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After hundreds of hours of meetings, emails, letters and discussion with stakeholders, the Province of BC has released a draft Winter Motorized Recreation Management Plan (Plan) for the South Peace Region. Please check the maps in the Plan at engage.gov.bc.ca/caribou/ for areas where recreational and industrial users will be prevented from using motorized vehicles this fall, if the Plan is approved. The Province is accepting comments and surveys on the draft Plan until June 30, 2021. You can see the Plan in its entirety at engage.gov.bc.ca/caribou/ You can take a survey on that webpage or email the Province at caribou.recovery@gov.bc.ca with your thoughts.

A caribou recovery/habitat protection plan must be a solution that balances the needs of all parties in the community. Chetwynd has been asking for meaningful participation since we first heard about the Province's plan regarding caribou protection in 2018. The Partnership Agreement will be in effect for 30 years; that is a long time not to have a voice on what is happening in our region. While Chetwynd feels that West Moberly First Nations, Saulteau First Nations, BC and Canada should absolutely have representation on the Partnership Agreement's Working Groups, Chetwynd, as the center of impact for caribou recovery and habitat protection actions, also needs to be a part of the Working Groups. Further, as a Chetwynd and area resident, your input is important on the draft Winter Motorized Recreation Management Plan.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you if you have any comments or questions regarding the above. Thank you.

Sincerely,

DISTRICT OF CHETWYND


Mayor Allen Courtoreille