

Fact Sheet on Caribou Landscape Management Association

Introduction

Eleven forestry and oil and gas companies and one Aboriginal community have formed the Caribou Landscape Management Association. The goal of the Caribou Landscape Management Association is to develop and implement a plan that will ensure the long-term conservation of the Little Smoky and A La Peche caribou herds. The range of these herds is in west-central Alberta. The plan will focus on four areas:

- Reduce their future ecological footprint on the home ranges of the above two herds,
- Restore the existing footprint to improve caribou habitat,
- Improve funding for caribou monitoring and research,
- Work with the Alberta government to recover caribou populations.

The Government of Alberta is an advisory partner in the Caribou Landscape Management Association through Alberta Sustainable Resource Development. Involving the Provincial Government best ensures that the activities of the Caribou Landscape Management Association complement the Provincial Government's approach to caribou conservation. Association projects will be approved by the Government of Alberta before they are implemented.

Foothills Model Forest, based out of Hinton, Alberta is a coordinating agency of the Caribou Conservation Association. The Foothills Model is a not-for-profit corporation comprised of over 100 partners. The Foothills Model Forest land base is 2.75 million hectares and includes Jasper National Park, Hinton Wood Products (West Fraser Mills Ltd.) forest management area, Willmore Wilderness Park and other public lands. The organization conducts sustainable forest management research and works with its partners to integrate knowledge and tools into forest management decisions and practices. The Foothills Model Forest offers administrative, geographic information systems (GIS) and communications support to the Caribou Landscape Management Association.

Members Caribou Landscape Management Association

Participation in the Caribou Landscape Management Association is open to all individuals, organizations or companies that have management, tenure, disposition or other interest in the Little Smoky and A La Peche caribou herds. The two membership categories of the Caribou Landscape Management Association are:

1. Voting members
2. Partners

Members who pay an annual fee to the Association, or provide equivalent in-kind contribution, are 'VOTING MEMBERS'. Other organizations and individuals can participate in the affairs of the Association but do not have voting privileges. These organizations or individuals are 'PARTNERS'.

Voting Members

Voting members make a two-year commitment and contribute an annual fee of \$20,000 to the Association. The annual fees are used to develop plans and implement caribou conservation projects. Each voting member appoints a representative to the Association Steering Committee who is responsible for directing and approving the activities of the Association

Partners

The Caribou Landscape Management Association welcomes input and recommendations from any individuals and organizations with interests in the Little Smoky and A La Peche caribou herds. Partners do not make a financial contribution but may attend Steering Committee meetings. Partners do not have a "Vote". Currently, the two partners in the Caribou Landscape Management Association are Alberta Sustainable Resource Development and Foothills Model Forest.

Who's Involved?

Currently, 11 forestry and oil and gas companies and one Aboriginal community are involved. These organizations are listed below:

- Alberta Newsprint Company
- Aseniwuche Winewak First Nation of Alberta
- Burlington Resources Canada Ltd.
- Canadian Natural Resources Limited
- Canfor Corporation
- ConocoPhillips Canada Resources Ltd.
- Devon Canada Corporation
- Husky Energy Inc.
- Petro-Canada
- Suncor Energy Inc.
- Talisman Energy Inc.
- West Fraser Mills Ltd.
- Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (advisory)

The Next Steps

The Caribou Landscape Management Association is now formed. The first step in the process is the development of a project plan. The project plan will recommend projects that will lead to the long-term conservation of the Little Smoky and A La Peche caribou herds. It is anticipated that many of the projects will focus on the Little Smoky herd. Once the project plan is approved by the Steering Committee, on-the-ground work will begin.

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