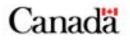


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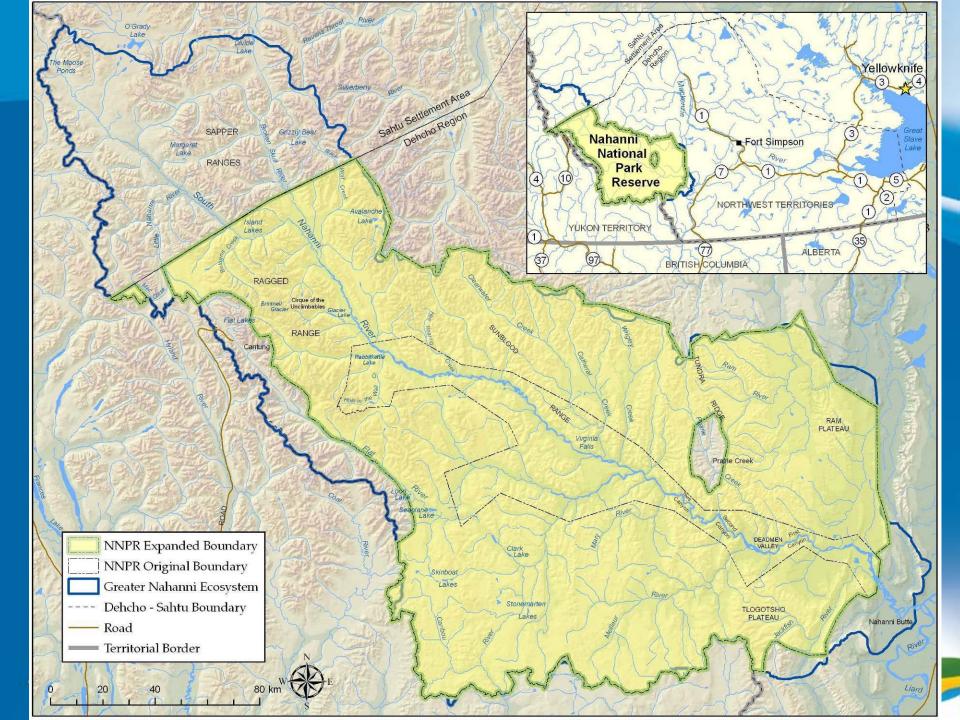




### Outline

- Introduction to Nahanni National Park Reserve of Canada
- Analysis of the potential impacts of the winter access road
- Analysis of the potential impacts of the mine site





## Dehcho First Nations Traditional Territory

- Consensus Team
- Interim Park Management Arrangement





#### **Other Designations**

Canadian Heritage RiverWorld Heritage Site



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### **Road Issues**

- Spills
- Road construction
- Karst
- Vegetation
- Wildlife
- Conclusions

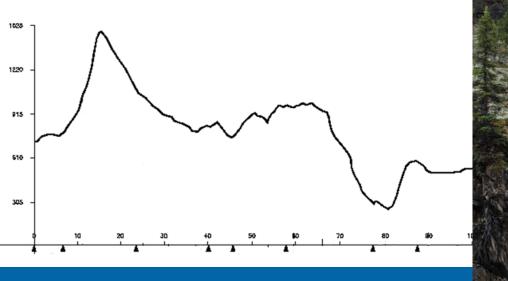






### Spills

#### High probability







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## Spills

Mitigation proposed by Proponent:

- Barriers, speed limits, run away lanes etc.
- Spill response plan
- What we don't know:
- Where mitigations will be applied
- Whether some of the mitigations will be applied

## Recommendation for learning and monitoring





### **Road Construction Unknowns**

- Water use
- Aggregate use
- Permafrost, stability, avalanches
- Stream crossings





#### Karst

- Route alteration proposed to minimize impacts
- More detailed investigations will be needed to confirm this is the best route
- Recommendation for monitoring



