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Ms. Carolyn Campbell
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Dear Ms. Campbell,

I am writing to notify you that I have placed a temporary hold on the sale of new Crown mineral rights in the Little Smoky and A la Peche caribou ranges. This hold is effective May 1, 2013 and applies to these ranges only.

The temporary hold will allow our government to begin the essential work of developing comprehensive range plans in these two important areas as part of the Federal Recovery Strategy for Woodland Caribou in Alberta.

The temporary hold will be in place until the Little Smoky and A la Peche range plans are approved by Cabinet which is expected in 2014. The development of those plans is being led by my colleague, the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development.

I trust that you will agree this is another significant step in ensuring responsible resource development in this province.

Sincerely,

Ken Hughes
Minister of Energy

cc: Honourable Diana McQueen
Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development

Honourable Robin Campbell, MLA West Yellowhead