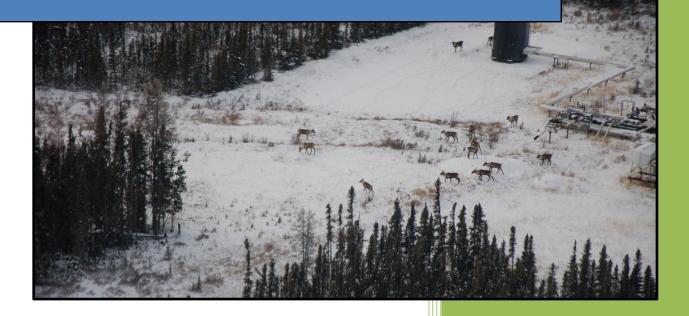
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The BC population of boreal caribou is *Red-listed* by the Province and federally designated as *Threatened* by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. The *Implementation Plan for the Ongoing Management of Boreal Caribou (Rangifer tarandus caribou pop. 14) in British Columbia* (BCIP; MOE 2011) was prepared to address provincial commitments to manage threatened boreal caribou populations. To evaluate the current condition of BC's boreal caribou population, including adult survival and recruitment, a telemetry monitoring program was established in 2012, with a goal of maintaining a radio-collared sample of approximately 15% of the estimated population of each BC boreal caribou herd. Funding for the program was provided by the British Columbia Science and Community Environmental Knowledge (SCEK) Fund.

In the winter of 2012-13, 161 individual adult female boreal caribou were fitted with GPS or VHF radiocollars. As early results of the telemetry program revealed an unexpectedly high mortality rate for radio-collared caribou, that was not associated with predation, a study of boreal caribou health was initiated by the BC Provincial Wildlife Veterinarian and funded by the SCEK Fund.

Fall calf surveys were conducted on all boreal caribou herds between November 19 and 25, 2013 to determine whether individual radio-collared females had a calf at heel at the onset of winter 2013-14. Data collected will support analysis of adult female health and survival. Serum progesterone samples were used to determine pregnancy status of caribou captured and fitted with SCEK radio-collars during winter 2012-13. Of the 131 SCEK collars still active at the time of the November 19-25 survey, 22 caribou were not pregnant the previous winter, 22 caribou had a calf at heel, 81 had no calf, and the status of 6 animals was unknown.

A total of 668 boreal caribou in 118 groups were observed, with group sizes ranging from 1 to 18 caribou (mean 5.7 ± 3.6 SD). A total of 68 calves were found during the survey. Recruitment to 6 months in all boreal caribou ranges combined was 14 calves/100 females, which falls below Environment Canada's (2008) threshold of 28.9 calves/100 cows for population stability. With the exception of the Chinchaga RRA (32 calves/100 females), recruitment to 6 months in all individual ranges was below the Environment Canada threshold.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Within British Columbia, boreal ecotype woodland caribou (boreal caribou; *Rangifer tarandus caribou*) inhabit the Boreal Plains and Taiga Plains ecoprovinces, in the northeastern corner of the province. The BC population of boreal caribou (population #14; Designatable Unit DU8) is *Red-listed* by the Province and Federally designated as *Threatened* by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC 2011, Environment Canada 2011). The *Implementation Plan for the Ongoing Management of Boreal Caribou (Rangifer tarandus caribou pop. 14) in British Columbia* (BCIP; MOE 2011) was prepared to address provincial commitments to manage threatened boreal caribou populations.

The BCIP outlines several objectives to allow long-term (50 year) recovery of boreal caribou populations. To evaluate the current condition of BC's boreal caribou population, including adult survival and juvenile recruitment, a telemetry monitoring program was established with a goal of maintaining a radiocollared sample of approximately 15% of the estimated population of each BC boreal caribou herd. Funding for the program was provided by the British Columbia Science and Community Environmental Knowledge (SCEK) Fund.

In the winter of 2012-13, 161 GPS and VHF radio-collars were fitted on adult female boreal caribou (Culling and Culling 2013). As early results of the telemetry program revealed an unexpectedly high mortality rate for adult caribou, that was not associated with predation, a study of boreal caribou health was initiated by the BC Provincial Wildlife Veterinarian and funded by SCEK.

Between November 19 and 25, 2013, radio-collared caribou known to have been pregnant in winter 2012-13 were relocated by helicopter, with the objective of determining whether individual females had a calf at heel at the onset of winter 2013-14. While data collected will provide information on calf recruitment to 6 months, the primary objective of the survey was to support analysis of adult female health and survival.

2 METHODS

2.1 Study Area

The British Columbia distribution of boreal caribou encompasses the northeastern portion of the province, on the Alberta Plateau physiographic area. The area is bounded by the Northwest Territories (NT) border (N60° latitude) to the north, the Alberta (AB) border (W120° longitude) to the east, the northern Rocky Mountain Foothills to the west (roughly W124°), and the northern limit of the agricultural zone to the south (roughly N57°; Fig. 1).

There are currently 6 boreal caribou ranges recognized, including the Chinchaga, Snake-Sahtaneh, Calendar, Maxhamish, Prophet, and Parker, encompassing 16 associated core habitats¹ (MOE 2010). Recent observations and telemetry data support the inclusion of an additional area of caribou habitat outside the defined ranges in future revisions of BC's boreal caribou range map (*hereafter*, Fort Nelson Core). This was described as an "area of interest" warranting further investigation in the original range delineation process in 2004 (Culling *et al.* 2004).

Within the boreal caribou ranges, 4 Resource Review Areas (RRAs) have been designated, including 1 in the northwestern portion of the Chinchaga Range (RRA-A), 1 overlapping portions of the Prophet Range (RRA-B), and 2 in the Calendar Range (RRA-C and RRA-D). The Chinchaga RRA (RRA-A) is treated as a separate entity from the Chinchaga Range as it is relatively remote from the main areas of caribou activity in the Milligan and Etthithun cores.

The Chinchaga Range is in the Boreal Plains (BOP) ecoprovince, with the remaining BC boreal ranges lying within the Taiga Plains (TAP) ecoprovince. All ranges are in the Boreal White and Black Spruce (BWBS) biogeoclimatic zone. A complete description of the ranges is found in Culling and Culling (2013), with additional information on individual ranges found in the *Science Update for the Boreal Caribou (Rangifer tarandus caribou pop. 14) in British Columbia* (MOE 2010) and Cichowski *et al.* (2012).

¹ 16 core habitats include Calendar, Prophet and Parker, which are considered both ranges and core areas.

