

# NAHANNI

NATIONAL PARK RESERVE OF CANADA

# NAH?A DEHÉ

*Park Expansion  
Memo of Understanding*



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE PARKS CANADA AGENCY**  
**AS REPRESENTED BY**  
**THE MINISTER OF CANADIAN HERITAGE**  
**AND**  
**DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS**  
**AS REPRESENTED BY**  
**DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS GRAND CHIEF**  
**RESPECTING THE EXPANSION OF**  
**NAHANNI NATIONAL PARK RESERVE OF CANADA**

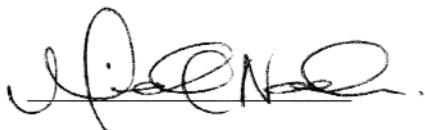
**WHEREAS** Canada, as represented by Parks Canada, and Deh Cho First Nations, wish to achieve sustainable boundaries for the ecological integrity of Nahanni National Park Reserve of Canada and to work co-operatively to achieve compatible land use within the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem within the Deh Cho territory as described on attached Map A; and

**WHEREAS** Since 1987, management plans for Nahanni National Park Reserve of Canada have identified the need to improve the park's boundary to enhance representation of the Mackenzie Mountains Natural Region of the National Park System and to improve ecological integrity of the national park reserve; and

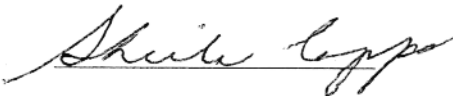
**WHEREAS** Canada and Deh Cho First Nations have agreed to withdraw lands described on attached Map B and, within those lands and within the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem, Parks Canada and Deh Cho First Nations will identify potential lands for addition to Nahanni National Park Reserve of Canada.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Parks Canada and Deh Cho First Nations will, as part of the Deh Cho Process, in full consultation with affected Deh Cho First Nations and other interested parties, work cooperatively towards:

- completing work on a feasibility study toward the addition of the identified lands to Nahanni National Park Reserve of Canada, such work to be completed within three years; and
- recommending an amendment to the *Canada National Parks Act* for a new boundary for the expansion of Nahanni National Park Reserve of Canada; and
- contributing toward guidelines for land use and development in the balance of the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem through a Deh Cho required land-use plan; and
- moving, as part of the Deh Cho Process Final Agreement, Nahanni National Park Reserve of Canada to full National Park status under the *Canada National Parks Act*.



Michael Nadli  
Grand Chief  
Deh Cho First Nations



Honourable Sheila Copps  
Minister of Canadian Heritage

Date: 24 June 03

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Schedule of Activities**

Signing of  
Memorandum of Understanding

June-July 2003

Feasibility Study and Consultations

September 2003 to September 2006

Completion of Agreement  
to Expand Nahanni National Park  
Reserve of Canada

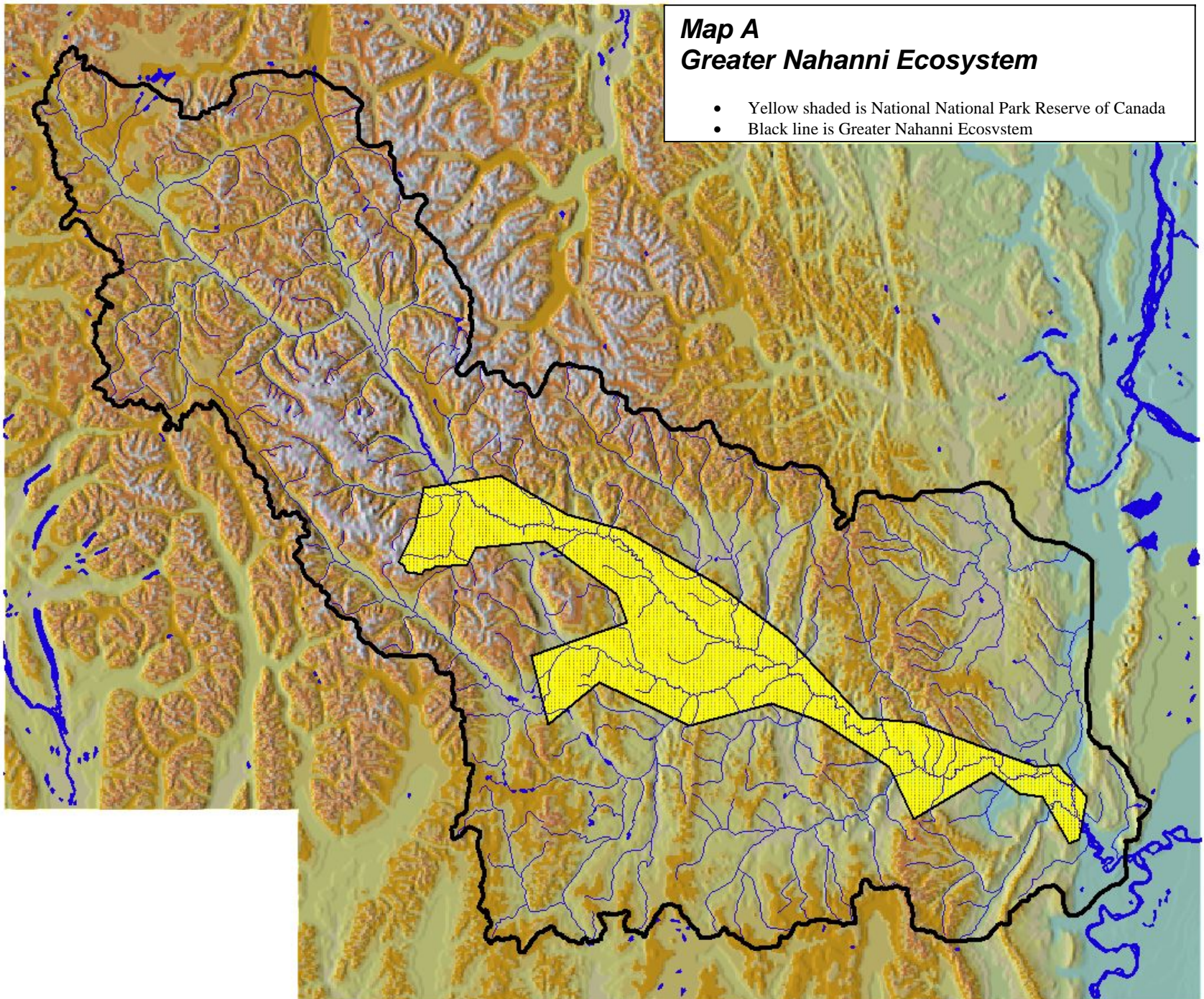
September 2006 to September 2007

Completion of Agreement  
to Establish Nahanni National Park of Canada

Date to coincide with conclusion of  
Deh Cho Process.

**Map A**  
**Greater Nahanni Ecosystem**

- Yellow shaded is National National Park Reserve of Canada
- Black line is Greater Nahanni Ecosvstem



**Map B**  
**Deh Cho Process Land Withdrawal**

- Red shaded is approximate land withdrawal area
- Yellow shaded is Nahanni National Park Reserve
- Black line is Greater Nahanni Ecosystem

