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Vision Statement

Travelling through the land of the Nahʔą Dene, who have lived on this land since time immemorial, local legends excite the imagination. Dene culture, so intimately linked to the ecology of Nahʔą Dehé, is respected in this place of mystery, spirituality and healing. The life sustaining waters of Nahʔą Dehé flow freely, protected through the wisdom and guidance of the Dehcho elders, and traditional subsistence harvesting continues as an integral and sustainable part of the ecosystem, occurring in accordance with Dene laws and principles. Dene are inseparable from the land.

NNPR protects a wilderness watershed in the Mackenzie Mountains, where fires and floods shape the land, and naturally-occurring plant and animal species thrive. The park is a model of cooperative management, where cultural resources are treated with care and excellence in the conduct of science is promoted. Communities, volunteers and stakeholders are involved in the stewardship of Nahʔą Dehé, ensuring respect for the land continues into future generations.

Flying into the park, range after range of rocky peaks, vast plateaux and canyons hundreds of metres deep unfold below the wings. Watchful eyes may catch a glimpse of a grizzly passing in the bush or Dall's sheep leaping nimbly on rocky hillsides. On the river, a moment of solitude brings a humbling realization of size, feeling the thundering power of Náįįcho. World-class opportunities abound to experience wilderness and learn about the natural and cultural heritage of Nahʔą Dehé.

Nahʔą Dehé, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, touches and inspires people who may never dip their paddles in the waters of this Canadian Heritage River, climb the rough granite rock walls or fly into this remote watershed. Nahʔą Dehé resonates in the hearts and minds of all Canadians.