



DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS
BOX 89, FORT SIMPSON, N.W.T. X0E 0N0
TEL : (867) 695-2355/2610 FAX : (867) 695-2038
EMAIL: dcfn@dehchofirstnations.com



April 20, 2009

Hon. Jim Prentice
Minister of the Environment
Government of Canada
Ottawa ON

HAND DELIVERED

Re: Expansion of Nahanni National Park Reserve

I am writing to express my continued commitment to the expansion of Nahanni National Park Reserve and to convey my support for the recently proposed park boundary. In a recent meeting with representatives of Parks Canada and members of the Nahanni Expansion Working Group, Parks Canada presented maps and details on a new proposed boundary for Nahanni National Park Reserve. I understand that this proposed boundary is approximately 91% of the Dehcho portion of the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem, and that this boundary reflects a general consensus within the federal government.

I support this newly proposed boundary for the expansion of Nahanni National Park Reserve and reaffirm the Dehcho First Nations commitment to this important initiative. As part of our internal protocol for consultation, DFN will be briefing our Leadership on April 28th, at the Spring Leadership meeting in Hay River. We would welcome the Parks Canada members of the Nahanni Expansion Working Group to attend our meeting and discuss the next steps in finalizing the expansion process.

Mahsi Cho

original Signed

Gerald Antoine
Grand Chief

CC ALAN LATOURELLE CEO Parks Canada