

# Edézhíe Dehcho Protected Area - National Wildlife Area

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This site, supported by the Nature Fund, is set to become Canada's first Indigenous Protected Area and an example of reconciliation in action. Covering 14,249km<sup>2</sup> it will be designated as a Dehcho Protected Area and recognized and protected as a National Wildlife Area



“Being on the land in a Dene way will protect the land”

“The land protects us and we will protect the land”

## Purposes

- Conservation of wildlife and ecological integrity
- Maintain the Dene – Edézhíe relationship
- Allow for traditional harvesting
- Incorporate Dene language and culture into decisions

## Future

An Edézhíe Management Board will make management decisions by consensus. A Dehcho K'éhodi Guardians program will employ local Dene to be the eyes and ears of Edézhíe.



