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Brad Sperling
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RE: Southern Mountain Caribou Recovery in Northeast BC

Dear Mr. Sperling:

Thank you for your continued support as an Alberta Northwest Species at Risk Committee (NWSAR) municipal associate member.

We have been keeping abreast of developments regarding the Southern Mountain Caribou recovery initiative, the Partnership Agreement, and the recent resignation of Councillor Blair Lekstrom as Community Caribou Liaison to Premier Horgan.

We offer our support to the Peace River Regional District, your neighbouring local districts and municipalities in this time of frustration and concern. It was not too long ago that we were faced with similar fears on the dreaded fate of our working landscape; when the plan for 1.8 million hectares of new permanently protected areas in our backyard was announced in 2016.

NWSAR encourages you, and your neighbours, to continue engaging with and trying to become involved with the BC Government's Southern Mountain Caribou recovery initiative. It took us several years and a change in government, but now we have begun a multi-year collaborative research program with the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute and the Alberta Trappers Association, and have

local government representation on the Sub-Regional Task Forces (established by the Government of Alberta), working towards a balance between a healthy natural environment, socio-economics, and wildlife management.

If there is anything we can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,



Lisa Wardley
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cc: Dan Rose, Director – Peace River Regional District
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