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Area Management Approach: Nájljcho (Virginia Falls)

Flying into Nájljcho, the plane banks once for a view of the falls, before landing in the deceptively calm river. The calmness hides the turbulent whitewater of Sluice Box rapid and the falls below. Walking on the trail towards the falls, the noise gradually increases, until the roar of the falls seems be communicated from your toes, up through your bones, by its thundering power.

As the intersection of river users and day visitors, Nájljcho (Virginia Falls) is a very popular location. It is also one of two designated floatplane landing sites in the original park. As a result, coordination and meeting expectations of river users, day use visitors and fly-in campers can be quite complex. It is here at Nájljcho that the majority of interpretation programming for the park takes place. Designed to protect the fragile environment, there are several kilometres of boardwalk for the campground and associated trails; this infrastructure requires significant on-going maintenance due to damage from frost heave and general wear and tear.

Objective 1:	
	The interpretive programs Nájljcho provide visitors with a connection to Nahʔá Dehé allowing visitors understand the interconnectedness of traditional users and the ecosystem.
Target:	
1.1	The importance and history of traditional use is communicated to visitors by staff and community cultural demonstrators who share their personal histories.
Actions:	
1.1.1	The summer student program enables staff to research their family history and share appropriate stories with visitors, developing a personal connection between the past and present.

Target:	
1.2	Through interpretation programming and outreach education, develop realistic expectations about the visitor experience at Nájljcho.
Actions:	
1.2.1	Clearly communicate that Nájljcho is a designated landing area, and has multiple types of users who are visiting for varied periods of time, arriving by several different means.
Target:	
1.3	Develop a comprehensive assessment and maintenance plan for Nájljcho.
Actions:	
1.3.1	Implement a regular assessment and maintenance schedule for the boardwalk and helipad.
1.3.2	Improve outhouse facilities and associated signage (as part of the assessment of human waste management identified in the key strategy <i>Nah?á Dehé, a Gift to be Shared</i>)
1.3.3	Develop a ground/boardwalk-level food cache for the campground.