

Preliminary Screening Comments for Establishment of the Territorial Protected Area of Thaidene Nënë¹

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Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – NWT Chapter	03/06/2019	Ecological values Cultural values Economic benefits	CPAWS-NWT Chapter appreciates the thorough information provided in the Description of Proposal document. We are confident that the Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area will be successful to provide for ecosystems and biodiversity, cultural continuity, conservation compatible economic activity and allow for residents to enjoy a wide spectrum of recreational uses.	We support that the establishment and regulation process is completed by August 2019.	The submission from CPAWS – NWT Chapter supports establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area. The submission does not indicate that establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment. The submission does not indicate there might be a cause of public concern with establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area.
Kristen Olesen Hoarfrost River, NT PO Box 607 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N5 kbgo58@gmail.com	03/06/2019	Operations Infrastructure Request to meet	Thaidene Nënë has the potential to be an important resource in the future of the Northwest Territories. Is there a detailed map of the protected area’s boundary on McLeod Bay? Concerned that the screening does not acknowledge the Olesen family presence as year-round residents on titled land. What can full-time residents expect in terms of fees and visitor entry requirements? Will the family’s personal visitors and family members need to register or pay fees to come out to their property through the park? Where will infrastructure to operate Thaidene Nënë be located, including where patrol cabins will be, and who gets to use them? Who are the organizations that will be managing operations and registrations and where will their office be? Regarding the establishment process being completed by August 2019, will there be opportunity for more conversations to address these issues?	I support the idea of establishing a territorial protected area. I would like an opportunity to address issues before establishment.	The submission from Kristen Olesen supports establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area, asks a couple of questions, and identifies specific aspects of Protected Area operations for which procedures cannot be determined until the Protected Area Management Board is fully functional, which will not occur until after the Protected Area is established. The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Environment and Natural Resources (GNWT-ENR) is confident that these aspects of Protected Areas operation can be addressed. The enabling legislation for this Protected Area requires public engagement in management planning. The submission does not indicate that establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Given that the submission focuses on the family’s personal visitors and family members, the submission does not indicated there might be a cause of public concern with establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area.
Annika Olesen Hoarfrost River, NT PO Box 607 X1A2N5 780-678-7992 or 778-330-0904	03/06/2019	Engagement Access	Some of the details (and lack thereof) in the proposal are troubling. The Preliminary assessment incorrectly stated there was no titled property in the proposed protected area, only “leases”. The Olesen homestead gained title in 1982. Concerned regarding the description of the orientation and permits that visitors to the protected area will have to “acquire” yearly and/or each time they enter the area. Will friends and family coming to visit our homestead be subject to the orientation and need to “acquire” permits? Where can visitors acquire these documents and will there be fees associated with that acquisition? Concerned by the “prohibited and allowable activities” section.	I support the conservation mindset represented by the proposal. Details on activities and permits must be made transparent before the area is established. The five-year development of the management plan should involve the public. From an environmental	The submission from Annika Olesen asks a number of questions, and identifies specific aspects of Protected Area operations (i.e. whether fees will be required) for which procedures cannot be determined until the Protected Area Management Board is fully functional, which will not occur until after the Protected Area is established. GNWT-ENR is confident that these aspects of Protected Areas operation can be addressed. The enabling legislation for this Protected Area requires public engagement in management planning. The submission does not indicate that establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Given that the submission focuses on the family’s personal visitors and family members, the submission does not indicate there might be a cause of public concern with

