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Honourable John Horgan, Premier  
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Dear Premier Horgan:

**Re: Leaders' Table re: Caribou**

On October 10th, the Peace River Regional District wrote to you to express extreme disappointment that the Board did not receive an invitation to participate in the proposed Leaders' Table regarding the Draft Intergovernmental Partnership Agreement for the Conservation of the Central Group of the Southern Mountain Caribou.

As stated in that letter, the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) has advocated for months for open and transparent communication regarding caribou recovery in the Province, and that a seat at the table be provided to the Regional Board as the Province works towards a conservation and recovery plan for caribou. Also in that letter, the Regional District requested a timely response regarding the request for an invitation to the Leaders' Table.

Premier Horgan, you visited the PRRD on April 15, 2019, at which time you acknowledged the concerns of the public regarding lack of information and committed to doing better moving forward, starting with the appointment of Mr. Lekstrom as a liaison to the region and the extension of the public consultation period to May 31, 2019.

The PRRD does not feel that the situation or information flow have noticeably improved since your visit in April of 2019. Your appointee, Mr. Brownsey, addressed the Board on August 23, 2019 to introduce the idea of a Leaders' Table with the PRRD Board, at which time he suggested that additional consultation with First Nations and Industry representatives was required prior to formal establishment of the Leaders' Table. It is the sincere hope of the PRRD that our neighbouring communities and industry are not being ignored as the Regional District has been since Mr. Brownsey's visit.

The PRRD requests the dignity of a response to our enquiries:

- Will the Province proceed with the creation of the Leaders' Table? Have any meetings taken place?
- If so, will the PRRD be invited to name a representative to the Leaders' Table?
- Who has been invited to name a Leaders' Table representative, and who has accepted?
- Have the Terms of Reference for the group been drafted? If so, may the PRRD receive a copy to assist the Board to understand the role of the Leaders' Table as the Province moves toward protection and preservation of the southern mountain caribou?

Sincerely,

Brad Sperling  
Chair