



**DEVELOPMENT TITLE:** *Alkan Air Charter Operations in Nahanni National Park Reserve*

**PROPONENT:**

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**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT DATES:** July 1 - Dec 31 2018

**DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION:**

Nahanni National Park Reserve is 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 northwestern portion of the park. The majority of air access is facilitated by aircraft charter company outfitters such as Alkan Air. These companies must obtain a Parks Canada business licence to operate in the park; 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.

**Activities**

- Day flight seeing experiences
- Commercial transport of visitors and freight for recreational activities such as hiking, mountain climbing, mountaineering, and river trips
- Nahanni NPR operational activities
- Transport of researchers for purposes outside of park operational activities

**Planes Used by Alkan Air**

- de Havilland Beaver
- Cessna Caravan 208
- de Havilland Single Otter (x2)



**Locations** (this map pertains to both Nahanni and Nááts'j'ch'oh national park reserves; however this preliminary screening encompasses only Nahanni)

Note: all flights - start/end location is Whitehorse



#### **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



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