



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

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Chief and Council
Saulteau First Nations
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Re: Letter of Appreciation – Caribou Recovery

On behalf of the Peace River Regional District, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Chief and Council of the Saulteau First Nations for their thoughtful and engaging letter regarding the Southern Mountain Caribou, a letter that was provided not only to the Peace River Regional District but also to the general public. We applaud the leadership and integrity shown by the Saulteau to communicate as openly as possible about the importance of caribou recovery.

The Peace River Regional District has repeatedly asked the Province to display a similar level of transparency and openness in their communications, to no avail. This public outreach by the Saulteau First Nations demonstrates that the Saulteau people recognize that they are people of the Peace and that they want to work together with all stakeholders to arrive at solutions that can be supported by all.

Unfortunately, the Saulteau First Nations have been subject to some negativity and criticism of their participation in discussions with the other levels of government around caribou recovery in the region. The level of emotion this topic evokes in all people of the Peace Region speaks to its importance to all, and the Peace River Regional District stands with our neighbours, including the Saulteau, in support of ensuring protection for the caribou AND the northern way of life we all value and cherish. The Board looks forward to future opportunities to engage on this important topic with all stakeholders and governments.

Again, the Peace River Regional District commends and thanks the Saulteau First Nations for their leadership and looks forward to continued dialogue amongst the residents of the region, from all communities, on this important issue that affects the entire region and beyond.

Sincerely,

Brad Sperling, Chair
Peace River Regional District

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