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Lisa Wardley, Chair  
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Dear Lisa Wardley and Crystal McAteer:

Thank you for your letter and kind words regarding my appointment as Minister of Environment and Parks. The Government of Alberta is committed to working with the Northwest Species at Risk (NWSAR) Committee to advance species at risk conservation in Alberta. Our department has active conservation and management programs for grizzly bear and wood bison in northwest Alberta. Consideration of the management of other species, such as grizzly bear and wood bison, is important in the context of delivering an effective woodland caribou recovery program.

I look forward to working with the committee, municipalities, industry partners, and Indigenous communities to enhance the competitiveness of our natural resource sectors, reduce regulatory red tape and increase regulatory efficiency across Alberta. I welcome the opportunity to meet with the NWSAR Committee, along with key government staff. To schedule a meeting, please contact my scheduling assistant, Sylvia Parsons, to arrange a convenient meeting time. Sylvia Parsons can be reached in my Edmonton office at 780-638-9488 (dial 310-0000 for a toll-free connection), or at [sylvia.parsons@gov.ab.ca](mailto:sylvia.parsons@gov.ab.ca).

Thank you again for your letter. I am interested in hearing the NWSAR committee's perspective on grizzly bear, wood bison and caribou conservation, among other species at risk in Alberta.

Sincerely,

Jason Nixon  
Minister

cc: The Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry  
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