

## BOREAL CARIBOU PROTECTION AND RECOVERY PLANNING (BCPRP)

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

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Description	The Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan (BCPRP) process is a collaboration between the Province, Fort Nelson First Nation and the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality. Boreal caribou are listed as threatened under the federal Species at Risk Act (SARA), provincially red-listed (threatened to endangered), and are identified as Priority 1 under the B.C. Conservation Framework. Aligning with federal expectations, the province is committed to advancing a recovery plan which will outline management actions to protect and recover boreal caribou. The tri-partite steering committee is current engaged in a process of structured-decision making and evaluating a series of conservation scenarios for boreal caribou ranges residing within the Fort Nelson District (Calendar, Maxhamish, Snake-Sahtahneh and Westside Fort Nelson) in consideration of existing industrial pressures and other landscape values overlapping with caribou range. Engagement on this plan will occur over the next several months with other relevant First Nations, stakeholders and the broader general public. As part of the planning process socio-economic assessments are being incorporated to support decision-making. These engagement sessions and assessments will inform the steering committee's evaluation of scenarios and ultimate recommendation to the Provincial Caribou Program Board.
Project Phases and Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October - November, 2019: Scope and initiate socio-economic assessment.</li> <li>November - December, 2019: Evaluate conservation scenarios and prepare engagement package.</li> <li>December-April, 2020: Conduct public, stakeholder and First Nation engagement.</li> <li>April-May, 2020: Revise scenarios based off of assessment and engagement and bring forward a collaborative recommendation.</li> </ul>
Project Information Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caribou Program Website: <a href="https://bit.ly/36BDy84">https://bit.ly/36BDy84</a></li> <li>Boreal Webpage: <a href="https://bit.ly/2qsTKHO">https://bit.ly/2qsTKHO</a></li> <li>Draft Herd Plans: <a href="https://bit.ly/2Nkmbkh">https://bit.ly/2Nkmbkh</a></li> </ul>



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### PROJECT UPDATE DETAILS

Update Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fort Nelson Caribou Steering Committee struck between BC Government, Fort Nelson First Nation &amp; Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (Fall 2019)</li><li>• Draft Conservation Scenarios Developed (Summer 2019)</li></ul>
Key Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winter 2020 – Boreal Caribou engagement scheduled to commence.</li></ul>
Meeting Reference Materials	

### STATUS REPORT ON ACTION ITEMS

Date Assigned	Item for Follow Up / Action	Assigned To	Status Update

