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**Caribou hearing adjourned pending further discussions with federal government**

CALGARY – A legal case concerning protection for boreal caribou habitat in northeastern Alberta has been adjourned, pending further discussions between the environmental groups and First Nations that brought the lawsuit and the federal government.

Lawyers from Ecojustice represent the Alberta Wilderness Association, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation First Nation, the Mikisew Cree First Nation, and the David Suzuki Foundation in the proceedings.

Ecojustice lawyer Melissa Gorrie released the following statement:

“The environmental organizations and First Nations that Ecojustice represented on this issue are deeply concerned about the future of boreal caribou in Northeastern Alberta, where habitat destruction and fragmentation threatens their survival.

“As we work together to protect iconic boreal caribou and their critical habitat, Ecojustice’s clients are encouraged by the opportunity for continued discussion with Minister Wilkinson.

“Out of respect for these ongoing discussions, Ecojustice and its clients have nothing further to say at this time.”

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