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Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – NWT Chapter Comments on Preliminary Screening Notification for the Establishment of the Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta Territorial Protected Area

Thank-you for the opportunity to comment, we congratulate the K'asho Got'ine Dene and Metis of Fort Good Hope for advancing their candidate protected area proposal toward establishment. We are pleased that Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta will continue to exist as an important cultural and ecological area which supports food security, hunting, fishing, trapping and other traditional activities. Diverse habitat and vast wetlands will continue to provide for a high level of boreal biodiversity and several species at risk. Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta is also an important natural solution to our changing climate.

CPAWS-NWT participated on the steering committee for the NWT Protected Areas Strategy (PAS) during the length of time that Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta was being considered as a candidate protected area. We are familiar with the thorough consideration of values that are captured in cultural, ecological, socio-economic and non-renewable resource assessments required of the PAS. These assessments were used to inform the recommended Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta boundary which is ready for establishment through the new NWT Protected Areas Act.

We **do not** have any significant concerns and **do not** see any scenario were this proposal will have any significant adverse impacts to the environment.

Thank-you for the opportunity to comment,

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