



Parks Canada Preliminary Screening under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:

- New
- Amended
- Requires a permit, licence or authorization under the *Preliminary Screening Requirement Regulations* (issuance of a Business Permit pursuant to the *National Parks of Canada Business Regulations* s 4.1)
- Does not require permit, licence or authorization and is proposed by PCA

1. DEVELOPMENT TITLE & LOCATION

Familiarity for Tourism Media (FAM) Film and Photography Business Licences in Nahanni and Nááts'j'ch'oh National Park Reserves

2. PROPONENT INFORMATION

See "Companies" in Section 5 of this screening.

3. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT DATES

Planned commencement: 2018-04-01
Planned completion: 2019-03-31

4. INTERNAL FILE #

NAH2018-003

5. DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION

Commercial film and photography companies access Nahanni National Park Reserve (Nahanni) and Nááts'j'ch'oh National Park Reserve (Nááts'j'ch'oh) for the day trips offered by commercial aircraft charter companies, by accompanying a commercially guided trip, or by undertaking a private, non-commercially guided, river trip. The objective of these trips, called Familiarity for Tourism Media (FAM) film and photography trips, is to obtain photos and film footage to showcase the parks to the general public via magazine, web, or newspaper articles, or for



television audiences, for example. Companies undertaking FAM trips must obtain Parks Canada business licences to operate in the parks; according to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) their activities must undergo preliminary screening before these licences can be issued.

Companies

This preliminary screening applies to all film and photography companies applying to obtain a FAM business licence who will be:

1. accessing the parks via licensed aircraft charter or commercial outfitting companies (who must undergo preliminary screenings to obtain their business licences), or
2. accessing the parks via private (i.e.: non-commercially guided) river trips on standard river routes* described in the *Outfitter Guided Trips in Nahanni and Nááts'j'ch'oh National Park Reserves* (NAH2018-001) class preliminary screening (*other FAM trip proposals will require a separate preliminary screening)

Activities

- Day flight seeing experiences (aerial only);
- Day flight seeing experiences with landings at Nailicho and/or Glacier Lake in Nahanni, and Moose Ponds, Backbone Lake, O'Grady Lake, and Divide Lake in Nááts'j'ch'oh;
- Participation in a standard package tour (i.e.: no custom trips) with a commercial outfitter; and
- Private river trips on standard river routes

Locations

See all locations identified in the *Outfitter Guided Trips in Nahanni and Nááts'j'ch'oh National Park Reserves* (NAH2018-001) and the *Aircraft Charter Company Operations in Nahanni and Nááts'j'ch'oh National Park Reserves* (NAH2018-002) class preliminary screenings.

6. VALUED COMPONENTS

See all valued components identified in the *Outfitter Guided Trips in Nahanni and Nááts'j'ch'oh National Park Reserves* (NAH2018-001) and the *Aircraft Charter Company Operations in Nahanni and Nááts'j'ch'oh National Park Reserves* (NAH2018-002) class preliminary screenings.

7. EFFECTS ANALYSIS

- See "*Parks Canada Best Management Practice (BMP) for Commercially Guided Eco-tourism Activities in Nahanni and Nááts'j'ch'oh National Park Reserves of Canada*" (Appendix 1)



- See "*Parks Canada Best Management Practice (BMP) for Aircraft Operations and Landings in Nahanni and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserves of Canada*" (Appendix 2).

8. MITIGATION MEASURES

FAM film and photography business licence recipients will adhere to all mitigations in the following BMPs, as communicated by their guides and/or pilots:

- *Parks Canada Best Management Practice (BMP) for Commercially Guided Eco-tourism Activities in Nahanni and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserves of Canada* (Appendix 1)
- *Parks Canada Best Management Practice (BMP) for Aircraft Operations and Landings in Nahanni and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserves of Canada* (Appendix 2) and, when applicable, the *Fuel Caching Protocol for Nahanni National Park Reserve and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserve*.

9. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Surveillance
- Follow-up monitoring, general
- Follow-up monitoring, required by legislation or policy (indicate basis of requirement e.g. required by the *Species at Risk Act*)
- SARA Notification

10. SIGNIFICANCE OF RESIDUAL ADVERSE EFFECTS

Given the limited and short-term magnitude of effects, the location in predominantly pre-impacted areas, and the application of mitigation measures the development is not expected to cause residual adverse effects to natural/cultural resources or visitor experience.

11. EXPERTS CONSULTED

See all experts identified in the *Outfitter Guided Trips in Nahanni and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserves* (NAH2018-001) and the *Aircraft Charter Company Operations in Nahanni and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserves* (NAH2018-002) class preliminary screenings.



11.1 References

See references in the *Outfitter Guided Trips in Nahanni and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserves* (NAH2018-001) and the *Aircraft Charter Company Operations in Nahanni and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserves* (NAH2018-002) class preliminary screenings.

12. DECISION

Taking into account the analysis and implementation of mitigation measures outlined in the analysis, the development:

- Might have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and the proposal should be referred to the *Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board* for environmental assessment.
- ✓ Does not have a likelihood of causing significant adverse impact on the environment.
- Might be a cause for public concern, and the proposal should be referred to the *Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board* for environmental assessment.
- ✓ Does not have a likelihood of causing public concern.

13. APPROVAL

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APPENDIX 1: *Parks Canada Best Management Practice (BMP) for Aircraft Operations and Landings in Nahanni and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserves of Canada*

Note: see attachment in accompanying email

APPENDIX 2: *Parks Canada Best Management Practice (BMP) for Ecotourism Activities in Nahanni and Nááts'jch'oh National Park Reserves of Canada*

Note: see attachment in accompanying email