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Eric Denhoff
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RE: Your Recent Deputy Minister Appointment and Northwest Species at Risk Committee's Request for Continued Involvement in Alberta's Caribou Range Planning Process

Dear Deputy Minister Denhoff:

Northwest Species at Risk Committee (NWSAR) would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Deputy Minister of Alberta Environment and Parks.

As you may be aware, since June 2016, NWSAR has worked diligently to gather information pertinent to the boreal caribou file. The information gathered, ranged from local stakeholder feedback, to national scientific evaluation, and opinion. Our members have become very well-versed in the unique challenges facing, and the requirements of both, Northwestern Albertans and Woodland Boreal Caribou.

NWSAR would like to play an active role in assisting the Government of Alberta in achieving Caribou Range Plans which protect both, the caribou and our local economies. We request that you and your ministry continue to engage and consult with us, as key northern stakeholders, during the development of detailed range-specific plans for caribou, in Northwest Alberta.



Finally, NWSAR's municipal members extend their gratitude to you for your recent letter regarding Alberta's current position on caribou range planning and the northern delegation to Ottawa. We support your government's decision to better understand the impacts of your draft Caribou Range Plan and the request for additional support and funding for caribou recovery, from the federal government.

As you are aware, I shall be accompanying your government during their woodland caribou delegation to Ottawa early next month, representing NWSAR, Town of High Level and supporting the people of Northwest Alberta. I look forward to exploring meaningful, pragmatic solutions for caribou recovery in Alberta.

Also enclosed, is a copy of a letter we are also sending to the Honourable Minister McKenna; in support of your government's request for federal assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time, NWSAR and all our respective municipal members encourage you to visit our region at your earliest convenience. We look forward to continually working with you and your ministry on the boreal caribou file.

Sincerely,



Crystal McAteer
Vice Chair, NWSAR Committee
Mayor, Town of High Level

cc: Debbie Jabbour, MLA – Peace River
Northwest Species at Risk Committee

