake	Travel Development Area		
Peel River Preserve	Wildlife Sanctuary		
Thelon	Wildlife Sanctuary	19000	
Hidden Lake/Cameron Falls Trail			21,908
Meliadine River			756,156
Silvia Grinnell			

McKenzie Bison 0.6 km<sup>2</sup>

<b>name</b>	<b>type</b>	<b>square kmIUCN</b>	
Arctic Red River	Canadian Heritage River System		
Nahanni River	Canadian Heritage River System		
Beverly	Caribou calving grounds		
Qamanirjuaq	Caribou calving grounds		
Little Buffalo River Falls	Day Use Area	0.34	5
NWT-Yukon Border	Day Use Area	0.01	5
Yellowknife River	Day Use Area	0.02	5
Kakisa River	Day Use Park	0.14	5
Norah Willis Michener	Game Preserve		
Canol	Heritage Trail Park Preserve		
Fort Smith Mission	Historic Park	0.05	3
Anderson River Delta	Migratory Bird Sanctuary	1083	
Banks Island #1	Migratory Bird Sanctuary	20518	
Banks Island #2	Migratory Bird Sanctuary	142	
Cape Parry	Migratory Bird Sanctuary	3	
Kendall Island	Migratory Bird Sanctuary	6060	
Kitigaryuit	National Historic Site		
Aulavik	National Park	12000	
Auyuittuq	National Park	19,707	
Tuktuk Nogait	National Park	16340	
Ellesmere Island	National Park Reserve	37,775	
Nahanni	National Park Reserve/World Heritag	4766	
Wood Buffalo	National Park/World Heritage site	44807	
McNallie Creek	Picnic Area	0.07	5
Whooping Crane Summer Range	Ramsar site	16895	
Dempster Highway Corridor	SMA		
Gordon Lake	SMA		
Katannalik	Territorial Natural Environment Park		
Blackstone	Territorial Park	14.3	5
Chuck	Territorial Park		
Fred Henne/Long Lake	Territorial Park	0.2	5
Sambaa Deh Falls	Territorial Park	5.7	5
Twin Falls Gorge	Territorial Park	0.11	5
Old Fort Franklin	Territorial Historic Site		
Old Fort Providence	Territorial Historic Site		
Old Fort Rae	Territorial Historic Site		
Our Lady of Good Hope	Territorial Historic Site		
Hidden Lake	Territorial Natural Environment Park		
Cameron River Crossing	Territorial Park	0.51	5
Chan Lake	Territorial Park	0.02	5
Dory Point	Territorial Park	0.04	5
Fort Providence	Territorial Park	0.1	5
Fort Simpson	Territorial Park	0.2	5
Gwich'in	Territorial Park	0.1	
Happy Valley	Territorial Park	0.03	5
Hay River-Enterprise Corridor	Territorial Park	0.11	5
Hidden Lake/Powder Point	Territorial Park	7.56	5
Jak	Territorial Park	0.5	5

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**From:** Deb\_Archibald@gov.nt.ca  
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**To:** Anna.Fonseca@gov.yk.ca  
**Subject:** RE: Northerly extension of Nahanni Park

Anna - there are two different versions of this. Parks Canada has one version and they have selected three discrete areas. One (i.e., the Nahanni Karst) is just to the east of the Prairie Creek deposit and to the north of the Park and contiguous with the Park as it is now. The second (i.e., the Thogotsho Plateau) is contiguous with the park boundary but South of the park and immediately south of the Nahanni Karst area. The third (i.e., the Ragged Range) area is centred along the Nahanni River and is contiguous with the northwest boundary of the park. I have attached a word perfect image of this area.

The second version of the expansion of the Nahanni Park is that of the Deh Cho First Nations (DCFN). The DCFN is composed of about 14 smaller aboriginal bands. The DCFN wants to expand the park to the entire Nahanni watershed, some 30000km<sup>2</sup>. They have publicly, in a newspaper, indicated they were withdrawing these lands from development. However, because they Deh Cho land claim is not yet settled, the land is really Crown and this is not there decision to make. On the one hand, the DCFN will say they don't want any development in the Deh Cho. On the other hand, the Nahanni Butte band has said they want development, they want the Prairie Creek mine to go into production. So, who knows?? I have a map I could fax to you which shows the area the DCFN want to expand the Nahanni Park to. I would need your fax number. This area does not extend beyond the boudnary of NWT-Yukon (i.e., into the Yukon). I hope this answers this question and I hope I haven't confused you. If you need anymore information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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**To:** Deb Archibald /YK /RWED  
**Cc:** Anna.Fonseca /unix  
**Subject:** Northerly extension of Nahanni Park

Hello, Deb.

Would you have any information on the proposed extension of the Nahanni National Park? I am interested in the area (km<sup>2</sup>) proposed for extension, what stage the proposal is in, is it entirely in Selwyn Mountains ecoregion, and how close is it to the Yukon border.

