

**NORTHWEST TERRITORIES' PROTECTED AREAS UPDATE REPORT  
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**Annual Update:**

- Surface and subsurface protection for the Saoyú and ʔehdacho National Historic Site is very close to being achieved. The final cooperative agreement for this area is expected to be signed soon. Once complete, this will be the first area to reach permanent protection under the NWT Protected Areas Strategy.
- There are now 3 Candidate National Wildlife Areas in the NWT with interim land withdrawals:
  - Edézhíe – studies of the area are now complete and boundary options are being discussed
  - Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta – a 4-year interim land withdrawal was announced in 2007; studies of the area are underway and a management plan is being drafted
  - Sambiaa K'e – most of the land is temporarily withdrawn under the Dehcho Interim Measures Agreement; studies of the area are underway and a management plan is being drafted
- Several other sites have been identified by communities as “Areas of Interest” but no sponsoring agency has been agreed to yet. Highlights for the past year include:
  - Ka'a'gee Tu – achieved regional support
  - Shúhtagot'ine Néné – achieved regional support
- Progress on protected areas is also being made through the National Parks process. Highlights for the past year include:
  - Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve Proposal – an interim land withdrawal was announced
  - East Arm National Park Proposal Expansion – interim land withdrawal was announced for an expanded area of interest
- Land use planning and community conservation planning:
  - The Gwich'in Land Use Plan is undergoing its 5-year review
  - Work continues on drafting land use plans for the Dehcho Territory and Sahtu Settlement Area
  - Work on a land use plan for Tłıchǝ settlement lands has begun
  - Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plans are being revised this year
- For more information please visit [www.nwtpas.ca](http://www.nwtpas.ca)

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