



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

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT DATE(S): April 1 - Dec 31 2018

DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION:

Many visitors accessing 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 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. 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 includes the listed activities/locations:

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

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

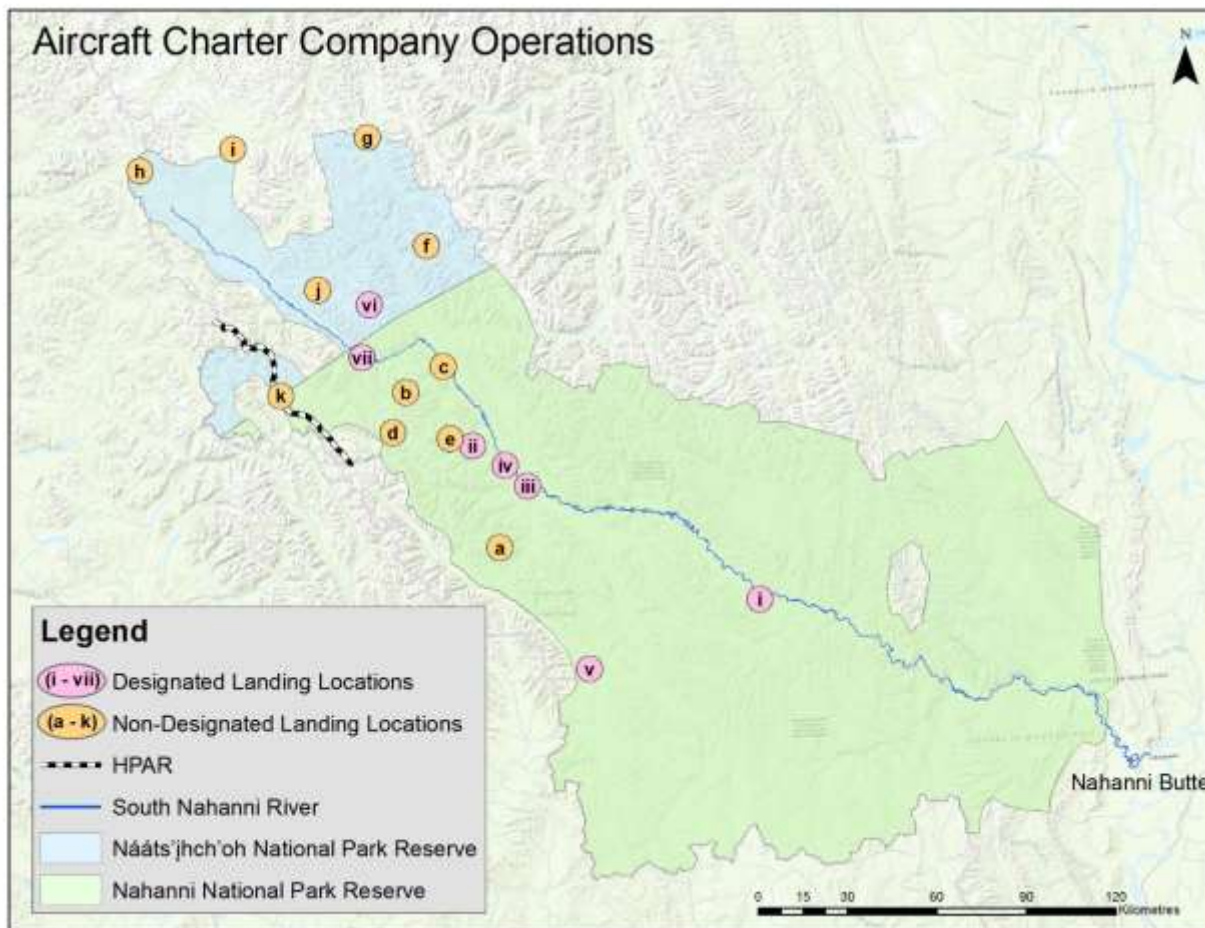
Activities

- 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

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



Air Based Activity Designated Landing Locations

- (i) South Nahanni River above Nájljcho (Virginia Falls): 61°36'25"N, 125°45'12"W
- (ii) Glacier Lake: 62°05'00"N, 127°34'00"W
- (iii) Gahnjthah Mje: 61°05'00"N, 127°12'18"W
- (iv) Bunny Bar: 62°01'35"N, 127°19'35"W
- (v) Seaplane Lake: 61°24'50"N, 126°49'00"W
- (vi) Island Lakes: 62°30'50"N, 128°11'00"W
- (vii) Honeymoon Lake: 62°21'15"N, 128°13'50"W

Air Based Activity Non-Designated Landing Locations Permitted Annually

Nahanni

- (a) Hole in the Wall Lake: 61°46'31.97"N, 127°22'15.73"W



- (b) Vampires Lake: 62°14'38.36"N, 127°57'35.53"W
- (c) South Nahanni River at Vampires Creek : 62°19'11.21"N, 127°42'30"W
- (d) Bologna Glacier: 62 07.663 N, 128.01.729 W
- (e) Fairy Meadows: 62°06'02"N 127°39'42"W

Nááts'jch'oh

- (f) Níonep'eneᑭ Tué (Backbone Lake /Grizzly Bear Lake): 62° 40' 59.3"N, 127° 49' 12.25"W
- (g) Qtaa Tué Fehto (Divide Lake): 63° 1' 16.86"N, 128° 10' 47.64"W
- (h) Nááts'jch'oh Tué (Moose Ponds): 62° 55' 6.68"N, 129.682385"W
- (i) Túoch'ee Tué (O'Grady Lake): 62° 59' 10.57"N, 129° 40' 56.59"W
- (j) Tuededéveh Tué (Clearwater Lake): 62° 34' 21"N, 128° 31' 34.79"W

Both parks

- (k) Howards Pass Access Road

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