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			<p>Paragraph four of the section states that visitors with treaty rights will not need to pay a fee for these “certain circumstances” activities, thereby implying that visitors and residents without those rights will pay.</p> <p>The proposal does not provide any details for the process for an activity such as gardening.</p> <p>Will the creation of Establishment Agreements leave space for more public involvement in the finalization of regulations, and room for residents at the table?</p>	<p>perspective, this act, and others like it, receive my support.</p> <p>Participants in development of the management plan are urged to make access as simple as possible while monitoring the environmental integrity of the area.</p>	<p>establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area.</p>
<p>Dave Olesen Hoarfrost River, Northwest Territories daveolesen@ gmail.com</p>	<p>03/06/2019</p>	<p>Engagement</p> <p>Mineral potential</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Access</p> <p>Request to meet</p>	<p>Why are the aesthetically beautiful cliffs called a key ecological feature of the area?</p> <p>A Cobalt deposit is within the boundary, and therefore the statement that areas of high mineral potential have been excluded from the territorial protected area is false.</p> <p>The screening document includes an incorrect statement. The Olesen family does not live on a leased property. We own a parcel of deeded land.</p> <p>Which “organizations” will GNWT be collaborating and partnering with, and when will the framework for this be available for public comment?</p> <p>How are licences or permits acquired, and are there fees?</p> <p>What is the meaning of “operational storage of historical and cultural information and objects for ongoing interpretation, research and monitoring”?</p> <p>I do appreciate the limited amount of consultation and input that my family and I have been invited to submit, as a part of the “general public” and also as “stakeholders.”</p>	<p>Paying fees could be a deterrent to visitors and a cumbersome administrative task.</p> <p>Remove references in further documents to the area being free of all high mineral potential.</p> <p>Name the organizations that GNWT will be partnering with in the governance structure.</p> <p>The meeting he had with the previous Minister of the Environment was productive and encouraging and he would like to resume a similarly productive dialogue soon.</p> <p>As long-term residents with knowledge of the area, they would like to be more engaged in the process than the general public.</p>	<p>The submission from Dave Olesen clarifies information provided in the Notice of Preliminary Assessment (Preliminary Screening), and identifies specific aspects of Protected Area operations (i.e. whether fees will be required) for which procedures cannot be determined until the Protected Area Management Board is fully functional, which will not occur until after the Protected Area is established. GNWT-ENR is confident that these aspects of Protected Areas operation can be addressed. The enabling legislation for this Protected Area requires public engagement in management planning. The aesthetically beautiful cliffs are also habitat to species at risk such as the peregrine falcon, and as such are ecologically significant.</p> <p>Surrounding areas with high mineral potential have been excluded from the Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area. Most, but not all, areas with average to high mineral potential were also excluded from Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area in order to balance potential future resource development with the conservation of ecologically and culturally important areas.</p> <p>The preliminary screening package included information on possible infrastructure to support the operation of the territorial protected area of Thaidene Nënë, including operational storage of historical and cultural information and objects for ongoing interpretation, research and monitoring. This could include storage or staging of any materials or displays associated with interpretation displays for the visitor center or storage of equipment used for research and monitoring occurring within the territorial protected area.</p> <p>The submission does not indicate that establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment. The submission does not indicate there might be a cause of public concern with establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area.</p>

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<p>East Arm Property Owner's Association (EAPOA)</p> <p>Justine Blanchet 403 232 9799 jblanchet@blg.com</p> <p>BLG (Borden Ladner Gervais LLP)</p>	<p>03/06/2019</p>	<p>Screening process</p> <p>Economic interests</p> <p>Reliance Adjustment</p>	<p>Concerned with the boundary, specifically near Reliance. The Association is of the opinion that the GNWT will and does have the final decision making authority regarding the National Park Reserve.</p> <p>Concerned with the screening process, that GNWT is both proponent and conducting the screening, which represents a conflict of interest.</p> <p>The proposed Park is a permanent removal of a considerable amount of land and water from economic development and is contrary to the spirit and intent of Devolution as it places limitations on the ability for northerners to prosper.</p> <p>The Association tabled the Reliance Adjustment after the boundary matrix was presented to the public in 2015, when it was indicated that site-specific adjustments would be entertained. Boundary refinement has not occurred to date.</p> <p>In July of 2018, the Chief Negotiator for GNWT committed that the Association would be given the opportunity to review the provisions in the draft Land Transfer Agreement and other draft agreements relating to the establishment of Thaidene Nene. No drafts have been received to date.</p>	<p>Adjust the boundary to (i.e. implement the Reliance Adjustment).</p> <p>Pause the Park as proposed until alternative boundaries are developed with adequate and appropriate input from all stakeholders affected.</p>	<p>The submission from East Arm Property Association identifies concerns with the process leading to establishment and seeks a boundary adjustment to the National Park Reserve, which is not the subject of this preliminary screening decision. Documents will be provided directly to the EAPOA in confidence for review, as discussed with the chief negotiator, when ready.</p> <p>The submission does not indicate that establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment. The submission focuses on lost potential economic opportunities. The submission, which taken on its own or when combined with other submissions that expressed concerns about lost potential economic opportunities, does not indicate that there might be a cause of public concern with establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area related to the natural environment, the social and cultural environment or heritage resources.</p>
<p>Renée Comeau Executive Director NWT Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>23 Mitchell Dr PO Box 1093, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N8</p> <p>PH: (867)920-9505 Cell: (867)445-7680 admin@nwtchamber.com</p>	<p>03/06/2019</p>	<p>Economic interests</p> <p>Engagement</p> <p>Boundaries</p>	<p>Partnering with Indigenous Nations in economic initiatives through both industry and conservation is the future of economic independence.</p> <p>The NWT Chamber has a number of concerns about the manner in which the process of determining the boundaries or providing options has been conducted. No final park boundaries were submitted for public review. The process to determine boundaries was outdated based on current abilities for exploration or the regulatory environment in which development would operate. Indigenous groups not immediately associated with the Park have not had their claims investigated nor taken in to account in the setting of the Park boundaries.</p> <p>Insufficient money has been invested into investigating the economic potential of the area, and insufficient attention has been paid to the reduction in economic opportunity caused by the annexation of such a large parcel of potentially productive land.</p> <p>No reference has been made to the Lockhart Hydro potential.</p> <p>GNWT has failed to honour its commitment to ensure inclusion, consultation and collaboration by its refusal to engage with non-</p>	<p>The NWT Chamber of Commerce requests that an environmental assessment be triggered so that more time, effort and transparency will be given to ensure in particular the economic well-being of residents and communities in the Mackenzie Valley.</p> <p>Keep Thaidene Nënë National Park Reserve at 7000 km² with the remaining 7000 km² set aside through various land management tools available to us.</p> <p>Include a transportation, transmission and data corridor as outlined in the new proposed Bill 38 Protected Areas Act section 35.</p>	<p>The submission from NWT Chamber of Commerce identifies concerns with the process leading to establishment and focuses on lost potential economic opportunities. The submission does not indicate that establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment. The submission focuses on lost potential economic opportunities. The submission, which taken on its own or when combined with other submissions that expressed concerns about lost potential economic opportunities, does not indicate that there might be a cause of public concern with establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area related to the natural environment, the social and cultural environment or heritage resources.</p>

