



## Media Release

### **Southern Mountain Caribou Partnership Agreement Signed**

The Partnership Agreement between the Province of BC, Government of Canada, Saulneau First Nations and West Moberly First Nations to support the recovery of southern mountain caribou was signed on Friday, February 21, 2020.

While the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) is disappointed with the processes undertaken by the Provincial government, our focus must now be on working together with First Nations Communities as we move forward to heal divisions and work towards sustainable caribou recovery that supports the needs of all residents of the Peace Region.

The PRRD has always felt strongly that local involvement and collaboration is the key to moving forward together as a region. Through open and respectful collaboration, we believe that our region has the strength to work together and continue to address concerns as this agreement is implemented.

We would like to thank Chief Cameron and Chief Willson for the revisions to the partnership agreement that provide for the participation of local governments in the caribou recovery initiatives. We appreciate the integrity and leadership shown by the Saulneau and West Moberly First Nations throughout this process. The PRRD agrees that there is no place for racism in today's society; it is time to stand together and move forward in a respectful and positive direction for the betterment of all.

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