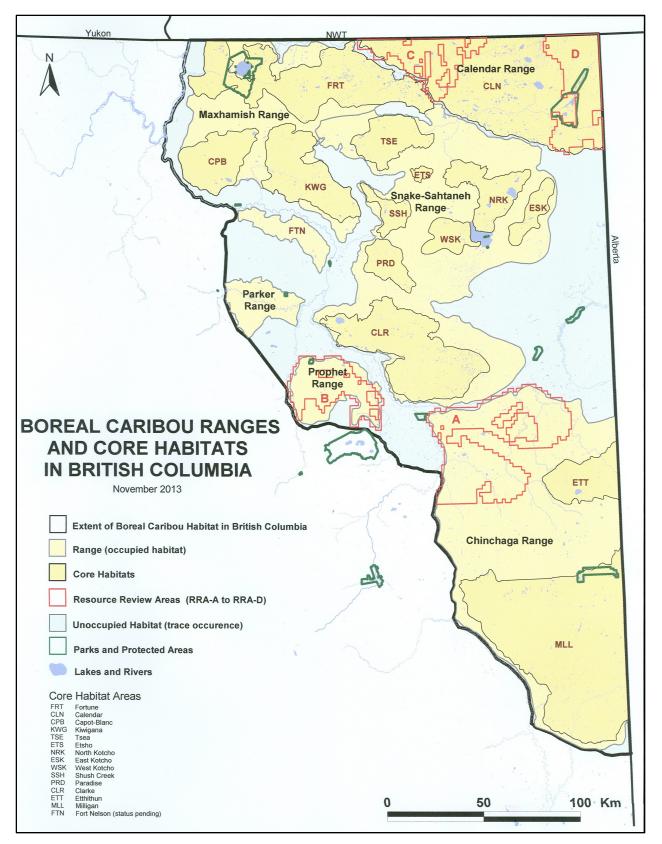


Figure 1. British Columbia boreal caribou ranges, core habitats, and Resource Review Areas (RRAs).

2.2 Fall Calf Surveys

We used a Bell 206B helicopter to locate active SCEK radio-collared caribou believed to be pregnant in winter 2012-13, based on serum progesterone analysis. We also located collared caribou that were not pregnant or were of unknown pregnancy status (i.e., BC MFLNRO collared animals) that were in active search areas or within groups with pregnant SCEK-collared females. We confirmed whether individual collared caribou had a calf at heel, then counted and classified all caribou in each group by sex and age class using criteria defined by the Resources Inventory Standards Committee (RIC 2002), including adult females (>1 year), adult males (>1 year), calves, and unclassified adults. We also classified incidentally sighted unmarked caribou groups. For purposes of survey cost-efficiency, no effort was expended to locate non-pregnant animals outside active search areas, extreme outliers distant from active search areas (pregnant or non-pregnant), or Alberta-collared caribou. Where possible, the calf status of pregnant caribou not located during the November 2013 survey will be determined during upcoming winter fieldwork.

3 RESULTS

A total of 143 radio-collared caribou were potentially present within BC's boreal caribou ranges in November 2013, including 131 SCEK (27 ATS Iridium, 14 Vectronic Vertex, and 90 VHF), 10 animals previously collared by MFLNRO (1 ATS, 9 VHF), and 2 Alberta radio-collared caribou. Of these, 141 were believed to have functioning VHF beacons at the time of the fall calf survey and 2 were assumed to have previously failed.

The survey was conducted between November 19 and 25, 2013. One hundred, twenty-six of the 141 active caribou collars were located. Based on serum progesterone analysis, 22 caribou were not pregnant in the winter of 2012-13. Of these, 14 were located within or near other groups and calf status confirmed. The remaining 8 were outliers, which were not located. Snake-Sahtaneh caribou BC1037, which was collared by MFLNRO as a yearling female in March 2012, was confirmed to be a bull.

A total of 668 boreal caribou in 118 groups were observed, including 16 unmarked groups (49 caribou). Mean group size was 5.7 ± 3.6 SD (range 1-18; Table 1). A total of 68 calves were found during the survey. Based on the subsample of located caribou, overall recruitment to 6 months was 14 calves/100 females.

Table 1. Group size, total caribou observed, and age-sex classification by range for SCEK boreal caribou fall calfsurveys, northeastern British Columbia, November 19-25, 2013.

	No. of	Mean Group	Min	Max	Total Caribou			Classi	fication	
Range	Groups	Size (± SD)	Group Size	Group Size	Observed	F	Μ	Juv	Unclass	Mature Males ¹
Chinchaga	18	8.1 ± 4.8	1	18	145	116	16	13	0	11
Chinchaga RRA	6	6.0 ± 2.6	3	9	36	25	3	8	0	0
Snake-Sahtaneh	39	5.7 ± 3.2	1	13	222	167	31	20	4	25
Calendar	24	4.9 ± 3.2	1	13	118	68	24	10	16	16
Maxhamish	20	4.8 ± 3.5	2	13	95	66	15	14	0	11
Prophet ²	3	6.3 ± 4.9	3	12	19	16	3	0	0	2
Parker	7	4.3 ± 1.7	2	6	30	22	4	3	1	2
Fort Nelson Core	1	3.0	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
Total	118	5.7 ±3.6	1	18	668	483	96	68	21	67

¹ Mature males defined as Class II or III bulls (RIC 2002)

² Prophet Range includes RRA-B and 1 collared caribou (SCEK051) in a group of 3 located outside the range

Only 2 of 118 groups (6 caribou) were found outside currently recognized ranges, including 1 group (3 caribou) in the Fort Nelson "core" and 1 group (3 caribou) east of the Prophet Range. In addition, SCEK125 was known to be in the Northwest Territories, north of the Calendar Range, at the time of the survey. Of the remaining 116 groups located within boreal caribou ranges, 4 groups (25 caribou) were found outside core habitats within the Snake-Sahtaneh Range. Figure 2 shows the distribution of all groups encountered and helicopter flight lines flown during the fall calf survey.

3.2 Range Summaries

3.2.1 Chinchaga Range

Twenty-five radio-collared caribou, including 23 SCEK and 2 Alberta collars, were assumed to be active in the Chinchaga Range during the November 25, 2013 survey. A 26th caribou (SCEK058) was collared in the Milligan Core in January 2013, then moved to the Chinchaga RRA-A between May 16 and July 02. This caribou was located during the Chinchaga RRA survey on Nov 19. With the exception of SCEK040, all 25 collared caribou were within the Milligan Core. Three of 4 SCEK caribou not pregnant in late winter 2013 were located within or close to other groups and confirmed not to have calves. The fourth animal (SCEK040) moved to the Etthithun Core in June 2013 and was not located.

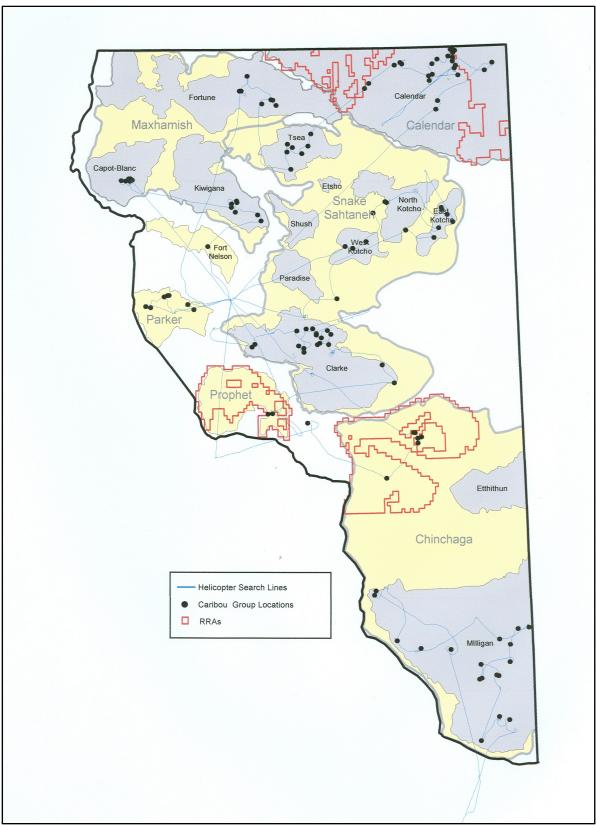


Figure 2. Location of 118 groups of boreal caribou observed during the November 19-25, 2013 SCEK fall calf survey, northeastern British Columbia (*n*=668 caribou).

