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# Caribou Update

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# Outline

- Program Updates (Peel)
- Partnership Agreement Updates:
  - Winter motorized recreation (Mitchell)
  - Klinse za Park Expansion (Scheck)
  - Caribou Recovery Committee (Scheck)
  - Land Use Objectives (Scheck)
- North Peace Caribou Herd Planning Update (Huck)



# Clause 37 Implementation

## Winter Motorized Recreation

- 1) BC, in partnership with the signatories will develop and implement a management plan for winter motorized rec
- 2) This draft management plan will be engaged upon with technical experts, first nations, local government and snowmobile sector
- 3) Final management plan will include restrictions on access, enhancements of recreational facilities, and that the plan will be consistent with similar plans in BC



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Phase 1

**Snowmobile Sector engagement**

- South Peace Snowmobile Advisory Committee (SPSAC)

Phase 2

**Draft management plan: Development**

- Partnership Agreement Signatories

Phase 3

**Draft management plan: Engagement**

- SPSAC, Local Government, Public, Indigenous communities and others

Phase 4

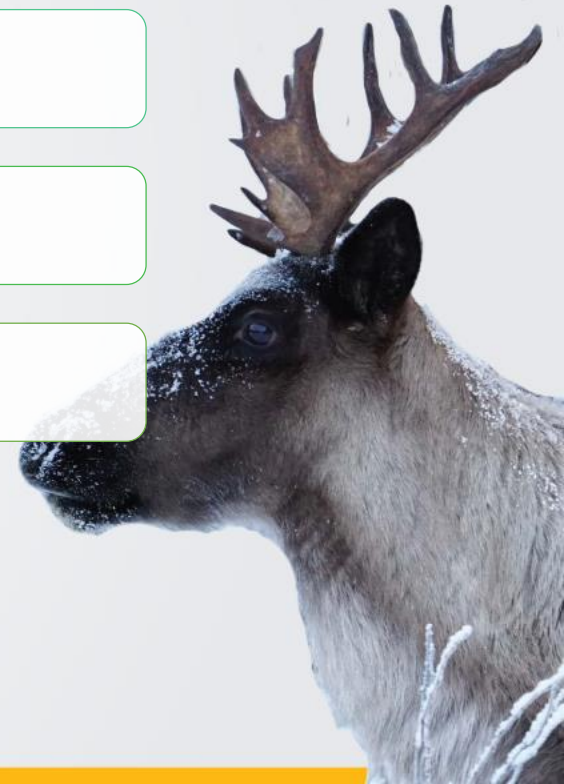
**Management plan Finalized**

- BC (finalize and decision)

Phase 5

**Implementation of Decisions**

- PA Signatories and interested parties





## Status Update

- 12 meetings from January → current
- South Peace Snowmobile Advisory Committee (local government, snowmobile sector and concerned citizens)
  - Over 300 volunteer hours invested from local snowmobile clubs, 137 from the BCSF
- Values based engagement to inform SPSAC report
  - Draft SPSAC report was provided to committee participants in Nov 2020 for review
  - Anticipated that the committee will be finalizing the document via consensus in the coming weeks
  - Values, considerations, supported management actions, and spatial recommendations based on subject matter understanding



## Next Steps

- SPSAC report to be finalized by participants and provided to Signatories of PA
- Commence Phase two with Signatories of PA
- Comprehensive Engagement on draft plan (spring/ early summer 2021)
- Implementation of any statutory decisions in the Fall 2021



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# Klinse za Park Expansion Update

- February 2020, 28,187 ha of B2 Zone established as **Klinse za Park Addition**
- Remainder of B2 (3,537 ha) being advanced for decision
- Zone B3
  - PA commitment for protection
  - Parties working on boundary refinement and resolution of land use issues





-  Kinn-se-za Park Addition (est. Feb 21, 2020)
-  Proposed addition to Kinn-se-za Park Addition
-  Zone B2 Caribou Partnership Agreement (Approximate)
-  Zone B3 Caribou Partnership Agreement - DRAFT

- ▲ Mountains - Point - BC Geo Spatial  
— River or Stream  
— Highway  
■ BC Park, Protected Area, Eco Reserve  
■ Lake  
■ Flooded Land or Marsh

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# Caribou Recovery Committee (CRC) Update

- 15 applications submitted to date
  - Forest licensees, woodlots, clean energy – wind, coal, research, caribou recovery related
  - Consensus recommendations reached on all to date
- Process
  - Secretariat – FLNRORD Region and Branch reps
  - Referral Review template
  - Updates to proponent's guidance
- Proponent's Guide Online:
  - [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/plants-animals-and-ecosystems/wildlife-wildlife-habitat/caribou/partnership\\_agreement\\_caribou\\_recovery\\_committee\\_guidance\\_to\\_proponents\\_on\\_applications.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/plants-animals-and-ecosystems/wildlife-wildlife-habitat/caribou/partnership_agreement_caribou_recovery_committee_guidance_to_proponents_on_applications.pdf)



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# Land Use Objectives

- Transitioning from modelling/analysis work to LUO development
- LUO Workplan under development:
  - Milestones, deliverables, timelines
- Considerations moving forward:
  - LUO's will have an offset component (habitat restoration) due to high disturbance levels across herd ranges
  - Minimal constraints to thlb
- Linkages:
  - Updates to the Environmental Mitigation Policy
  - Restoration planning and implementation





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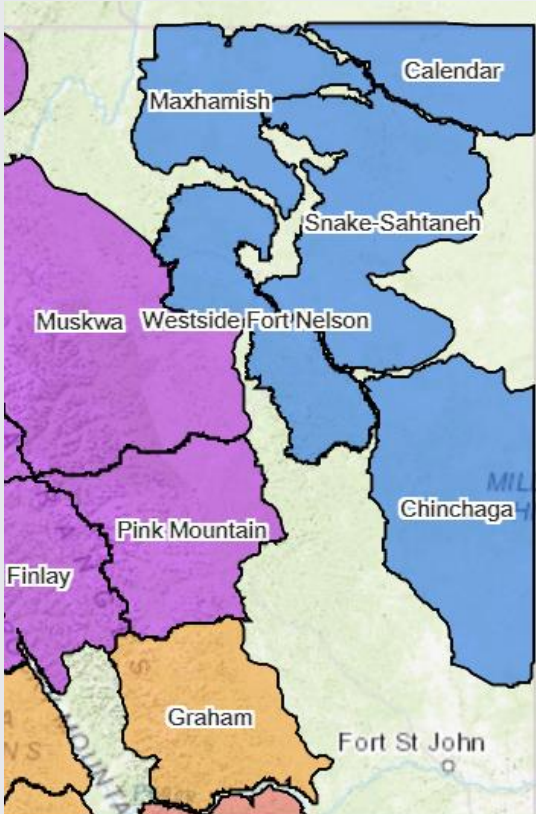
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# North Peace Caribou Herd Planning



Two herd planning processes currently underway north of the Peace River:

- Graham, Pink Mountain and Chinchaga herd planning being integrated through the Fort St. John Land and Resource Management (LRMP) Plan Update Project.
- Westside Fort Nelson, Snake-Sahtaneh, Maxhamish & Calendar being undertaken in collaboration through Fort Nelson Caribou Steering Committee.

Link to draft herd plans:

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=60eef687ed3a44a1881b1b79e47c7f41>



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