

- RESOLUTION #:** 8
- TITLE:** The Expansion of Nahanni National Park Reserve in Canada
- WHEREAS:** Nahanni National Park Reserve only protects a small portion of the South Nahanni watershed and the karstlands of the Ram Plateau;
- The karstlands are the most highly developed subarctic karst in the world with canyons, labyrinths, poljes, and underground rivers;
- A proposed mine at Prairie Creek upstream from the South Nahanni River would threaten water quality and build an access road that would fragment the karstlands;
- The Dehcho First Nations, the traditional people of most of the South Nahanni watershed and the Ram Plateau karstlands, desire the entire area of 36,000 sq. km. to be protected in an expanded national park;
- The South Nahanni River watershed offers one of the finest wilderness canoeing experiences on earth;
- The Government of Canada's Action Plan for National Parks calls for the expansion of the Nahanni National Park Reserve.
- RESOLVED:** The delegates of the 8th World Wilderness Congress express their enthusiastic support for expansion of the Nahanni National Park Reserve to protect the entire South Nahanni watershed and the karst of the Ram Plateau and call on the Government of Canada to expand the Park Reserve immediately.
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