SCEK042 was not heard; it is assumed that the collar has failed. The 2 Alberta collars were transmitting normal VHF signals but were not located.

A total of 145 caribou (116F, 16M, 13 calves) were counted in 18 groups in the Milligan Core on November 25, 2013, including 21 SCEK-collared animals (Table 2; Appendix I). No unmarked groups were encountered. Based on this sample, recruitment to 6 months was 11 calves/100 females.

Range	Core	Adult Females	Adult Males	Calves	Unclass	Mature Males ¹	Total
Chinchaga	Milligan	116	16	13	0	11	145
Ū	Etthithun	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	RRA-A	25	3	8	0	0	36
		141	19	21	0	11	181
Snake-Sahtaneh	Clarke	62	9	5	0	7	76
	Clarke-OS ²	3	3	1	0	3	7
	East Kotcho	27	9	2	2	6	40
	North Kotcho	18	1	4	0	1	23
	Tsea	30	5	5	2	4	42
	West Kotcho	23	4	3	0	4	30
	West Kotcho-OS	4	0	0	0	0	4
		167	31	20	4	25	222
Calendar	Calendar ³	37	7	6	12	4	62
	RRA-C	7	2	1	0	1	10
	RRA-D	24	15	3	4	11	46
		68	24	10	16	16	118
Maxhamish	Capot-Blanc	13	0	4	0	0	17
	Fortune	30	9	8	0	6	47
	Kiwigana	23	6	2	0	5	31
		66	15	14	0	11	95
Prophet	RRA-B	13	3	0	0	2	16
	Prophet-OS	3	0	0	0	0	3
		16	3	0	0	2	19
Parker	Parker	22	4	3	1	2	30
		22	4	3	1	2	30
Undifferentiated	Fort Nelson	3	0	0	0	0	3
		3	0	0	0	0	3
		483	96	68	21	67	668

Table 2. Total caribou observed and age-sex classification by range, core habitat, and RRA during the SCEK boreal caribou fall calf survey, northeastern British Columbia, November 19-25, 2013.

¹ Mature males defined as Class II or III bulls (RIC 2002)

² OS - outside range or core

³ Calendar Range excluding portions encompassed by RRA-C and RRA-D

3.2.2 Chinchaga RRA

Seven SCEK-collared caribou were active in the Chinchaga RRA on November 19, 2013. SCEK058 was collared in the Milligan Core on January 31, 2013 and moved to the Chinchaga RRA-A between May 16 and July 02, 2013.

A total of 36 caribou (25F, 3M, 8 calves) were located in 6 groups, including 2 unmarked groups (Table 2; Appendix II). Three groups, representing 11 caribou, were found in the "excluded area" within the central portion of the RRA. Based on the sample of 25 females, recruitment to 6 months was 32 calves/100 females.

3.2.3 Snake-Sahtaneh Range

Forty-five radio-collared caribou were active in the Snake-Sahtaneh Range during the November 20-22, 2013 survey. Eight collared caribou were not pregnant in late winter 2013 and BC1037 was confirmed to be a bull. Six of 8 females not pregnant were located within or close to other groups of collared caribou and were confirmed not to have calves. The remaining 2 were outliers and were heard transmitting normal VHF signals, but not located. SCEK097 was transmitting a normal VHF beacon during the November 14, 2013 telemetry monitoring flight, but was not heard during the fall calf survey.

A total of 222 Snake-Sahtaneh caribou (167F, 31M, 20 calves, 4 unclassified) were located in 39 groups, including 15 caribou in 5 unmarked groups (Table 2, Appendix III). Four groups (25 caribou) were located outside core areas within the range, including 2 groups west of the North Kotcho Core. The remaining 2 groups appeared to be travelling between the East Kotcho and North Kotcho cores and the Paradise and Clarke cores. Based on the sample of 167 females, recruitment to 6 months was 12 calves/100 females.

3.2.4 Calendar Range Including RRA-C and RRA-D

Nineteen of 27 SCEK caribou originally collared in the Calendar Range were active at the time of the November 21, 2013 survey; 18 were located. The nineteenth (SCEK125) was known to be in the Northwest Territories at the time of the survey; its VHF beacon was not heard.

One hundred, eighteen caribou (68F, 24M, 10 calves, 16 unclassified) were counted in 24 groups, including 19 caribou in 6 unmarked groups (Table 2, Appendix IV). A total of 56 caribou (47 %) were found in 8 groups within the 2 Calendar RRAs, including 10 in RRA-C (1 group) and 46 in RRA-D

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(7 groups). Based on the sample of 68 females, Calendar Range recruitment to 6 months was 15 calves/100 females.

3.2.5 Maxhamish Range

Twenty-two of 25 SCEK collars deployed in the Maxhamish Range during winter 2012-13 and 7 previously-deployed MFLNRO collars were active at the time of the November 20-21, 2013 survey. A total of 24 of the 29 active collars were located (17 SCEK, 7 MFLNRO). Four SCEK caribou were not pregnant; 2 were located in a group with a pregnant collared female and 2 were not located. Three potentially pregnant caribou were not located, including 2 extreme outliers and 1 animal whose VHF beacon shut down at 16:00 hours, before it could be found.

A total of 95 Maxhamish caribou (66F, 15M, 14 calves) were located in 20 groups, including 4 caribou in 2 unmarked groups (Table 2, Appendix V). All 95 caribou were within the 3 core habitats of the Maxhamish Range. Based on this sample of 66 females, recruitment to 6 months was 21 calves/100 females.

3.2.6 Prophet Range Including RRA-B

All 9 SCEK collars deployed within and adjacent to the Prophet Range in winter 2012-13 were active at the time of the November 19-20, 2013 survey. Two of 3 caribou that were not pregnant were heard but not located. SCEK144 was transmitting a normal VHF beacon during the November 10, 2013 telemetry monitoring flight, but could not be located during the fall calf survey.

A total of 19 Prophet caribou (16F, 3M, 0 calves) were located in 3 groups (Table 2, Appendix VI). Based on this limited sample, there was no calf recruitment to 6 months in the Prophet Range in 2013.