Thanks,

AF

## Parks Canada responds

The impression may have been left by your November 27 article, "Miner opposes environmental zealots," that Parks Canada is interested in expanding Nahanni National Park Reserve into the Howard's Pass area.

I would like to correct this by saying that Parks Canada interest in expanding Nahanni National Park is limited to three specific areas: the Ragged Range, the Tlogotsho Plateau and the Nahanni Karstland.

None of these areas include Howard's Pass. This interest has been expressed publicly since 1987.

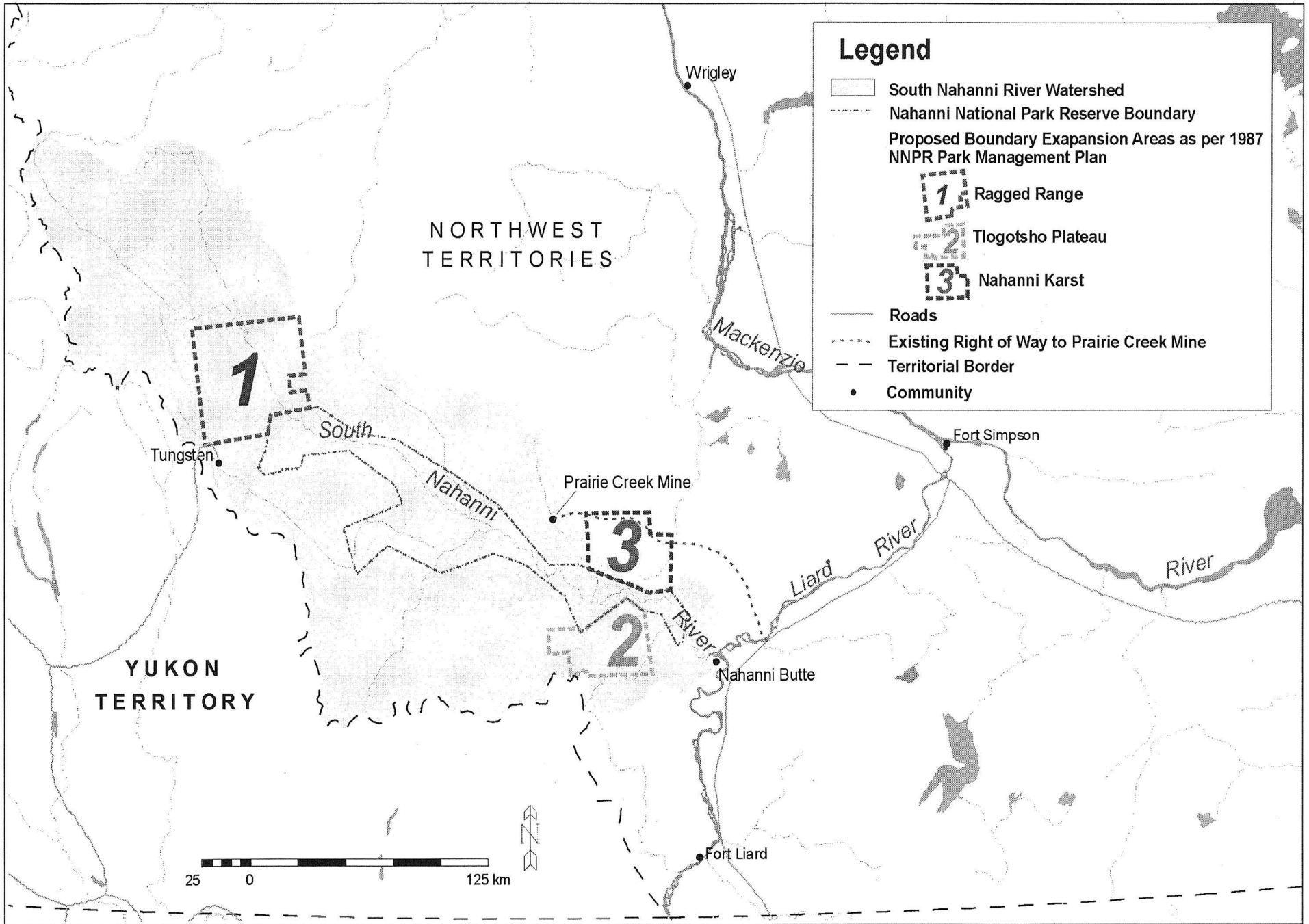
These plans and our intention to seek boundary modifications to protect ecological integrity have been included in public hearings, workshops and in our manage-

ment plans which are tabled in Parliament as a matter of public record.

Recently, the desire to protect the entire watershed has been expressed by Deh Cho First Nations through the Deh Cho Process, with support from the environmental community.

