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I have concerns regarding the snowmobile area closures north of Revelstoke recently imposed by your Government. For 35 years the Revelstoke Snowmobile Club and the Snowmobile Revelstoke Society have had a strong history of being involved in environmental stewardship activities for the preservation of habitat and Mountain Caribou.

The Revelstoke Snowmobile Club and the Snowmobile Revelstoke Society provided alternative proposals for managing these areas as requested by Chris Ritchie and Darcy Peel. Since then at a meeting held between Mr. Peel and the City of Revelstoke at which the club and society were in attendance, it was announced by Mr Peel that two more closures of major snowmobile areas were signed two weeks prior to the meeting with the City.

To date the Revelstoke Snowmobile Club and the Snowmobile Revelstoke Society have yet to receive official notification of these closures by your government although new boundary and area maps have already been posted on government websites. I am asking that these additional closures be rescinded and talks reconvened with both of these organizations.

I support the Revelstoke Snowmobile Club and the Snowmobile Revelstoke Society in their efforts in keeping snowmobile areas open. Snowmobilers can no longer afford to see further closures of snowmobile areas throughout British Columbia. To date over 2 million hectares (4,942,108 acres) have already been closed throughout the province of BC under the guise of protecting Mountain Caribou.

Interestingly enough your government clearly states that snowmobile tourism is very important for British Columbia as a whole. The Provincial Government has recognized the importance of snowmobile tourism for small communities and in December of 2009 Tourism British Columbia published the Experiences BC Snowmobile Sector Tourism Plan. Snowmobile Tourism in BC is considered to be a developing sector that has had very little tourism marketing. Tourism BC through the Experience BC Co-operative Marketing Program is actively investing in snowmobile marketing with the objective of growing snowmobile tourism at a rate of 2% higher than overall growth of tourism in BC. With government investing in snowmobile tourism, why would another branch of your government limit snowmobiling opportunities especially when compliance levels are reported to be high? It is counter-productive to actively pursue increasing the number of snowmobilers on one hand while limiting Snowmobiling opportunities on the other hand.

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