3.2.7 Parker Range

Six of 7 SCEK collars deployed in the Parker Range during winter 2012-13 and 1 previously-deployed MFLNRO collar were active at the time of the November 22, 2013 survey; all 8 were located.

A total of 30 Parker caribou (22F, 3M, 3 calves, 1 unclassified) were located in 7 groups, including 4 caribou in 1 unmarked group (Table 2, Appendix VII). Based on this sample, recruitment to 6 months was 14 calves/100 females.

3.2.8 Fort Nelson Core

Only 1 of 3 caribou collared in the undifferentiated Fort Nelson Core in winter 2012-13 was still alive in November 2013. SCEK009 was located in a group of 3 females (Table 2, Appendix VIII). There were no incidental observations of uncollared groups within the Fort Nelson Core.

3.3 Additional Observations

Five observations of radio-collared wolf (*Canis lupus*) packs and 1 incidental observation of an unmarked pack were made during the boreal caribou fall calf survey (Table 3).

A total of 90 moose (*Alces americanus*), in approximately 50 groups, were observed within the boreal caribou ranges and adjacent river corridors during the November 2013 survey (Fig. 3; Appendix IX). One coyote (*Canis latrans*), several sets of river otter (*Lontra canadensis*) tracks, and numerous flocks of sharp-tailed grouse (*Tympanuchus phasianellus*) were also observed.

Range1	Species	Date	Zn	Easting	Northing	No. Observ.	Comments
SNS	M-CALU	19-Nov-13	10	566318	6483337	(1)	Elleh Pack; a minimum of 1 wolf was present (Wolf BW017), but no visual obtained
SNS	M-CALU	20-Nov-13	10	577786	6494237	(2)	Elleh Pack; a minimum of 2 wolves present (Wolves BW017 and BW018) but obtained visual on 1 only
OS-SNS	M-CALU	20-Nov-13	10	588631	6513584	7	Incidental observation of an uncollared pack NE of Clarke Core, near Sierra EnCana
SNS	M-CALU	20-Nov-13	10	546859	6504544	4	Clarke Pack; including Wolves BW021 and BW022; 3 BLK and 1 GR
PRK	M-CALU	22-Nov-13	10	495511	6515171	4	Parker Pack; including Wolves BW019 and BW020
SNS	M-CALU	22-Nov-13	10	562348	6514100	9	Snake Pack; including Wolves BW015 and BW023

Table 3. Observations of radio-collared and unmarked wolf packs within BC boreal caribou ranges during the2013 boreal caribou fall calf survey, November 19-25, 2013.

¹ SNS – Snake-Sahtaneh, OS-SNS – Outside Snake-Sahtaneh Range, PRK – Parker

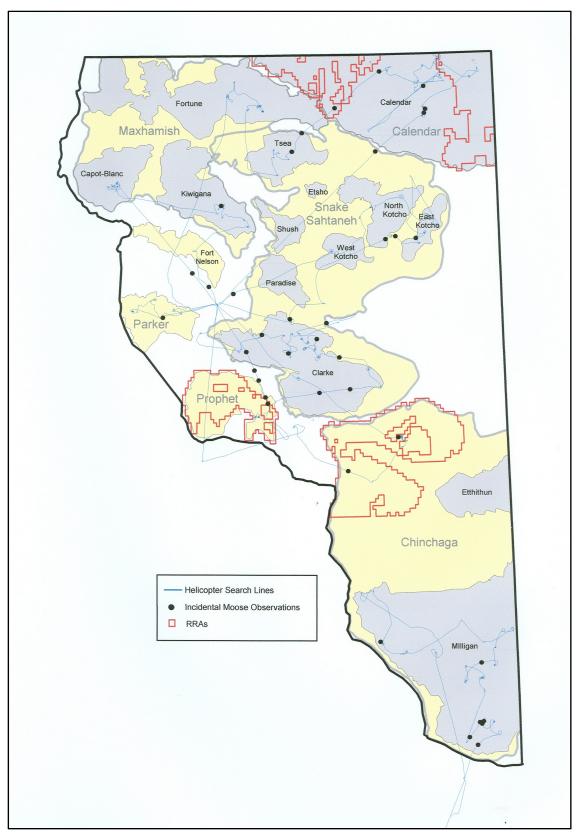


Figure 3. Incidental observations of moose made during the SCEK 2013 fall calf survey, November 19-25, 2013, northeast British Columbia (*n* = 90).

4 SUMMARY

Serum progesterone samples were used to determine pregnancy status of boreal caribou captured and fitted with SCEK radio-collars during winter 2012-13 (Culling and Culling 2013). Of the 131 SCEK collars still active at the time of the November 19-25 survey, 22 caribou were not pregnant the previous winter, 22 caribou had a calf at heel, 81 had no calf, and the status of the remaining 6 animals is unknown.

With the exception of the Chinchaga RRA, recruitment to 6 months in all boreal caribou ranges fell below Environment Canada's (2008) recommended threshold of a minimum annual recruitment rate of 28.9 calves/100 females. Boreal caribou recruitment to 10 months will be assessed during a late winter composition survey conducted in March 2014.

Three groups, representing 11 caribou were found in the interior portion of the Chinchaga RRA, within a polygon excluded from the resource review area. The RRA currently represents relatively intact caribou habitat, which would be compromised by future industrial development of excluded areas within the broader RRA polygon.

Boreal caribou exhibited a high degree of habituation to oilfield infrastructure throughout all ranges. In the Snake-Sahtaneh Range, a group of 11 caribou, including 2 large-antlered bulls, were observed readily crossing under an elevated pipeline at a compressor station in response to the helicopter (UTM 10.564527.6602052).

4.1 **Recommendations**

During the winter 2013-14 collar deployment sessions, effort will be made to search areas outside the recognized core habitats to ensure all high quality boreal caribou habitat is delineated. Based on observations from the 2013 fall calf survey, 3 areas that warrant further effort include:

- east of the current Prophet Range boundary, between Chinchaga RRA-A and Prophet RRA-B,
- within and adjacent to the southwest boundary of the Etthithun Core,
- within Calendar RRA-C, and
- north of the West Kotcho Core.

Observations made during the 2013 fall calf survey confirmed that Snake-Sahtaneh caribou BC1037 is an adult male. The animal was erroneously collared as a yearling female in March 2010. This caribou will

need to be recaptured to remove the collar, which will become too tight as the animal matures. This presents a potential opportunity to collect data on movements of an adult male boreal caribou by replacing the original collar with a properly-fitted Iridium collar.

Capot Blanc caribou SCEK066 was captured as a large yearling in February 2013. The collar fit should be assessed during winter 2014 capture activities to determine if recapture and adjustment is required.

