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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Hon. Steve Thomson, Minister,
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations,
PO Box 9048 Stn Prov Govt,
Victoria, B.C.
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August 11, 2011.

Dear Mr. Thomson,

City Council recently received a letter from the Revelstoke Snowmobile Club and the Snowmobile Revelstoke Society (copy attached) expressing the concern of the club about their perception that there had been a lack of adequate consultation with the club regarding the closure of local snowmobile areas to enhance the protection of mountain caribou.

City Council understands that it has been a long and arduous process to develop a strategy to try and protect mountain caribou herds in the Province. Particularly in our area, the reduction of access to the land base to provide additional protection for mountain caribou has had severe consequences for industrial and recreational users of the land base, with significant negative economic impacts for the community.

We would encourage Ministry staff to continue the consultative process with the Revelstoke Snowmobile Club to try to resolve these land use conflicts with as little impacts as possible on other users of the land base.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

David Raven, Mayor,
City of Revelstoke.

CC: Revelstoke Snowmobile Club
Snowmobile Revelstoke Society