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Ms. Lisa Wardley, Chair  
Ms. Crystal McAteer, Vice Chair  
Northwest Species at Risk Committee  
Town of High Level Office Building  
10511 – 103 Street  
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Dear Ms. Wardley and Ms. McAteer:

Thank you for your recent letter, and for the advice your Committee has provided regarding the impact to the management of resources in northwestern Alberta. The Government of Alberta plans to ensure that Alberta's forests sustain healthy, self-sustaining caribou populations over the long term. Caribou range planning efforts will be led by my Cabinet colleague, Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, who has asked me to share with you that his Department is committed to the conservation and sustainability of biodiversity, including sensitive species like caribou and their habitats.

The government looks forward to working with the committee, other stakeholders, Indigenous communities, and industry experts as we engage in regional and sub-regional land-use planning processes that will consider environmental goals, including caribou conservation and economic objectives.

Minister Nixon and I look forward to meeting you as we move ahead with land-use planning initiatives across the province.

Sincerely,

Honourable Devin Dreeshen  
Minister, Agriculture and Forestry

cc: Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks  
Bev Yee, Deputy Minister, Environment and Parks  
Andre Corbould, Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Forestry  
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