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APPENDIX I: CHINCHAGA RANGE

Survey: Fall Calf Survey

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Project: SCEK Boreal Caribou **Obs Date:** 25 November 2013

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Navigator/Ob	oserver: Bra	ad Cullin	g	Recorder/Observer: Diane				ing	Pilot	/Obser	ver: Russ	ell Vilkers	Observer: Maxine Davis		
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Field ID	Core ¹	Туре	Calf ²	#	Tot	F	М	Juv	Unc	mm	WPT	East	North	BEU ³	Comments
SCEK026	MLL	I	No	3	5	3	2	0	0	2	484	654727	6291912	UV	On lease
SCEK027	MLL	V	No	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	481	664126	6304526	BB	
SCEK029	MLL	V	No	11	10	9	1	0	0	0	493	673770	6350274	TR	On cutline through Sb
SCEK030	MLL	V	No	5	7	6	1	0	0	0	486	662635	6326140	BB	
SCEK032	MLL	v	No	8	15	12	2	1	0	2	489	653917	6323981	UV	On lease; grp includes SCEK054
SCEK033	MLL	I	No	15	16	15	1	0	0	1	497	611086	6343878	UV	On lease with compressor stn; grp includes SECK053; photos
SCEK034	MLL	G	No	10	10	7	3	0	0	2	492	669804	6342133	BL	In patch of mature LP; 1 bull lost antlers
SCEK035	MLL	V	No	14	4	4	0	0	0	0	496	623385	6339891	TR	On cutline through Sb
SCEK036	MLL	I	No	16	8	8	0	0	0	0	499S	599356	6367633	тс	On railway tracks; photos
SCEK037	MLL	v	NP	1	14	8	3	3	0	3	478	669480	6302829	FE	Confirmed no calf; grp includes SECK038
SCEK038	MLL	I	NP	(1)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(478)	669480	6302829	FE	Confirmed no calf; grp includes SECK037
SCEK040	ETT	G	NP	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not pregnant/outlier (Etthithun) – not relocated
SCEK041	MLL	v	No	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	487	654560	6331708	TR	On cutline through LP forest

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	- 1		- 152	Grp	Grp		C	assificatio	on			_		3		
Field ID	Core ¹	Туре	Calf ²	#	Tot	F	М	Juv	Unc	mm	WPT	East	North	BEU ³	Comments	
SCEK042	MLL	I	UNK	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not heard, collar assumed failed	
SCEK052	MLL	V	Yes	9	4	3	0	1	0	0	491	669532	6333064	TR	On cutline through Sb	
SCEK053	MLL	v	NP	(15)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(497)	611086	6343878	UV	Confirmed no calf; on lease with compressor stn; grp includes SECK033; photos	
SCEK054	MLL	v	No	(8)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(489)	653917	6323981	UV	On lease; grp includes SCEK032	
SCEK055	MLL	G	No	13	4	4	0	0	0	0	495	664274	6344872	FE		
SCEK056	MLL	V	Yes	12	6	4	0	2	0	0	494	679381	6351034	BB		
SCEK057	MLL	V	Yes	18	4	2	0	2	0	0	501	639041	6339362	BB		
SCEK058	CHIN RRA	V	(No)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	C1	
SCEK059	MLL	V	No	4	6	4	1	1	0	1	485	663710	6325776	TR	On pipeline	
SCEK060	MLL	V	No	17	7	4	2	1	0	0	500	600089	6369891	BB		
SCEK061	MLL	V	No	7	18	16	0	2	0	0	488	655009	6324514	BB		
AB149.391	MLL	Unk	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Heard (OK); not relocated	
AB150.470	MLL	Unk	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Heard (OK); not relocated	
Obs #	UTM								Ac	lditional	itional Observations					
C1	n/a		SCEK058	CEK058 collared in Milligan on Jan 31, 2013 (pregnant), moved to C								in spring 2013	; located withou	ut calf on	Nov 19 in CHIN RRA-A	

¹ MLL – Milligan, ETT – Etthithun, CHIN RRA – Chinchaga RRA-A ² NP – not pregnant

³ Broad Ecosystem Unit (BEU): BB - Black Spruce Bog, BP - Boreal White Spruce-Lodgepole Pine, FE - Sedge Fen, TC – Transmission Corridor, TR – Transmission Corridor, UV - Unvegetated

APPENDIX II: CHINCHAGA RRA (RRA-A)

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Survey: Fall Calf Survey

Study Area: CHINCHAGA RRA

Obs Date: 19 November 2013

Obs Day: 1/1	Time	СС	Wind	Тетр	Precip	Snow Depth	Snow Cover
Start	10:13	> 50% (3)	Light Breeze (2)	- 17 C	None (N)	6-25 cm (3)	76-100 % (6)
End	11:04	> 50% (3)	Light Breeze (2)	- 17 C	None (N)	Days since 5 cm Snow: <	3 (2)

Navigator/Observer: Brad Culling Recorder/Observer: Diane Culling

Pilot/Observer: Keith Lawrence

Observer: Eva Needley

	- 1	_	- 16	Grp	Grp		Classification					UTM	Zone 10	BEU ²	
Field ID	Core ¹	Туре	Calf	#	Tot	F	М	Juv	Unc	mm	WPT	East	North	BEU-	Comments
SCEK046	CHIN RRA	Ι	No	6	8	7	0	1	0	0	331	605525	6428661	FE	
SCEK047	CHIN RRA	Ι	Yes	1	9	4	2	3	0	0	326	619665	6452650	FE	
SCEK048	n/a	V	Yes	4	4	2	1	1	0	0	329	623641	6450334	FE	In excluded area(C1)
SCEK058	CHIN RRA	V	No	2	8	8	0	0	0	0	327	620342	6452657	FE	Collared in Milligan (C2); grp includes SCEK139, SCEK141, SCEK 142
SCEK139	CHIN RRA	G	No	(2)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(327)	620342	6452657	FE	Grp includes SCEK058, SCEK141, SCEK 142
SCEK141	CHIN RRA	V	No	(2)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(327)	620342	6452657	FE	Grp includes SCEK058, SCEK139, SCEK 142
SCEK142	CHIN RRA	G	No	(2)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(327)	620342	6452657	FE	Grp includes SCEK058, SCEK139, SCEK 141
Uncoll#1	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	4	2	0	2	0	0	328	621739	6449668	FE	In excluded area(C1)
Uncoll#2	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	3	2	0	1	0	0	330	621829	6447203	FE	In excluded area(C1)
Obs #	UTN	1		Addition								ons			
C1	n/a		3 groups	(11 carib	ou) were	located ir	the cent	ral polygo	on exclude	ed from t	he surroun	ding RRA-A bu	t within the Chi	nchaga R	ange
C2	n/a		SCEK058 collared in Milligan, moved to Chinchaga RRA-A between May 16 and July 02, 2013												

¹ Chin-RRA – Chinchaga RRA-A
² Broad Ecosystem Unit (BEU): FE - Sedge Fen

APPENDIX III: SNAKE-SAHTANEH RANGE

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Project: SCEK Boreal Caribou

