Caribou Landscape Management Association (CLMA)

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CLMA Current Membership

• **Forestry Companies:** Alberta Newsprint; Canfor; Hinton Wood Products; Foothills Forest Products.

• **Energy Companies:** Encana, Talisman, Suncor, Canadian Natural Resources, Husky, Devon, Trans Canada Pipelines, ConocoPhillips.

• **Aboriginal:** AWN

• **Government Ex-officio / Advisory:** SRD Mark Storie, Stuart Taylor, Kirby Smith, Eugene Baranski, Bill Tinge, Wayne Johnson. Energy Brad Lloyd
Geographic area
- West Central Alberta
- 5000 sq. KM area
- Active industrial development
- Two caribou herds: A La Peche and Little Smoky
CLMA Objectives:

• Propose and implement solutions that work from both business and biological perspectives.
• Cooperate with the Alberta Government to recover caribou populations.
• Support and implement West Central caribou recovery strategies within industrial responsibilities.
• Work within and recommend the development of new policy and regulation framework.
• Promote science-based solutions.
• Direct, support, use, and identify research gaps.
• Improve/increase funding for caribou monitoring and research.
• Be responsible corporate stewards participating in land management solutions (ILM).
CLMA Directors Mandate:

- “Add value to the business partners through effective management of the association” and
- “Support the goals of the Foothills Model Forest”
How have we done to add value?

• Developed a strong alliance between industrial partners
• Gained strong support from government
• Influenced and are moving away from “one off” approvals.
• Have a well established and up to date inventory of roads
• Have submitted an integrated industrial access plan (IIAP)
• Have established an industrial engagement process into the Alberta Caribou Recovery process for the West Central
How have we done to support FtMF goals?

FtMF Goal 1 “Demonstrate sustainable Forest Management”

- We developed and submitted a IIAP which reduces the industrial footprint for both sectors (Energy and Forestry)
- We have adopted an “Adaptive management Model” going forward.
FtMF goal 2: Develop and implement wider understanding and application of knowledge.

- Completed a Audit of operating practices that will influence the caribou recovery process
- Completed a review of Integrated landscape Management with broad circulation
- Developed an adaptive management project for input into the West Central Recovery Team
- Added the caribou Range Restoration Project (CRRP) into the CLMA program
FtMF Goal 3 “Communications and outreach”

• The CLMA has been active in presentations to government and industry personnel as well as political.
• Maintain a web site at the model forest
FtMF Goal 4: Support and influence Policy that improves the practice of SFM

- Maintain active engagement of DM and ADM levels of SRD
- Annual update of local MLA’s and Cabinet
- Recommend policy changes within the Caribou recovery process.
CLMA Key initiatives moving forward provide input and implementation:

- Minister
- Deputy Minister
- Alberta Caribou Committee (ACC)
- West Central Team

- CLMA/Industrial working group
- Industrial input into operational and tactical strategies and implementation (Ops& tactics)

- Recovery strategy and implementation (Meet SARA)
Habitat/primary prey/predator/caribou relationships
Industry and government must adopt an “Adaptive” management approach

Objectives:
• Top down framework
• Coordinated plan and management for limiting factors
• Conservation framework (dynamic habitat target)
• Maintenance of socio-economic benefits
Adaptive management Con’t

• Recommend policy changes
• Assess implications of MPB
• Recommend adaptive management approaches for guidelines and restoration
• Recommend monitoring/ research
Schematic of the level of effort/complexity required in each category for Caribou recovery

Strategic i.e. LUF / WFL etc

Tactical i.e. Predator control, DFMP

Operational i.e. roads

Ineffective effort – Operational and tactical cannot fully replace the need for strategic solutions

Who, what, where, when & how much

Outcomes / Feedback

How