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			<p>supporters. Much of the consensus for creation of the park has been with members of the public who do not live in the North.</p> <p>Alternative land access options do not appear to have been considered.</p> <p>Indigenous groups should be able to participate in any initiative that proposes to remove tens of thousands of square kilometres of the NWT from resource development and royalty generation.</p>		
<p>Hadley Archer Executive Director, Nature United Head Office 366 Adelaide Street East Suite 331 Toronto, ON M5A 3X9 natureunited.ca</p>	<p>02/06/2019</p>	<p>Ecological values Cultural values Economic benefits</p>	<p>Many conservation plans and surveys have documented the importance of conserving the region of Thaidene Nënë for water quality, species conservation including caribou, and climate change resilience.</p> <p>Securing the Territorial Protected Area will ensure LKDFN can continue to practice their way of life, including maintaining their right to hunt, fish, travel, and other cultural and spiritual activities conducted on the land.</p> <p>The Establishment Agreement process that has been used to establish Thaidene Nënë implements a true co-management and nation-to-nation relationship between LKDFN, GNWT and the federal government.</p> <p>According to the AMEC cost/benefit analysis, Thaidene Nënë is expected to have a net-benefit to local communities. Parks Canada, GNWT, and LKDFN will create approximately 8-20 jobs for the LKDFN community and Thaidene Nënë is expected to increase services, tourism, and transportation economies in Łutsël K'é, Yellowknife and Ft. Resolution.</p> <p>Nature United supports the development of Indigenous Guardian programs as a fundamental means of economic diversification connected to stewardship of Indigenous lands and protected areas</p> <p>Establishment of the Territorial Protected Area will protect this ecologically critical landscape, safeguard cultural connections to the land, uphold Indigenous rights, diversify the NWT economy and provide significant benefits to future generations, amid a changing northern and global climate.</p>	<p>We strongly support the Thaidene Nënë Conservation Initiative.</p>	<p>The submission from Nature United supports establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area. The submission does not indicate that establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment. The submission does not indicate there might be a cause of public concern with establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area.</p>
<p>Hal Logsdon NWT Floatplane Association/COPA 108</p>	<p>30/05/2019</p>	<p>Access Reliance Adjustment</p>	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter. We have already produced comments for Parks Canada that represent the full range of our concerns. Rather than reiterate these in another submission, I am attaching that document as our submission for the GNWT preliminary protected area screening.</p> <p>Not all our members believe the entire area reserved should be</p>	<p>We hope that aircraft access will be unrestricted as in Auyuituuq, Vuntut, Simirlik and Wapusk national parks.</p> <p>That Access permits be available for a reasonable</p>	<p>The submission from the NWT Floatplane Association focuses on economic concerns and identifies specific aspects of Protected Area operations for which procedures cannot be determined until the Protected Area Management Board is fully functional, which will not occur until after the Protected Area is established. GNWT-ENR is confident that these aspects of Protected Areas operation can be addressed. Berry-picking, camping,</p>

