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Re: Mountain and Northern Caribou Support Documentation

The status of the Mountain and Northern Caribou research studies in the Prince George Forest District is unknown at the time of FSP submission. As a result, two approaches are provided. The first approach assumes that the Mountain and Northern Caribou research and management direction under the Recovery Implementation Groups are complete and available for licensee use in a digital format. The second approach assumes that the Mountain and Northern Caribou research data is not available; as a result, field evaluations will be conducted.

With respect to the second approach:

- 1100 metres is used for elevation for Mountain Caribou as this is explicitly mentioned in the December 2005 wildlife notice for species at risk in the Prince George Forest District;
- Five kilometres is used for distance from Mountain Caribou Ungulate Winter Range as this is generally the distance where the 1100 metre contour interval occurs outside the Mountain Caribou Ungulate Winter Range.
- As Northern Caribou potentially only exists in the northern portion of the Forest District (Bill Arthur, MoE, personal communication), field evaluations will only occur in the Reynolds and Colburn watersheds;
- 200 metres is used for the distance from the centre line of the road or the edge of a cutblock as this is the maximum recommended distance to manage for interior forest.



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