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Canada's Nahanni National Park Reserve featured in Mexican postage stamp

**Stamps canceled at WILD9, the 9th World Wilderness Congress
Merida, Mexico Nov. 6 – 13, 2009**

Merida, Mexico -- The Mexican postal service issued a series of wilderness (*tierras silvestres* in Spanish) stamps that celebrate wilderness around the world as part of the opening ceremonies of WILD9. At a special ceremony attended by 1200 delegates from over 40 countries, Mexican President Felipe Calderon cancelled the first issue of the five stamp series, which features wilderness areas from Canada, USA, Mexico, South Africa and Russia. Parks Canada CEO Alan Latourelle canceled the Canadian stamp, which features Canada's newly expanded Nahanni National Park Reserve by Canadian photographer Harvey Locke.

The stamps are now on sale to the general public through the Mexican Postal Service.

Canada Environment Minister Jim Prentice addresses delegates today at WILD9 at the Merida Convention Center.

Please send **requests for images** to media contacts below.

For more information please go to <http://www.wild9.org>.

WILD9 is a partnership between The WILD Foundation and Unidos para la Conservación and relies on the support and participation of many partner organizations.

Begun in 1977, **The World Wilderness Congress** (www.wild9.org) is the longest-running global public forum and is held approximately every four years. WILD9 runs from Nov. 6 -13, 2009 in Merida Mexico, and incorporates a diverse range of views from academia, government, private sector, science, native peoples, the arts, media and social sciences on the importance and benefits of protecting wild nature and related strategies and success stories.

The WILD Foundation (www.wild.org) Founded in 1974, WILD is the only international organization dedicated entirely and explicitly to wilderness protection around the world. WILD works to protect the planet's last wild places and the wildlife and people who depend upon them, because wilderness areas provide essential social, spiritual, biological and economic benefits. We believe that intact wilderness areas are an essential core element of a healthy modern society.

Unidos para la Conservación (www.undiosparalaconservacion.org) Founded in 1992, Unidos is a nonprofit Mexican conservation organization that has actively promoted the concept of wilderness conservation in Mexico. Its working strategy combines the establishment of alliances with government, nonprofit and corporate partners with the promotion of a conservation culture through publications and films in a search of conservation solutions through specific action.

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