Such an area could meet many of the tests of ecological integrity and thus be given consideration by Parks Canada but, again, it should be emphasized that Howard's Pass is not in the watershed.

Chuck Blyth, superintendent of Nahanni National Park Reserve, Fort Simpson, NWT





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Anna - here you go. Is this something we should get together and chat about at the Roundup?

Cheers  
Deb

**Check out our new web-site for Fort Liard at [www.liardresources.nt.ca](http://www.liardresources.nt.ca)**

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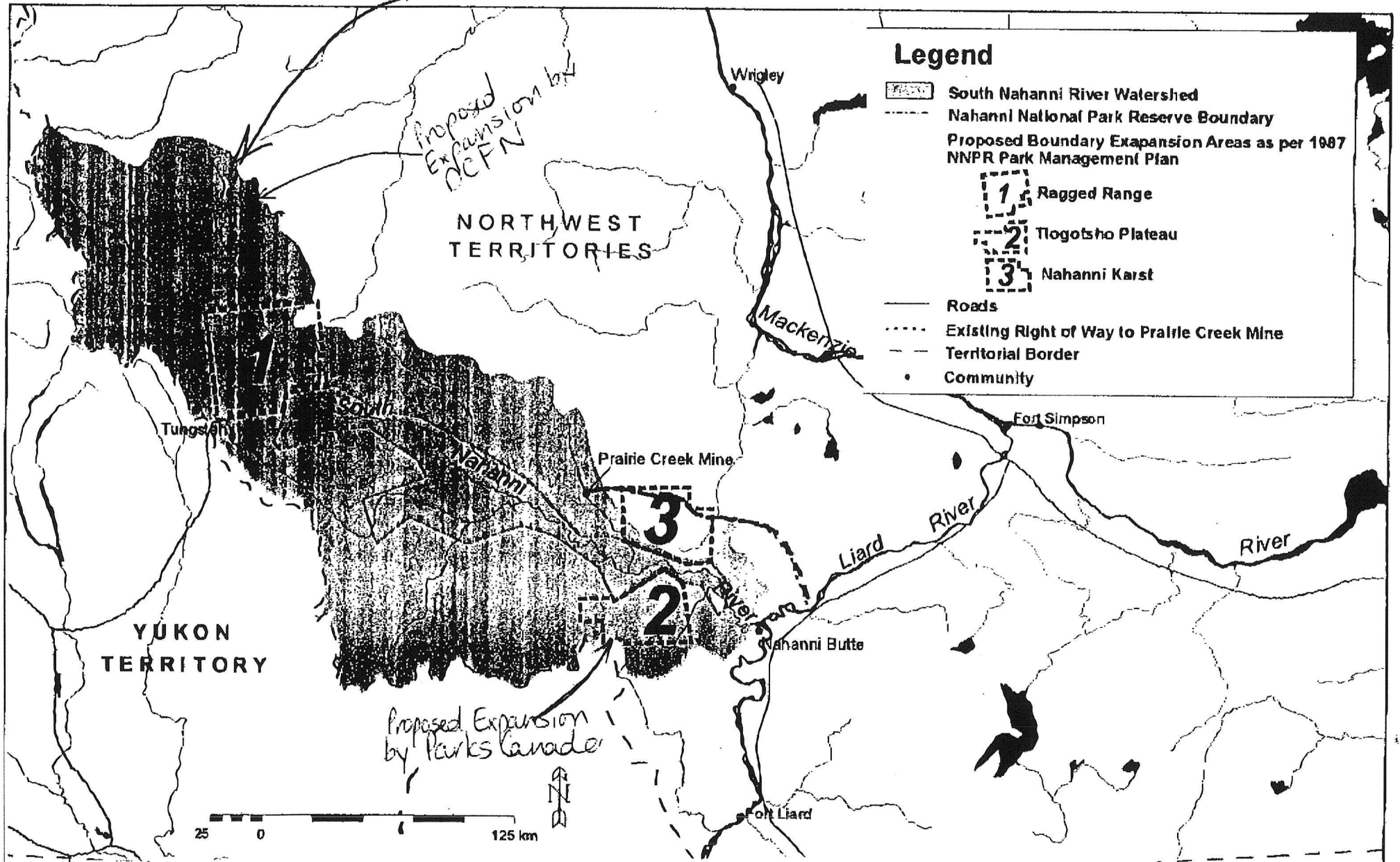
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**NAHANNI NATIONAL PARK RESERVE**  
**Proposed Boundary Expansion Areas from 1987 Park Management Plan**

\* Annex - Dark Shaded Area is Area proposed by DCFN



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## **Tuktut Nogait National Park/Darnley Bay Anomaly**

