

Thaidene Nëné

Establishment of a national park on the East Arm of Great Slave Lake has been under consideration since the 1970s.

Two interim land withdrawals have set aside a study area of 33,690 km² in the region as parties have considered land use options, potential boundaries and management approaches.

With new responsibilities for managing public lands and resources, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has an interest in retaining greater northern control over public lands in the NWT, including within the Thaidene Nëné study area.

Through discussions with Parks Canada, the Lutselk'e Dene First Nation (LKDFN) and other Aboriginal governments, the GNWT has achieved agreement on federal and territorial boundary options that would see a majority of land within the study area managed through the application of GNWT laws, policies and programs (Northern Tools).

The GNWT is now proposing that territorial land within the study area be identified for:

- Creation of a Territorial Park;
- Creation of a Caribou conservation zone; and
- Exclusion from formal conservation (reverting to open Crown Land).

The GNWT's proposals reflect its [Land Use and Sustainability Framework](#) and its commitment to sustainable development that strikes an appropriate balance between conservation and economic values.

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