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<p>Tom Hoefer Executive Director NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines</p>	<p>03/06/2019</p>	<p>Economic interests Socio-economic impacts Mineral Resource Assessment Boundaries Corridors Financing</p>	<p>We support the development of protected areas and recognize the important role they play in representing significant examples of the Northwest Territories (NWT) natural and cultural heritage, and in particular, maintaining healthy, diverse and whole ecoregions throughout the country. However, the success of the minerals industry to provide benefits to the NWT and its residents relies on access to land for exploration and development. Therefore, when large areas of land, whether as parks, sanctuaries or other protected areas, are proposed to be removed from nonrenewable resource development, we believe it is incumbent on governments to utilize diligent, open and transparent processes in determining and evaluating the consequences of such action. It is government's responsibility to act in the public interest and to evaluate all the social and economic impacts of these decisions with a focus on opportunity costs.</p> <p>With this letter we are formally expressing our significant "public concern" over the Thaidene Nënë development process based on procedural and substantive concerns.</p> <p>The NWT is currently realizing a prolonged period of poor investor confidence and the Chamber believes that the process followed in</p>	<p>We recommend that the proposed development be referred to an environmental assessment.</p> <p>Recommend an updated MERA.</p> <p>Complete a more fulsome analysis and discussion of the socio-economic impacts of the proposed park and protected area vs no park and protected area.</p> <p>Reconsider the proposed park boundaries.</p> <p>Confirm that acceptable infrastructure and corridors will be included in the park areas.</p>	<p>The submission from NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines identifies concerns with the process leading to establishment and focuses on lost potential economic opportunities.</p> <p>Aircraft operations and commercial transport of visitors to and from and within Thaidene Nënë are among activities that will continue to be allowed once the area is established as a Territorial Protected Area.</p> <p>Access corridors are permitted within or through the Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area if there is no alternate route of comparable cost effectiveness and technical feasibility that would avoid the Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area, and the proposed development activities within the Access Corridor minimize to the extent reasonably practicable the impacts on the Ecological Integrity and Indigenous Ways of Life of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area. Access corridors would also be subject to any applicable environmental screening/assessment/impact review, and would have to be approved by the Thaidene Nënë Management Board.</p> <p>The submission does not indicate that establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the</p>

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			<p>advancing the Thaidene Nënë parks (National and Territorial) is not contributing to increasing this confidence.</p> <p>The Chamber and its members are very concerned that, as proposed, the Thaidene Nënë development has the potential to negatively affect the economic well-being of residents and communities in the entire NWT and will reduce the economic opportunities for generations to come.</p> <p>Concerned that no boundary options were shared with the public for comment and consideration, with no ability to suggest changes. There has been no public discussion of alternative land access options, combined with a smaller park area that could better balance objectives.</p> <p>Concerned that GNWT relied on the Mineral and Energy Resource Assessment Parks Canada had conducted, which was insufficiently funded and has resulted in an inadequate resource assessment. Professional geologists familiar with the region have confirmed that high mineral potential was missed or disregarded in the MERA including potentials for minerals such as cobalt and lithium.</p> <p>Concerned that 26,000 sq.km will be closed to future potential resource development and have significant negative economic effects on the NWT. We are unaware of any economic analysis or trade-off study of the economic impacts of Thaidene Nënë versus mineral development. 'Conservation economy' has been mentioned, but there is no analysis or definition of what that is, or its economic benefits. A business case conducted by the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation revealed very small economic returns through employment and capital infrastructure investments – returns that are orders of magnitude smaller than those created by potential mineral development. Effects of just one year of operations of a diamond mine would exponentially exceed multi-year benefits of the park as calculated in the Lutsel K'e study.</p> <p>Concerned that much of the consensus building in support of Thaidene Nënë has been with members of the public who do not live in the North, and who will not have to suffer any negative socio-economic consequences of either of the parks' creation.</p> <p>It is our understanding there are financing arrangements contemplated by private interests and the community of Lutsel K'e as part of, or tied to, establishment of the Thaidene Nënë Park. Concerned with the lack of transparency in these discussions.</p> <p>Concerned that the area east of the proposed Thaidene Nënë Park</p>	<p>Full public disclosure of financial arrangements, both public and private.</p>	<p>environment. The submission focuses on lost potential economic opportunities. The submission, which taken on its own or when combined with other submissions that expressed concerns about lost potential economic opportunities, does not indicate that there might be a cause of public concern with establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area related to the natural environment, the social and cultural environment or heritage resources.</p>

