

Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Preliminary Screening Comments for Establishment of the Ts'udé Niljné Tuyeta Territorial Protected Area

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<p>Kris Brekke Executive Director Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – Northwest Territories Chapter (CPAWS – NWT Chapter)</p>	<p>Thank-you for the opportunity to comment, we congratulate the K'asho Got'ine Dene and Metis of Fort Good Hope for advancing their candidate protected area proposal toward establishment. We are pleased that Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta will continue to exist as an important cultural and ecological area which supports food security, hunting, fishing, trapping and other traditional activities. Diverse habitat and vast wetlands will continue to provide for a high level of boreal biodiversity and several species at risk. Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta is also an important natural solution to our changing climate.</p> <p>CPAWS-NWT participated on the steering committee for the NWT Protected Areas Strategy (PAS) during the length of time that Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta was being considered as a candidate protected area. We are familiar with the thorough consideration of values that are captured in cultural, ecological, socio-economic and non-renewable resource assessments required of the PAS. These assessments were used to inform the recommended Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta boundary which is ready for establishment through the new NWT Protected Areas Act.</p>	<p>We do not have any significant concerns and do not see any scenario where this proposal will have any significant adverse impacts to the environment.</p>	<p>The submission from CPAWS – NWT Chapter supports the establishment of the Ts'udé Niljné Tuyeta Territorial Protected Area. The submission does not indicate that establishment of the Ts'udé Niljné Tuyeta Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern.</p>
<p>Tavis Molnar Arctic Red River Outfitters Ltd. [Submitted</p>	<p>I just wanted to touch base with you regarding the Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta protected area, as I understand that it is intended to be established by this September. I attended the consultation meetings in Fort Good Hope</p>		<p>The submission from Arctic Red River Outfitters Ltd. does not indicate that establishment of the Ts'udé Niljné Tuyeta Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a</p>

¹ [COMMENTS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES \(ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT\) PRELIMINARY SCREENING NOTIFICATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TS'UDE NILINE TU'EYETA TERRITORIAL PROTECTED AREA](http://reviewboard.ca/sites/default/files/ps/tueyeta_preliminary_screening_responses.pdf) (http://reviewboard.ca/sites/default/files/ps/tueyeta_preliminary_screening_responses.pdf)

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after due date]	<p>back in 2012 on behalf of the Association of Mackenzie Mountain Outfitters, and during the meetings I was assured that outfitting activities would continue to be permitted in the protected area, if it was established, as the main function of the protected area would be to control larger scale development, and prevent disturbance caused by these activities.</p> <p>I note that in the Preliminary Screening Notification of this spring, there is no mention made regarding outfitting under the section dealing with permitted activities. It does say that current Tourism Operator Licenses will continue to be valid in the protected area during their current term, but that renewals will be considered.</p> <p>I just wanted to confirm that our licensed outfitting activities will continue to be permitted within the boundaries of the protected area?</p>		<p>cause of public concern.</p> <p>The submission raises a specific question about the impact on an outfitting licence. The GNWT provided a response directly to the reviewer on July 24, 2019. The response clarified that existing outfitting licences, such as the one held by Arctic Red River Outfitters Ltd., are issued under the Wildlife Business Regulations, and will not be affected by the establishment of Ts'udé Niljné Tuyeta as a protected area under the Northwest Territories Protected Areas Act.</p>
Lorraine Seale Director, Securities and Project Assessment Department of Lands Government of the Northwest Territories	<p>The Department has reviewed the development proposal with respect to its responsibilities under legislation, the Department's Establishment Policy, and the preliminary screening requirements of the <i>Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act</i>.</p> <p>Departmental reviewers included Land Administration; Policy, Legislation and Communications; Land Use and Sustainability; and Securities and Project Assessment.</p>	The Department contributed to developing the proposal and has no comments or recommendations at this time.	The submission from the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Lands does not indicate that establishment of the Ts'udé Niljné Tuyeta Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern.

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<p>Chris Hewitt Manager, Community Planning Community Governance Municipal & Community Affairs Government of the Northwest Territories</p>	<p>As the protected area is outside of the jurisdiction of the municipal government, primarily on the west side of the Mackenzie River.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is recognized that the establishment of this protected area would bring positive socio-economic impacts to the community. • We can advise and encourage future engagement associated with implementation phases with the Kasho Got’ine Charter Community on the integration of any infrastructure (page 5) and land uses within the community boundary to be aligned with the community land use planning and zoning bylaw documents of the municipality. • When the community is in a position to review these planning documents it may be an opportunity to assess these existing land use and land requirements and community infrastructure needs appropriately for the administration activities of the area. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ traditional trails; ○ patrol and research, and monitoring cabins; ○ administration offices; ○ operational storage; ○ staging facilities; ○ equipment necessary to support management and operations; ○ a visitor and educational facility 	<p>Our review has not identified any concerns or significant adverse environmental impacts with the establishment of the territorial protected area.</p>	<p>The submission from the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Municipal and Community Affairs does not indicate that establishment of the Ts’udé Niljné Tuyeta Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern.</p>

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Joel Hibbard Guide/Outfitter Nahanni Wilderness Adventures Ltd.	We would like to register our support for the creation of the Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta Territorial Protected Area.	We believe it will provide opportunities for sustainable business development, recognition of traditional Dene cultural activities and the protection of an important ecological area.	The submission from Nahanni Wilderness Adventures Ltd. supports the establishment of the Ts'udé Niljné Tuyeta Territorial Protected Area. The submission does not indicate that establishment of the Ts'udé Niljné Tuyeta Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment or be a cause of public concern.