Survey: Fall Calf Survey

Study Area: SNAKE-SAHTANEH

Obs Date: 20-22 November 2013

Obs Day: 1/3	Time	СС	Wind	Temp	Precip	Snow Depth	Snow Cover
Start (November 20)	09:30 (CLR)	Clear (1)	Calm (0)	-22	None	6-25 cm (3)	76-100 % (6)
End (November 20)	12:45 (CLR)	Clear (1)	Light Air (1)	-26	None	Days since 5 cm Snow: <	< 14 (3)
Obs Day: 2/3	Time	СС	Wind	Temp	Precip	Snow Depth	Snow Cover
Start (November 21)	12:15 (TSE)	< 50 % (2)	Calm (0)	- 28	None	6-25 cm (3)	76-100 % (6)
End (November 21)	12:45 (TSE)	< 50 % (2)	Light Air (1)	- 28	None	Days since 5 cm Snow: <	< 14 (3)
Obs Day: 3/3	Time	СС	Wind	Temp	Precip	Snow Depth	Snow Cover
Start (November 22)	09:50 (PRD)	> 50 % (3)	Light Air (1)	- 20	None	6-25 cm (3)	76-100 % (6)
End (November 22)	13:05 (PRD)	> 50 % (3)	Moderate Breeze (4)	- 22	Low cloud	Days since 5 cm Snow: <	< 14 (3)

Navigator/Observer: Brad Culling

Recorder/Observer: Diane Culling

Pilot/Observer: Keith Lawrence

Observer: Eva Needley

51 1 1 10		-	0.10	Grp	Grp		C	lassificatio	on		MOT	- ·	N1	DELL	
Field ID	Core	Туре	Calf	#	Tot	F	М	Juv	Unc	mm	WPT	East	North	BEU	Comments
SCEK017	CLK	I	No	14	4	3	0	1	0	0	367	562516	6496459	BB	
SCEK018	CLK	V	No	17	7	5	1	1	0	1	373	537003	6498435	BB	
SCEK019	OS	v	No	39	7	3	3	1	0	3	474	579726	6522390	BB	Found north of Clarke Core on Day 2 of SNS survey
SCEK020	CLK	I	No	13	5	5	0	0	0	0	366	562589	6494389	BB	Grp includes SCEK025
SCEK021	CLK	V	NP	15	6	4	2	0	0	2	369	559776	6497696	BB	Confirmed no calf
SCEK024	CLK	V	No	8	3	3	0	0	0	0	355	571599	6501976	BB	
SCEK025	CLK	V	No	(13)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(366)	562589	6494389	BB	Grp includes SCEK020
SCEK068	CLK	V	Yes	5	2	1	0	1	0	0	351	575344	6498466	FE	
SCEK070	CLK	V	No	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	348	570773	6499114	FE	
SCEK071	WSK	G	No	27	5	5	0	0	0	0	459	587867	6548795	BB	
SCEK073	WSK	V	Yes	28	13	12	0	1	0	0	460	594708	6552215	BB	Grp includes SCEK145

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51 1 1 10		-		Grp	Grp		Cl	assificatio	on		N/DT	- ·	N	DELL	
Field ID	Core	Туре	Calf	#	Tot	F	М	Juv	Unc	mm	WPT	East	North	BEU	Comments
SCEK074	NRK	v	NP	29	3	3	0	0	0	0	461	598465	6567152	BB	Confirmed no calf; grp includes SCEK104
SCEK079	TSE	I	No	23	8	6	1	1	0	1	432	553927	6603016	BB	
SCEK081	TSE	V	No	25	8	7	0	1	0	0	434	555750	6589894	BB	
SCEK082	TSE	v	No	20	11	7	3	1	0	2	428	564527	6602052	UV	On lease; grp includes SCEK083; caribou readily crossed under pipe
SCEK083	TSE	v	No	(20)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(428)	564527	6602052	UV	On lease; grp includes SCEK082
SCEK088	ESK	v	No	37	9	7	1	1	0	1	470	630065	6554422	UV	On lease; grp includes SCEK102
SCEK089	ESK	v	NP	33	6	5	0	1	0	0	465	633823	6570070	BB	Confirmed no calf; grp includes SCEK103
SCEK090	NRK	v	NP	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Signal heard (OK), not pregnant – did not attempt to find
SCEK091	NRK	V	No	30	11	8	1	2	0	1	462	604615	6573038	BB	
SCEK092	NRK	v	NP	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Signal heard (OK), not pregnant – did not attempt to find
SCEK094	OS	V	No	38	4	4	0	0	0	0	472	615369	6558196	BB	East of WSK; grp includes old VHF collar, purple/red left eartag
SCEK096	CLK	V	No	11	6	6	0	0	0	0	358	567096	6506650	BB	Grp includes SCEK156
SCEK097	(NRK)	Ι	UNK	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Signal not heard

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				Grp	Grp		Cl	assificati	on						
Field ID	Core	Туре	Calf	#	Tot	F	М	Juv	Unc	mm	WPT	East	North	BEU	Comments
SCEK100	ESK	I	NP	35	4	3	1	0	0	0	467	639915	6562673	BB	Confirmed no calf; grp includes SCEK110
SCEK102	ESK	v	No	(37)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(470)	630065	6554422	UV	On lease; grp includes SCEK088
SCEK103	ESK	v	No	(33)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(465)	633823	6570070	TR	On cutline; grp includes SCEK089
SCEK104	NRK	G	NP	(29)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(461)	598465	6567152	BB	Grp includes SCEK074
SCEK105	ESK	V	No	36	13	12	1	0	0	1	468	632484	6559479	BB	
SCEK110	ESK	I	No	(35)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(467)	639915	6562673	BB	Grp includes SCEK100;
SCEK111	NRK	G	No	31	9	7	0	2	0	0	463	605573	6571876	BB	
SCEK127	TSE	v	Yes	21	6	4	1	1	0	1	430	561423	6598107	TR	On cutline through Sb forest
SCEK131	TSE	v	No	22	3	2	0	1	0	0	431	556442	6601230	TR	On cutline through Sb forest
SCEK132	TSE	V	No	24	4	4	0	0	0	0	433	553653	6598908	BB	
SCEK145	WSK	V	NP	(28)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(460)	594708	6552215	BB	Grp includes SCEK073
SCEK148	CLK	V	No	1	7	5	2	0	0	1	343	609495	6478538	BB	1 bull lost antlers
SCEK149	CLK	V	No	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	352	576478	6503727	BB	
SCEK150	CLK	V	No	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	345	603202	6487910	BB	
SCEK151	CLK	V	Yes	16	6	3	2	1	0	1	370	558842	6505537	BB	
SCEK152	CLK	V	No	12	7	7	0	0	0	0	364	563676	6506555	BB	

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Field ID	Core	Туре	Calf	#	Tot	F	М	Juv	Unc	mm	WPT	East	North	BEU	Comments
SCEK153	CLK	V	Yes	18	2	1	0	1	0	0	374	535566	6497034	BB	
SCEK154	CLK	V	No	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	350	569574	6498360	BB	
SCEK156	CLK	V	No	(11)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(358)	567096	6506650	BB	Grp includes SCEK096
SCEK157	CLK	V	No	9	4	4	0	0	0	0	356	568952	6503367	BB	
BC1037	WSK	v	n/a	26	12	6	4	2	0	4	458	583940	6549693	UV	C1; on lease; confirmed bull
Uncoll#1	CLK	n/a	n/a	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	354	574678	6505740	BB	
Uncoll#2	CLK	n/a	n/a	10	4	2	2	0	0	2	357	568931	6504145	BB	Both bulls lost antlers
Uncoll#3	TSE	n/a	n/a	19	2	0	0	0	2	0	427	566091	6608347	UV	On lease
Uncoll#4	ESK	n/a	n/a	32	6	0	6	0	0	4	464	634179	6569113	UV	On lease; 4 bulls lost antlers
Uncoll#5	ESK	n/a	n/a	34	2	0	0	0	2	0	466	636937	6566431	BB	
Obs #	UTM		Additional Observations												
C1	10.583940.65	49693	Confirmed adult male erroneously collared as yearling on 27 March 2010; replace or remove collar in Winter 2014 capture season											eason	

