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Dear Brad Sperling:

Thank you to your delegation for meeting with myself and other ministry representatives during this year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention process. I am writing to provide an update regarding the commitments made during your conference.

As you know, an inter-governmental partnership agreement for the conservation of the central group of Southern Mountain Caribou was entered into in February 2020, by the Province, Canada, West Moberly First Nations and Saulneau First Nations with a shared recovery objective for caribou herds in the South Peace. Clause 37 of the partnership agreement specifically states that the Province will lead the development of a motorized recreation plan for the area.

Unfortunately, snowmobiling in high elevation habitat will not allow us to meet the shared recovery objective. Access management for natural resource utilization is a topic including multiple conversations with governments, industry and stakeholders throughout the region. I have instructed staff to review what we learned from these discussions and plot a course for future collaborative motorized recreation planning.

Again, thank you for the meeting, and I am pleased that our governments had an opportunity to connect about these important topics.

Sincerely,

Katrine Conroy
Minister

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Attachments: Appendix 1 – Managing Motorized Recreation

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Appendix 1

Managing Motorized Recreation

37. BC will develop and implement a management plan for motorized recreation to achieve the Shared Recovery Objective for the Central Group of Southern Mountain Caribou. The design and implementation of the management plan will be undertaken jointly with representatives of the other Parties, and in consultation with technical experts, First Nations, local governments, and snowmobile clubs. The management plan may provide for the restriction of recreational motor vehicle access within prescribed areas of caribou habitat, the

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enhancement of recreational facilities in appropriate areas, and other measures consistent with similar plans in British Columbia.