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Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 27, 2017, and enclosures, written on behalf of your clients (the Alberta Wilderness Association, the David Suzuki Foundation and the Cold Lake First Nations), concerning the protection of critical habitat for the boreal population of woodland caribou (boreal caribou) in northeastern Alberta. I regret the delay in responding.

Please be assured that the documents you provided will be considered by Environment and Climate Change Canada officials as part of the information to support my assessment of whether or not critical habitat of the boreal caribou is effectively protected under the laws of the Government of Alberta.

Should I determine that any portion of critical habitat is unprotected, a report on steps being taken to protect that critical habitat will be published in April 2018. If I determine that boreal caribou and/or its critical habitat are not protected, I will recommend that the Governor in Council make an order. The Governor in Council will then decide whether to issue that order.

I trust that the foregoing has clarified this matter. Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.