¹ CLR – Clarke, PRD – Paradise, WSK - West Kotcho, ESK - East Kotcho, NRK - North Kotcho, TSE – Tsea, OS - Outside range or core
² NP – not pregnant, UNK - calf status undetermined
³ Broad Ecosystem Unit (BEU): BB - Black Spruce Bog, BP - Boreal White Spruce-Lodgepole Pine, FE - Sedge Fen, TR – Transmission Corridor, UV - Unvegetated

APPENDIX IV: CALENDAR RANGE

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Project: SCEK Boreal Caribou

Survey: Fall Calf Survey

Study Area: CALENDAR

Obs Date: 21 November 2013

Obs	5 Day: 1/1		т	ime		СС		١	Vind		Temp	Precip	Snov	w Depth	Snow Cover
		Start	0	8:40	(Clear (1)		Ligh	t Air (1)		-27	None	6-25	5 cm (3)	76-100 % (6)
		End	12	2:05	(Clear (1)		Ligh	t Air (1)		-30	None	Days since	e 5 cm Snov	w: < 14 (3)
Navigator/Ol	bserver: Br	ad Cullin	g	Reco	der/Obs	erver: [Diane C	ulling	Pil	ot/Obse	erver: Keit	h Lawrence	Ob	server: E	va Needley
Field ID	Core ¹	Туре	Calf ²	Grp #	Grp Tot	F	М	Classificati Juv	on Unc	mm	WPT	East	North	BEU ³	Comments
SCEK107	CAL	V	NP	15	2	2	0	0	0	0	411	627281	6638770	BB	Confirmed no calf
SCEK108	CAL	V	No	16	6	4	2	0	0	2	412	627670	6636364	UV	On lease
SCEK112	CAL	V	Yes	19	3	2	0	1	0	0	417	642485	6639331	UV	On lease
SCEK113	RRA-D	V	No	4	9	5	3	1	0	2	400	656261	6641932	BB	Both bulls lost antlers
SCEK114	CAL	I	No	12	2	2	0	0	0	0	408	631686	6647588	BB	
SCEK116	RRA-D	V	No	3	7	5	2	0	0	0	399	660060	6645989	BB	
SCEK119	CAL	G	Yes	21	2	1	0	1	0	0	419	613260	6644972	BB	
SCEK120	RRA-D	V	Yes	17	8	4	3	1	0	3	413	641208	6644292	BB	
SCEK122	RRA-D	v	Yes	5	11	7	3	1	0	2	401	639827	6650967	BB	In NWT on previous telemetry flight
SCEK123	RRA-D	V	No	9	4	3	1	0	0	1	405	639648	6648451	BB	
SCEK125	CAL	v	NP	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	In NWT; signal not heard
SCEK126	RRA-C	I	No	24	10	7	2	1	0	1	423	593998	6632138	BB	
SCEK134	CAL	V	Yes	18	13	9	3	1	0	0	416	640587	6642964	BB	
SCEK135	CAL	G	No	14	3	2	0	1	0	0	410	629212	6639618	TR	On cutline
SCEK136	CAL	I	No	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	398	631970	6625858	TR	On cutline
SCEK137	CAL	V	No	7	3	3	0	0	0	0	403	640002	6652342	BB	Approx. 100 m from boundary of RRA-D

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Survey: Fall Calf Survey

Study Area: CALENDAR

Obs Date:	21	November	2013
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	a 1	_	a 15 ²	Grp	Grp		C	assificatio	on					55.13	
Field ID	Core ¹	Туре	Calf ²	#	Tot	F	М	Juv	Unc	mm	WPT	East	North	BEU ³	Comments
SCEK138	CAL	V	NP	1	3	2	1	0	1	1	395	631066	6621373	BB	Confirmed no calf
SCEK146	CAL	I	No	20	4	3	1	0	0	1	418	612429	6645736	BB	
SCEK147	CAL	G	Yes	11	5	3	0	2	0	0	407	637297	6649123	BB	
Uncoll#1	CAL	n/a	n/a	6	5	0	0	0	5	0	402	638621	6652515	BB	
Uncoll#2	RRA-D	n/a	n/a	8	4	0	0	0	4	0	404	640756	6652059	BB	
Uncoll#3	RRA-D	n/a	n/a	10	3	0	3	0	0	3	406	639577	6646562	BB	2 bulls bald/1 still had antlers
Uncoll#4	CAL	n/a	n/a	13	2	0	0	0	2	0	409	628993	6645154	BB	
Uncoll#5	CAL	n/a	n/a	22	4	0	0	0	4	0	420	609405	6644382	BB	
Uncoll#6	CAL	n/a	n/a	23	1	0	0	0	1	0	422	596169	6634807	BB	
Obs #	UTM	-	Additional Observations											-	
C1	n/a		Abundan	t use of l	akes (inclu	uding trac	ks) throu	ighout rai	nge						

¹ CLN - Calendar Range excluding RRA-C and RRA-D (i.e., central portion), RRA-C – Calendar RRA (west), RRA-D – Calendar RRA (east), OS - Outside core
² NP – not pregnant
³ Broad Ecosystem Unit (BEU): BB - Black Spruce Bog, TR – Transmission Corridor, UV - Unvegetated

APPENDIX V: MAXHAMISH RANGE

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Project: SCEK Boreal Caribou **Obs Date:** 20-21 November 2013

I Caribou Survey: Fall Calf Survey

alf Survey Study Area: MAXHAMISH

Obs Day: 1/2	Time	СС	Wind	Temp	Precip	Snow Depth	Snow Cover
Start (November 20)	13:50 (KWG)	Clear (1)	Light Air (1)	- 24 C	None	6-25 cm (3)	76-100 % (6)
End (November 20)	15:45 (KWG)	Clear (1)	Light Air (1)	- 24 C	None	Days since 5 cm Snow: <	3 (2)
Obs Day: 2/2	Time	СС	Wind	Temp	Precip	Snow Depth	Snow Cover
Start (November 21)	13:15 (FRT)	< 50 % (2)	Light Air (1)	- 26 C	None	6-25 cm (3)	76-100 % (6)
End (November 21)	14:10 (FRT)	> 50 % (3)	Light Air (1)	- 26 C	None	Days since 5 cm Snow: <	3 (2)

