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The Honourable Shannon Phillips
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RE: Request for the Northwest Species at Risk Committee members to be Northwestern Representatives on the Government of Alberta's Caribou Range Planning Delegation to Ottawa in April, 2018

Dear Minister Phillips:

Northwest Species at Risk Committee, (NWSAR) would like to thank you and your Ministry for hosting an open house in High Level on March 6, 2018. We trust that your staff members were able to capture some good insights and some meaningful feedback on your *Draft Provincial Woodland Caribou Range Plan*, from the local stakeholders of Northwest Alberta.

NWSAR, commends your recent letters to the Honourable Minister McKenna, Honourable Minister Carr, and Parliamentary Secretary, Jonathan Wilkinson; announcing your government's decision to suspend consideration of the conservation lands recommended in the *Caribou Task Force Report*, pending further review and the outcome of the socio-economic impact study. NWSAR, further supports your request for additional support from the Federal Government to safeguard Alberta's caribou and economy.



NWSAR is very pleased with Alberta's commitment to assemble and send a delegation of representatives from Alberta to Ottawa; to provide the Federal Government with an opportunity to hear concerns regarding caribou recovery, directly from key stakeholders in Northern Alberta.

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 challenges and the requirements facing, 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.

To this end, NWSAR requests that all, or at least one (1), of the following committee members be selected to represent Northwest Alberta on the Government of Alberta's delegation to Ottawa:

1. Mayor Crystal McAteer – NWSAR Vice Chair (Town of High Level)
2. Reeve Terry Ungarian – NWSAR Member (County of Northern Lights)
3. Byron Peters – NWSAR Administrative Lead (Mackenzie County)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



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

cc: Ronda Goulden, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Planning,
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Northwest Species at Risk Committee