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Northwest Territory Métis Nation (NWTMN)	05/06/2019	<p>Economic interests</p> <p>Mineral Resource Assessment</p> <p>Land selection</p> <p>Harvesting</p> <p>Cultural values</p>	<p>What is the legal authority for GNWT to undertake a preliminary screening as the <i>Protected Areas Act</i> is not effective yet?</p> <p>The NWTMN has a right to be involved in any decisions in respect to planning and designation of the East Arm area on a Government to Government basis.</p> <p>GNWT is not providing any financial accommodation to the NWTMN for this Protected Area.</p> <p>The Protected Area will remove land from potential mineral development, which conflicts with the NWTMN's desire to support the Northern economy.</p> <p>The Protected Area will prejudice land selection negotiations for the NWTMN Land Claim Agreement.</p> <p>The NWTMN considers the Mineral and Energy Resource Assessment completed in 2013 to be incomplete as do others, including industry. The establishment of the Proposed Thaidene Nene Territorial Protected Area will have a negative impact on the resource extraction in the NWT and negatively impact the economic development opportunities and future royalties of the NWTMN.</p> <p>The proposed Thaidene Nene Territorial Protected area will prejudice NWTMN land selection as the NWTMN anticipates the status of the area will make it very difficult to extract land to</p>	<p>This screening process should be deferred until an impact and benefit agreement is concluded with the NWTMN.</p> <p>The NWTMN is requesting GNWT commission a mineral and energy resource assessment and a socio-economic assessment to inform the land use choices available to the GNWT and the NWTMN.</p> <p>The NWTMN will oppose the establishment of the proposed Thaidene Nene Territorial Protected Area until concerns are addressed by the GNWT.</p>	<p>The submission from NWTMN focuses on financial compensation and lost potential economic opportunities.</p> <p>Bill 38 (<i>Protected Areas Act</i>) was introduced in the Legislative Assembly prior to NWTMN being sent the Preliminary Screening Notification and Description of Proposal. The <i>Protected Areas Act</i> has now received assent and is in force and the amendments that have been made do not affect the Description of Proposal. The GNWT had the authority to provide NWTMN and other parties with the Preliminary Screening Notification and Description of Proposal when it did and, now that the <i>Protected Areas Act</i> has received assent and is in force, is authorized to make its preliminary screening decision following public review of the Description of Proposal.</p> <p>Section 26(2)(b) of the <i>Protected Areas Act</i> allows for removal of lands from Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area that are to become settlement or reserve lands resulting from a land selection process. As a result, NWTMN's concern regarding land selection has been addressed to the extent possible within the context of the <i>Protected Areas Act</i>. Full resolution of concerns regarding land selection can only be achieved through the land, resources and self-government agreement negotiation process.</p> <p>The submission does not indicate that establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment.</p> <p>With the exception of the concern regarding monitoring and enforcement of the <i>Protected Areas Act</i>, the <i>Wildlife Act</i> and other territorial laws within</p>

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<p>Lorraine Seale GNWT - Department of Lands</p>	<p>03/06/2019</p>	<p>Leases</p>	<p>The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), Department of Lands - Securities and Project Assessment (SPA) Division has reviewed the proposal summary for the preliminary screening of the Territorial Protected Area of Thaidene Nënë. Based on the Department of Lands' mandate and key principles, the GNWT-SPA has no comments or recommendations at this time.</p> <p>The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), Department of Lands – Land Administration (LA) Division has reviewed the proposal summary for the preliminary screening of the Territorial Protected Area of Thaidene Nënë. Based on the Department of Lands' mandate and key principles, GNWT-LA is in agreement with the statement that the existing leases in the protected area will continue under their current terms. LA is currently drafting notification letters to the lease holders in the protected area.</p>	<p>GNWT- Lands, SPA and LA Divisions, have no recommendations at this time.</p>	<p>The submission from GNWT-Lands does not indicate that establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment or might be a cause of public concern.</p>
<p>Patrick Clancy, GNWT - Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Environmental Assessment</p>	<p>04/06/2019</p>	<p>None</p>		<p>ENR has no comments or recommendations for the subject screening at this time.</p>	<p>The submission from GNWT-ENR does not indicate that establishment of Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area might have a significant adverse impact on the environment or might be a cause of public concern.</p>