



## HELP PROTECT THE WOLVES OF BC

Wolves in BC are once again under attack. Proposed wolf culls, bounties and extended harvests are planned for **Southwest, Southeast and Central Kootenays, South Monashee, Revelstoke-Shuswap, Wells Gray-Thompson, Upper Fraser, Quesnel Highland and Hart Ranges**. Wolf packs have already been culled during the 2007/8 winter in the South Purcells and Narrow Lakes region of BC. Please write to the ministers who represent us and let them know that this is unacceptable wildlife management.

Dear *Name of Minister*,

I am writing in regards to the BC Mountain Caribou Recovery Plan that was released in October of 2007. Thank you for listening to the citizens of BC, Canada and beyond and taking steps to conserve these unique and beautiful creatures. However, I do not approve of the proposed "predator management" section of the plan.

Human activity is the number one factor responsible for the declining caribou populations in Canada. We must prevent and limit logging, road building, snowmobiling and backcountry activity that destroy habitat, fragment herds and create snow pack. We cannot blame the wolf for feeding on caribou if humans have made them more susceptible to predators through their activity.

Wolves are an important species in our forests. They are a keystone species, which support the many other animals, create biodiversity and control herd populations. They are an essential part of a healthy ecosystem. The destruction of wolves is unacceptable and can only result in further disruption of the delicate balance between predators and prey.

I do not support the increased wolf harvest, increased bag limits and bounties that are to take place in many regions in BC. Sacrificing one species to save another demonstrates poor wildlife management. Wolf culls to increase caribou populations have been taking place since the 1960's in BC. This proves that it is a short-term, unsustainable technique since caribou populations have continued to decline. Culling wolves in an area only creates new territory and other wolves may soon move in and continue to predate on the dwindling herds.

I fully support the recovery of caribou in BC but would like the efforts to be focused on the restoration and long-term protection of the old growth forests caribou depend on to survive. Preventing activities that disrupt the natural balance is a much more effective and long-term solution to the problem. Please note that culls and shortsighted management techniques that have proven ineffective in the past will not go unnoticed.

Sincerely,

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