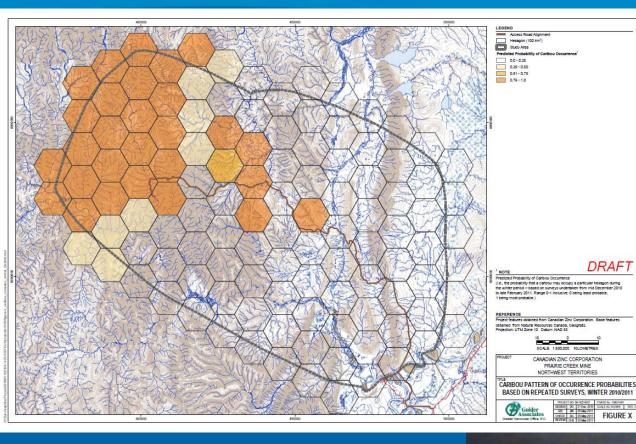


#### Vegetation

- Invasive species, rare plants
- Proponent conducted surveys
- Recommend monitoring and incorporation of results into reclamation planning



#### Wildlife



Limited data
Additional
surveys winter
2010/2011



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#### Wildlife

- Proponent provided draft Wildlife Management Plan
- Some mitigations for wildlife along the road are missing, particularly with respect to locations
- Recommend traffic management procedures and monitoring





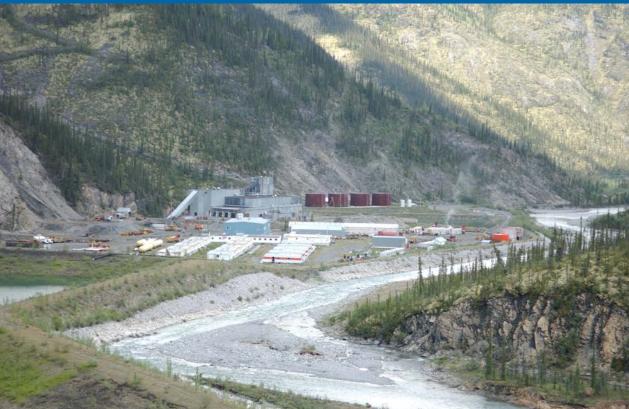
#### **Road Conclusions**

- Road designed at a conceptual level
- Project design and details of mitigations unknown for many aspects
- Unknowns create uncertainty about the potential impacts.



#### Mine site

# During mine operationPost-closure





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#### Mine operations

Ecological integrity of Prairie Creek Aquatic Ecosystem

- In the park, physical processes that influence aquatic ecosystems will operate within the natural range of variation.
- Aquatic invertebrate and algal communities inside the park are characteristic of the natural region.





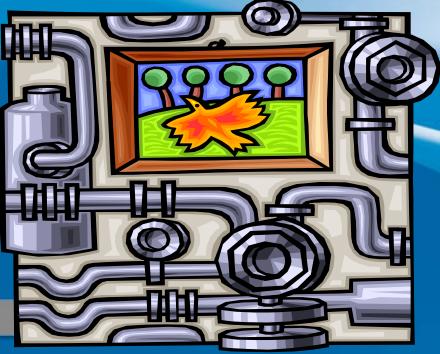


### Mine operations

#### Mine Operations



#### Effluent Quality Criteria/Water licence limits



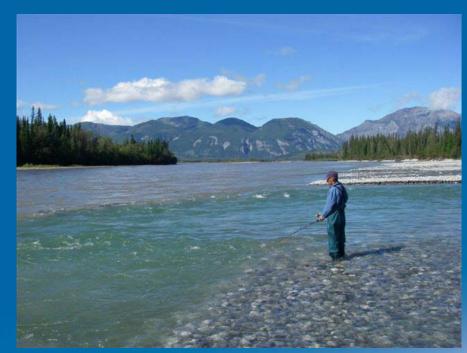
#### Prairie Creek Site Specific Water Quality Objectives



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#### Mine operations

Recommendation to include monitoring site within the park and a decision response system with thresholds





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#### Post closure

No plans for tailings that may not fit below ground create uncertainties about potential impacts on the Prairie Creek Aquatic Ecosystem.





#### Mine Site Conclusions

The existing information does not provide confidence that the proposed approach will mitigate any potentially significant impacts to Prairie Creek's aquatic ecosystem.









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