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Dear Ms. Deliman:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Winter Motorized Recreation Management Plan in the South Peace. We appreciate your taking the time to write.

On receipt of your letter, a copy was shared with the Premier and his senior staff. We see that you have provided a copy of the letter to the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, for her review and consideration. We have been in contact with the Ministry and have asked that they respond to your letter directly. Please be assured that the appropriate Ministry official will respond at their earliest opportunity.

Thank you, again, for writing. We wish you all the best.

cc: Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

June 2, 2021

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Dear Premier and Minister Conroy:

RE: Winter Motorized Recreation Management Plan in the South Peace

At its May 27, 2021 meeting, the Peace River Regional District Board discussed concerns regarding stakeholder engagement during the process to draft the Winter Motorized Recreation Management Plan in the South Peace.

The Board wishes to express its extreme disappointment that the engagement process for the 'Winter Motorized Recreation Management Plan in the South Peace' was largely disregarded and ignored when the plan was drafted, reminiscent of the previous public engagement done regarding the Partnership Agreement for the Conservation of the Southern Mountain Caribou when the Province largely ignored the thoughtful responses, suggestions, and recommendations provided by residents and liaison Blair Lekstrom.

Thoughtful consideration of input from groups such as the South Peace Snowmobile Advisory Committee is required to understand local impacts, and transparently deliver any decisions made to protect caribou populations, with the least impact on resident lifestyles. The Board and member municipalities have encouraged members of the public to visit the Provincial Caribou Recovery Engagement website to review and provide input on the 'Winter Motorized Recreation Management Plan in the South Peace.' It is our hope that impacted groups and residents of the Regional District

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PLEASE REPLY TO:

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will continue to provide input and that it will be received with the intention to work together towards collaborative and innovative solutions.

Thank for your consideration of the comments and requests put forward by the PRRD Board. We look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

Brad Sperling

Brad Sperling
Board Chair, Peace River Regional District