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To: XXX YYYY

Subject: RE: NDP's position on the Wolf Cull

Hi XXX,

The BC NDP's official position as presented by Harry Bains, critic for Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations is:

The act of killing one species to save another raises a number of legitimate and justifiable concerns. Because habitat degradation and human land use are the primary threat to the long term survival of the mountain caribou, we cannot rely on reducing the wolf population to ultimately solve the problem of dwindling mountain caribou herds.

This crisis comes after years of Liberal government underfunding of ministries that monitor what happens on Crown lands. This is a human-caused crisis.

The BC NDP acknowledges that there are differing points of view amongst environmental organizations and scientists within the affected regions.

All members of the BC NDP caucus agree that habitat protection is the only long term solution. Even though significant headway has been made to protect caribou herds and their habitats, more needs to be done so that biologists are not put in a position where they have to contemplate scenarios which pit one species against another.

The BC NDP encourages members of the public to make their voices heard. Not only should they be speaking loudly concerning their feelings about the wolf cull but they should also demand much more action and better environmental protection and enforcement from government.

From a statement by Harry Bains, Official Opposition spokesperson for Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

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