



## Caribou Landscape Management Association Quicknote #1

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### What is the Caribou Landscape Management Association?

#### Introduction

The *Caribou Landscape Management Association* was formed in June 2005. A commitment of its inaugural work-plan was to complete Quicknotes four times a year starting in 2006. The purpose of the Quicknotes are to provide a brief summary of activities and progress of the *Caribou Landscape Management Association*. This first Quicknote provides a general update about the *Caribou Landscape Management Association*. Future Quicknotes will concentrate on initiatives and projects of the Association and its partners.

#### Why the Caribou Landscape Management Association?

Woodland caribou are listed as a threatened species both provincially and nationally. In general, caribou populations have been in decline for several decades. In contrast, human activity within caribou ranges has been steadily increasing. In particular, industrial activity and associated development is correlated with declining caribou populations. Although the cause and effect mechanism of the correlation is not well understood the members of the *Caribou Landscape Management Association* recognize their impact on caribou habitat must be minimized. Towards this end, in November 2004 several industrial companies operating in and around Hinton, Alberta met to discuss how they could collectively work towards aiding the long-term conservation of the Little Smoky and A La Peche caribou habitat. As a result of these discussions the *Caribou Landscape Management Association* was formed and a director, Wayne Thorp, was hired to guide the direction of the Association including the development of a work-plan.

#### Who Is Involved?

Caribou conservation is dependent upon cooperation and collaboration between forest companies, oil and gas producers, government and other stakeholders. The *Caribou Landscape Management Association* membership is comprised of all the forest companies and the major oil and gas producers operating in the ranges of the A La Peche and Little Smoky caribou ranges. The Association also involves other stakeholders, for example the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada is a member in the Association. The members of the Association are listed below.

#### Forest Companies

- Alberta Newsprint Company,
- Hinton Wood Products (a division of West Fraser Mills Ltd.)
- Canfor Corporation (Canadian Forest Products)
- Foothills Forest Products Inc.

### **Energy Companies:**

- Burlington Resources Canada Ltd.
- Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.
- ConocoPhillips Canada Resources Ltd.
- Devon Canada Corporation
- Encana Corporation
- Suncor Energy Inc.
- Transcanada Pipelines Limited.
- Talisman Energy Inc.

### **Aboriginal Communities**

- Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada (Grande Cache)

### **What Is the Caribou Landscape Management Association Doing?**

The members of the *Caribou Landscape Management Association* seek collaborative solutions to caribou conservation, often resulting in small steps that contribute to integrated land management. The work-plan of the *Caribou Landscape Management Association* focuses its efforts and resources on projects that:

1. Minimize the impact of industrial activities on caribou habitat;
2. Support government programs to recover caribou populations.

Plans and programs developed by the Association must receive approval by the appropriate government authorities prior to implementation. It is anticipated that the Association will be able to rapidly develop plans, implement necessary actions and coordinate industrial and commercial activities related to caribou habitat conservation in the identified caribou ranges. The *Caribou Landscape Management Association* is currently involved in two projects:

1. Integrated Industry Access Plan
2. Planned Little Smoky Caribou Calf Project

Both projects are within the Little Smoky and A La Peche caribou ranges located outside of protected areas. These ranges are in west-central Alberta and encompass an area of approximately 5000-square kilometres.