

NWT STATE OF THE LAND JANUARY 1, 2026



LEGEND

- 1. Settlement Lands
- 2. Conservation Lands Under Established Legislation / Land Use Plan
- 3a. Interim Land Withdrawal for Land Claim Negotiations
- 3b. Interim Land Withdrawal for Conservation Purposes
- 3c. Perpetual Land Withdrawal
- 4. Proposed Conservation Lands, No Land Withdrawals
- 5. Non-Designated Crown Lands

0 100 200 300
Kilometers

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	Area (km ²)	Percentage %
1. Settlement Lands	195,800	14.4%
2. Conservation Lands Under Established Legislation / Land Use Plan	190,000	14.0%
3a. Interim Land Withdrawal for Land Claim Negotiations	151,600	11.2%
3b. Interim Land Withdrawal for Conservation Purposes	800	0.1%
3c. Perpetual Land Withdrawal	4,800	0.4%
4. Proposed Conservation Lands, No Land Withdrawal	11,900	0.9%
5. Non-Designated Crown Lands	801,700	59.1%

NOTES

The data in this map was consolidated, analyzed and interpreted carefully to achieve consistency. Due to the coarseness of existing mapping information available about the NWT, it is impossible to achieve very high precision and accuracy when calculating values of geographic areas. Therefore, reported numeric values are rounded to the nearest hundred km² and to the nearest first decimal percent.

The information in this map is current to January 1, 2026. The information includes geographical representation and statistical information (in square kilometers (km²) or percentages of totals). For mapping and analysis lands have been categorized into the following designations:

1. Settlement Lands (e.g., land claim parcels from settled land claim agreements)
2. Conservation Lands Under Established Legislation / Land Use Plan (e.g., national parks, Sahtu land use plan conservation and proposed conservation initiatives)
3. Area with Land Withdrawals (further broken into 3 sub designations)
 - a. Interim Land Withdrawal for Land Claim Negotiations (e.g., Dehcho Region)
 - b. Interim Land Withdrawal for Conservation Purposes (e.g., Edzhzhie)
 - c. Perpetual Land Withdrawal (e.g., Reindeer Grazing Reserve, East Arm Great Slave Lake)
4. Proposed Conservation Lands; No Land Withdrawals (e.g., Dehcho draft Land Use Plan Conservation Zones)
5. Non-Designated Crown Lands (other lands not yet covered by another category)

To address overlaps between designations, land area is calculated and reported by counting the designation areas in a prioritized sequence; if land falls into the preceding category, it is not also reported on in the next applicable category. Thus Settlement Lands take priority over Conservation Lands Under Established Legislation / Land Use Plan, Conservation Lands Under Established Legislation / Land Use Plan take priority over Areas with Land Withdrawals and Areas with Land Withdrawals take priority over Proposed Conservation Lands, No Land Withdrawals. Thus the values in these classes are for what area is left should there be any overlap with a higher priority area.

This report is only for land and fresh water. Ocean area is removed, even if the area goes into the ocean.

