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TIA Yukon Applauds Nahanni National Park Expansion

June 15, 2009 (Whitehorse, YK) – The Tourism Industry Association of the Yukon applauds Government of Canada’s announcement to expand Nahanni National Park Reserve.

“This is an outstanding example of long term vision that incorporates the input of all stakeholders and First Nations” says TIA Yukon Chair Rod Taylor. “We can only hope that the Government of Yukon will be as forward thinking in the Peel Watershed as both the GNWT and the Government of Canada have been in protecting the Nahanni for future generations.”

Extensive work was completed by the Nahanni Expansion Working Group that included wildlife studies, public consultations with first local communities and then on a national scope. The working group was made up of Dehcho First Nations and Parks Canada, and a mineral and energy resource assessment was also completed for the study area.

“This is a victory for First Nations and conservation that has been twenty years in the making” says Neil Hartling, owner of Canadian River Expeditions and Nahanni River Adventures. “We are so fortunate as Northerners to have this stunning place in our backyard. To know that it will now be around for future generations in its pristine state has been worth the wait.”

TIA Yukon will continue to lobby to ensure that our own special place, the Peel Watershed, is protected for future generations of Yukoners.

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