



May 14, 2019

Lisa Wardley
Chair, Northwest Species at Risk (NWSAR) Committee
Councillor, Mackenzie County
C/O Town of High Level
10511-103 Street
High Level, AB T0H 1Z0

Dear Councillor Wardley,

Thank you for your letter informing the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) about the NWSAR – Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute Northwest Collaborative Caribou Ranges Research Project. We believe your research will add important data to the scientific study of caribou habitat in Alberta.

In 2016, AUMA members passed a [resolution](#) calling on the Government of Alberta to complete an overall socio-economic impact assessment based on all the species at risk currently affecting the operations of all industries in the province. The resolution further called on AUMA to urge the Government of Alberta not to develop, implement, or enforce range plans without the consent of the forest industrial partners affected within the range plan. AUMA was pleased to hear that the Government of Alberta postponed the implementation of the plan until more data is available. AUMA is now advocating that the federal government do the same until further scientific studies are completed.

AUMA is interested to hear further updates regarding your research project. We invite you to share your research directly with Che-Wei Chung, Director of Advocacy and Policy. You may contact him by email at cchung@auma.ca or his phone at 780-431-4531.

Sincerely,

Barry Morishita
AUMA President