

Transport

- Domestic sheep must be transported in a containment system that is secure enough to prevent the animal from escaping and does not cause damage to the animal itself.
- Animals must be able to stand, lie down and turn around with ease.
- The containment system must follow applicable national standards and regulations.

Fencing

- Fencing must prevent domestic sheep from escaping and prevent nose-to-nose contact with wood bison.
- Double fencing may be required in certain high-risk areas for contact between bison and sheep, such as in Fort Liard and Fort Providence.
- **Your application must include details of proposed or current fencing, including dimensions and materials.**

Identification

- All domestic sheep must have a unique animal identifier. This may include an ear tag colour and/or numbers, radio frequency identification (RFID) tag, microchip or collar with tag, or equivalent.

If in doubt, ask!

A Renewable Resource Officer may inspect your fence and/or your containment system for transport.

Warning! If you do not have a domestic animal permit or fail to comply with the terms and conditions on your permit, you could face penalties under the *Wildlife Act*.

If convicted, your permit may be terminated and you will not be eligible to obtain a domestic animal permit for two years.

If you have questions about your domestic animal permit, visit our website, contact your regional Environment and Natural Resources office or email wildlife@gov.nt.ca.

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Government of
Northwest Territories

Domestic Sheep in the NWT

**A GUIDE TO DOMESTIC ANIMAL PERMITS
INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR
TRANSPORT AND FENCING**



Who needs this permit?

A **domestic animal permit** is required for domestic sheep owners in Wood Bison Areas (see map) and anyone transporting domestic sheep in these areas.

The permit may include requirements for fencing, a containment system for transport, testing and disease management, and other terms and conditions.

- A **permit to possess** is required for anyone with domestic sheep in a Wood Bison Area, including all current domestic sheep owners in these areas. This permit is valid for 10 years.
- A **permit to transport** is required for anyone bringing sheep into or through a Wood Bison Area. This permit is valid for a period of time specified on the permit.

Why do I need this permit?

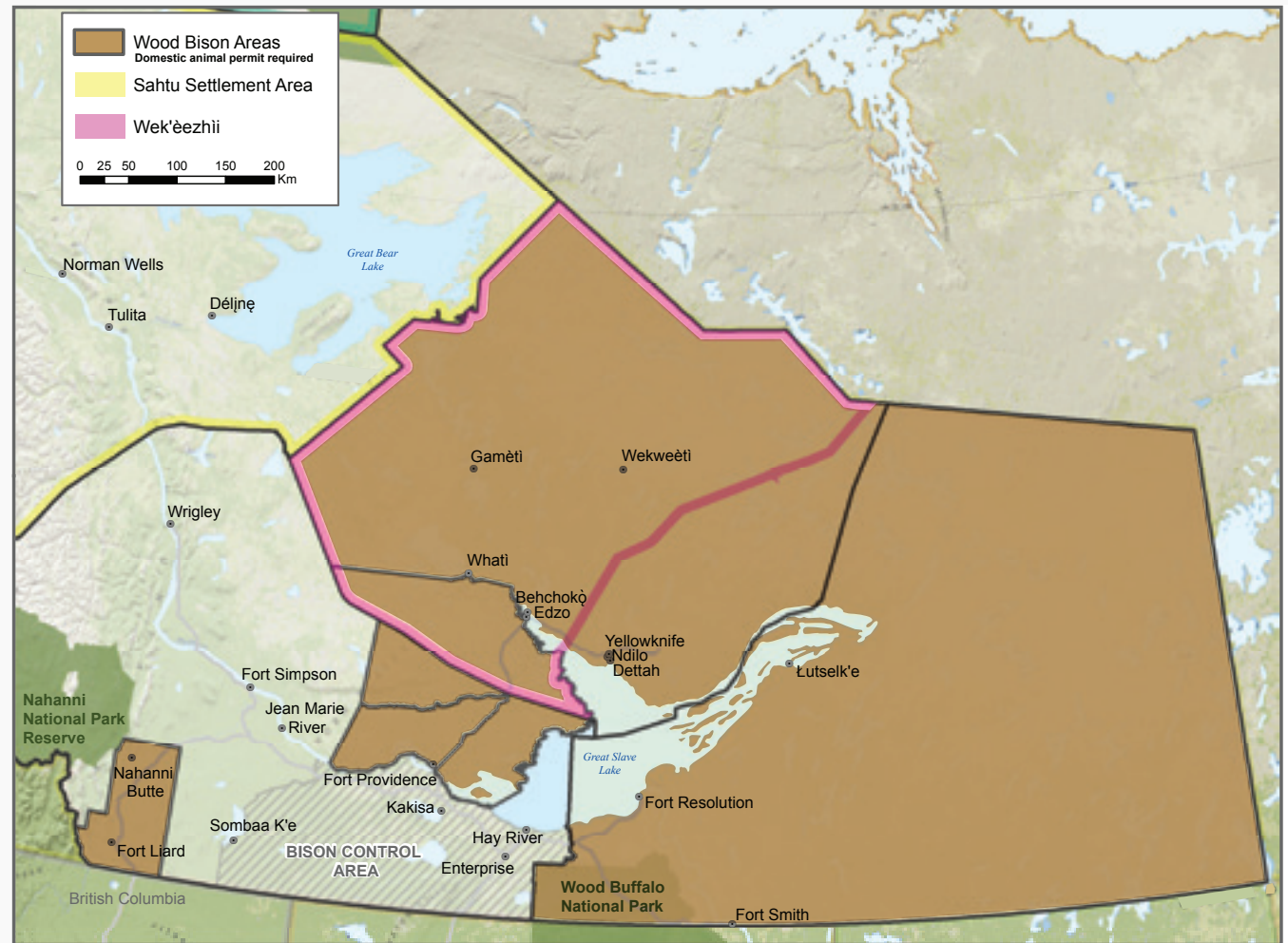
Domestic sheep can pose a significant threat to wood bison populations in the Northwest Territories, as they carry a virus that can cause malignant catarrhal fever. The virus does not affect the sheep and is difficult to detect, but can be deadly for wood bison, particularly if sheep and bison have nose-to-nose contact.

How much does it cost?

There are no fees for this permit.

How do I get a permit?

Application forms are available online at www.ec.gc.ca/domestic-animal-permit, or at your local or regional ENR office.



Bringing domestic sheep into the following communities requires a domestic animal permit:

Dehcho

- Nahanni Butte
- Fort Liard

South Slave

- Fort Providence
- Fort Resolution
- Fort Smith

North Slave

- Behchok
- Lutselk'e
- Whati
- Gameti
- Wekweeti
- Ndilo
- Dettah
- Yellowknife

