



CANCELLED PRRD Special Meeting re. Southern Mountain Caribou

December 5, 2018 -The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) special meeting to receive a delegation from Assistant Deputy Minister Jennifer McGuire, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy has been cancelled.

Provincial representatives were not willing to attend the meeting to update the Board on the Southern Mountain Caribou. The Province will not deliver any information in an open meeting setting at this time. Provincial representatives have advised that they will reschedule as soon as possible to share information with the Board and the public about caribou recovery efforts in the region. In the interim the Province has advised that they will deliver a public information bulletin to update the Peace River Regional District residents on caribou conservation.

The Peace River Regional District continues to advocate for an open conversation with the Province regarding the status of the discussions about caribou recovery activities west of Chetwynd. The PRRD is very adamant that consultation with local governments, industry, First Nations, and recreational groups is required to fully inform any decisions made to protect caribou populations, with the least impact to local economies and resident lifestyles.

Minster Donaldson, in a letter to the PRRD dated July 30, 2018, said "I hope we can keep the conversation OPEN, HONEST and ROBUST as we progress down this path together." The Regional District wishes to engage with the Province in an open dialogue, which has not been entertained thus far, and to restart the process together as suggested by the Minister back in July.

The Peace River Regional District Board is committed to engage with the Province in an open and transparent forum about Caribou recovery.

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