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Bev Yee  
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**RE: Your Recent Deputy Minister Appointment and Northwest Species at Risk Committee's Meeting Request during RMA's Fall Convention**

Dear Deputy Minister Yee:

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 are 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 both, northwestern Albertans and boreal caribou. NWSAR is committed to playing an active role in assisting the Government of Alberta to develop Caribou Range Plans, which protect both the caribou and our local economies.

You may also be aware that, some NWSAR members travelled to Ottawa as part of the Government of Alberta's caribou delegation earlier this year, where we supported your government's requests to Federal Government representatives. NWSAR are in Ottawa again this week, attending the 17<sup>th</sup> North American Caribou



Workshop where we are providing a poster presentation on our grassroots approach to securing positive caribou outcomes in Northwest Alberta.

NWSAR is keen to explore and discuss all collaborative working opportunities that exist, regarding caribou recovery, between the Government of Alberta and NWSAR with you. We would like to discuss our northwestern research and study interests, and those of your government's; looking for any commonalities and alignment between the two. NWSAR remains interested in seeing provincial leadership to initiate northwestern Caribou Range Planning, informed by science, which incorporates local landscape context and regional stakeholders. NWSAR wants to contribute to securing positive outcomes for caribou, through a collaborative approach in the Northwest.

Municipal members of NWSAR will be attending Rural Municipalities of Alberta's 2018 Fall Convention in Edmonton. The convention takes place November 19-22<sup>nd</sup>. We would like to meet with you and Deputy Minister Corbould during that week to discuss collaborative working opportunities, for the benefit of northwestern caribou herds and our local communities. We are involved in the initial development and discussion stages of several projects relating to northwestern caribou recovery, with a variety of stakeholders and organizations. We will provide details on all these initiatives during our meeting for discussion.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you next month.

Sincerely,



Lisa Wardley  
Chair, NWSAR Committee  
Councillor, Mackenzie County



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Vice Chair, NWSAR Committee  
Mayor, Town of High Level

cc: Andre Corbould, Deputy Minister Alberta Agriculture and Forestry  
Northwest Species at Risk Committee

