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Dear Hayley Gavin:

Thank you for your email following up on the meeting with the Northwest Species at Risk Committee (NWSAR). My colleagues the Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Todd Loewen, MLA for Central Peace-Notley, and Dan Williams, MLA for Peace River, and I appreciated the opportunity to hear your comments and perspectives on the draft Canada-Alberta Section 11 Conservation Agreement for Woodland Caribou.

I am aware that Minister Dreeshen is also replying to you regarding the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta's application and the coordination of imagery collection activities. Environment and Parks will cooperate with Agriculture and Forestry on the latter.

Regarding the three caribou sub-regional task forces, we have scheduled the first meeting for early November in Edmonton. I look forward to seeing progress on this file, as I know you do. I look forward to the NWSAR's input, as this process must consider local perspectives in a common-sense approach. The sub-regional task forces will use local-level insight and involvement, and include representatives from local municipalities, Indigenous communities, the energy sector, the forestry sector, trappers, recreational users, environmental non-government organizations and other local stakeholders and knowledge holders.

Thank you again for sharing your comments as we consider next steps with respect to the draft Section 11 agreement with Canada. I look forward to continuing to work with the NWSAR, municipalities, industry partners and Indigenous communities as we aim to enhance the competitiveness of our natural resource sectors, reduce regulatory red tape and increase regulatory efficiency across Alberta.

Sincerely,



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