- Full MERA process for park boundary establishment completed in June, 1994. Senior MERA decided it would recommend a three-year interim land withdrawal to the Minister of DIAND.
- Inuit bought in at that time to protect caribou calving grounds. DIAND receives letters of support from communities for interim land withdrawal.
- Senior MERA approves final boundary in December, 1994 and recommends a three-year land withdrawal.
- Interim land withdrawal put in place in April, 1995.
- Tuktut Nogait Agreement signed in June, 1996 by Canada (Heritage Canada), GNWT and four Inuvialuit signatories. Under agreement any party may request review but all signatories must agree for review to proceed.
- Large gravity anomaly outlined in Darnley Bay, a portion of which lies within park. Anomaly considered in MERA assessment.
- Subsequent geophysical work has lead to comparisons of potential to Voisey's Bay. Option taken by Falconbridge.
- Inuit rethink position and ask for review under Tuktut Nogait Agreement. They are backed by GNWT but Parks Canada refuses so no review takes place.
- Inuit feel betrayed and argue process goes against spirit of full consultation.
- In a September 25, 1998 letter, local Inuit associations request GSC to reevaluate anomaly. GSC responds indicating that they would be pleased to do so should the parties to the MERA Terms of Reference agree.
- In a later letter, the GSC indicated that the MERA Working Group had concluded that it would not be either appropriate or possible to revisit the resource assessment.
- In reality, the MERA working group does not make decisions. They analysed the technical information on mineral potential, concluded that their original evaluation and rating would not change in light of the new data and referred the question to Senior MERA.
- Bill C-38 to amend the National Parks Act to formalize Tuktut Nogait National Park was passed in Parliament and proceeded to a Senate Committee for review.

- The Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC) lobbies Senate with backing of GNWT to adjust boundary to exclude anomaly.
- Nellie Cournoyea, CEO of Inuvialuit Regional Corporation writes to Senior MERA on October 16, 1998 requesting a review.
- Senior MERA, at it's October 27, 1998 meeting decided that the issue could not be revisited from a MERA perspective as the process was done properly in full consultation. Jim Moore, responded to Ms. Cournoyea indicating this.
- Senate rejects Inuit appeal on December 1, 1998. Bill C-38 receives Royal Assent on December 10, 1998. Rumours that IRC will bring about legal action.
- Second letter has arrived from Nellie Cournoyea asking if Senior MERA will re-evaluate the Darnley Bay anomaly.

### **Other Considerations**

Canadian government has long argued that Canadian caribou protection measures should be consistent with its position on ANWR in Alaska where Canada's argues that no resource development should be carried out in this wildlife refuge because it is the calving ground of the Porcupine caribou herd which migrates across to the Yukon.

Inuvialuit have just acquired a 70% interest in Darnley Bay Resources, the company holding the ground on which the geophysical anomaly is located.

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**Subject:** RE: NWT protected Areas

Hi Anna.

Here are some answers to your questions. Please look below to your questions.

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**To:** Heidi Heder /YK /RWED  
**Cc:** 'anna.fonesca@gov.yk.ca'  
**Subject:** NWT protected Areas

Heidi - could you answer Anna's questions?? I am sure you must have something available with respect to a brief overview and you can probably answer the remainder of the questions much better than I can.

Thanks, Deb

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Hello, Deb.

I am compiling information on the existing protected areas across Canada.

- Could you give me a brief overview of what is going on in the NWT Protected Areas Strategy review?

The NWT PAS has a different approach to establishing protected areas compared to other jurisdictions. Aboriginal communities identify and advance candidate protected areas through the PAS as opposed to government agencies. They partner with applicable government agencies who have legislation to protect the area. The NWT PAS is an eight step process.

There are 2 goals to the NWT PAS: 1)to protect important cultural and natural areas; and 2)to protect core representative areas within ecoregion.

There are few sites currently being advanced but are in the early stages of the PAS. An interim landwithdrawal was completed for Sahyoue/Edacho which is two peninsulas located on Great Bear Lake. This area will become a national historic park.

The second most advanced candidate protected area is Edehzhie which consists of Horn Plateau, Willowlake River, and Mills Lake. The Deh Cho First Nations are looking to partner with the Canadian Wildlife Service to create a national wildlife area.

Then we have several protected area projects in the earlier stages of the PAS.

- Have any protected areas been created through the strategy approved in 1998?
- Officially, no. Please consider the above response.
- Would you have a list of existing protected areas and their sizes (in hectares, km<sup>2</sup>, or acres)? If not, who should I ask? All I could get from the NWT Territorial Parks Service was a list of about 20 campgrounds and small parks.
- I will forward this info to you once I receive it from our PAS GIS person.
- Is there a target for percentage of the landbase or of each landscape unit to be protected, such as the Brundtland 12% figure?
- No.
- Has NWT Government committed to protect landscape units rather than ecoregions, or is that still a matter of discussion?
- Ecoregions are made up of landscape units. Any area protected in an ecoregion will automatically protect landscape units.

Thanks,

Heidi