Navigator/Observer: Brad Culling

Recorder/Observer: Diane Culling

Pilot/Observer: Keith Lawrence

Observer: Eva Needley

	a 1	_	a 15 ²	Grp	Grp		Cl	assificatio	on					BEU ³	
Field ID	Core ¹	Туре	Calf ²	#	Tot	F	М	Juv	Unc	mm	WPT	East	North	BEO	Comments
SCEK001	СРВ	v	No	9	4	3	0	1	0	0	388	472268	6583448	BB	Grp includes SCEK066 & BC1014
SCEK002	СРВ	I	Yes	8	5	4	0	1	0	0	387	470007	6583549	BB	
SCEK003	KWG	I	Yes	5	4	3	0	1	0	0	382	527523	6573299	BB	
SCEK004	FRT	v	UNK	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Outlier – not relocated (C1)
SCEK005	FRT	I	NP	20	4	4	0	0	0	0	445	529849	6630673	BB	Confirmed no calf; grp includes SCEK086 and SCEK128
SCEK006	KWG	V	No	7	4	2	2	0	0	2	386	524851	6569961	BB	Both bulls lost antlers
SCEK007	СРВ	I	UNK	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Heard (signal OK) but collar shut off (16:00 hrs) before visual could be obtained
SCEK062	KWG	v	NP	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not pregnant; heard (OK) not located
SCEK063	KWG	V	No	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	379	538459	6566011	BB	

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	- 1	_	- 12	Grp	Grp		Cl	assificati	on					3	
Field ID	Core ¹	Туре	Calf ²	#	Tot	F	М	Juv	Unc	mm	WPT	East	North	BEU ³	Comments
SCEK064	KWG	v	No	3	11	8	3	0	0	2	380	526888	6567433	BB	2 large bulls still with antlers
SCEK066	СРВ	v	No	(9)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(388)	472268	6583448	BB	Grp includes SCEK001 & BC1014
SCEK067	СРВ	V	No	10	2	2	0	0	0	0	389	467745	6583784	BB	
SCEK076	СРВ	v	Yes	12	2	1	0	1	0	0	391	471713	6584767	BB	
SCEK078	FRT	v	UNK	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Outlier – not relocated (C1)
SCEK085	FRT	G	No	17	12	5	5	2	0	3	440	546293	6625951	BL	Grp includes SCEK129
SCEK086	FRT	v	No	(20)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(445)	529849	6630673	BB	Grp includes SCEK005 and SCEK128
SCEK087	FRT	V	No	16	13	10	2	1	0	2	438	547998	6623215	BP	In mature Sw
SCEK128	FRT	v	NP	(20)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(445)	529849	6630673	BB	Confirmed no calf; grp includes SCEK005 and SCEK086
SCEK129	FRT	V	No	(20)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(440)	546293	6625951	BL	Grp includes SCEK085
SCEK130	FRT	v	Yes	15	3	1	1	1	0	1	437	545313	6626161	TR	On cutline through Sb forest
SCEK163	FRT	G	NP	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not pregnant; outlier - not relocated
SCEK164	FRT	V	Yes	19	8	6	0	2	0	0	444	528959	6630628	BB	Grp includes BC1033

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	1			Grp	Grp		С	lassificati	on					з	
Field ID	Core ¹	Туре	Calf ²	#	Tot	F	М	Juv	Unc	mm	WPT	East	North	BEU ³	Comments
BC1009	KWG	V	Yes	6	5	4	0	1	0	0	384	524933	6571749	BB	Old wolf collar; hanging upside down on neck
BC1014	СРВ	V	Yes	(9)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	388	472268	6583448	BB	Grp includes SCEK001 & SCEK066
BC1015	СРВ	V	No	13	2	2	0	0	0	0	392	473493	6584113	BB	
BC1024	FRT	V	No	18	2	1	1	0	0	0	443	532925	6638398	BB	Purple/or red left ear-tag
BC1031	FRT	V	Yes	14	5	3	0	2	0	0	435	540596	6623962	BB	
BC1033	FRT	v	Yes	(19)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(444)	528959	6630628	BB	Grp includes SCEK164
BC1066	KWG	I	No	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	378	540315	6562911	BB	
UNKN#1	СРВ	v	Yes	11	2	1	0	1	0	0	390	472568	6584739	BB	Old VHF (no signal), red right eartag
Uncoll#1	KWG	n/a	n/a	4	2	1	1	0	0	1	381	527746	6572470	BB	
Obs #	UTM		Additional Observations												
C1	n/a		SCEK004	SCEK004 (pregnant), SCEK078 (pregnant), and SCEK 163 (not pregnant) outliers; not relocated due to distance from main search areas											

¹ CPB - Capot-Blanc FRT - Fortune KWG - Kiwigana OS - Outside core or range ² NP - not pregnant, UNK - calf status undetermined

³ Broad Ecosystem Unit (BEU): BB - Black Spruce Bog, BP - Boreal White Spruce-Lodgepole Pine, BL- Black Spruce-Lodgepole Pine, TR – Transmission Corridor, UV - Unvegetated

APPENDIX VI: PROPHET RANGE

Project: SCEK Boreal Caribou

Survey: Fall Calf Survey

Study Area: PROPHET

Obs Date: 19-20 November 2013

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Obs I	Obs Day: 1/2 Time			СС		Wind			Temp	Precip	Snow	Depth	Snow Cover			
St	art (Novem	ber 19)	11	11:15		> 50 % (3)		Light Air (1)			-18	None	6-25	cm (3)	76-100 % (6)	
E	End (Novem	ber 19)	12	:05	> 5	50 % (3)		Light Air (1)			-19	None	Days since	5 cm Sno	w: < 3 (2)	
Obs [Day: 1/2		Tir	ne		сс		Wind			Temp Precip		Snow	Depth	Snow Cover	
St	art (Novem	ber 20)	08	:50	C	lear (1)		Calı	m (0)		- 22	None	6-25	cm (3)	76-100 % (6)	
E	End (Novem	ber 20)	09	:20	C	lear (1)		Calı	m (0)		- 22	None	Days since	5 cm Sno	w: < 3 (2)	
Navigator/Ok	oserver: B	rad Cull	ing	Ree	corder/0	Observe	r: Diane	e Culling		Pilot,	Observe	r: Keith Law	rence	Observer: Eva Needley		
	1			Grp	Grp		Cl	assificati	on			UTM	Zone 10	2		
Field ID	Core ¹	Туре	Calf ²	#	Tot	F	М	Juv	Uncl	mm	WPT	East	North	BEU ³	Comments	
SCEK043	RRA-B	v	No	2	12	10	2	0	0	2	339	546258	6462404	BB	Grp includes SCEK049 and SCEK161; both bulls have lost antlers	
SCEK044	RRA-B	I	No	3	4	3	1	0	0	0	340	543939	6462159	BB		
SCEK045	RRA-B	v	No	(3)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(340)	543939	6462159	BB		
SCEK049	RRA-B	v	NP	(2)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(339)	546258	6462404	BB	Grp includes SCEK043 and SCEK161	
SCEK050	n/a	I	NP	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Heard (OK), not relocated (C2)	
SCEK051	OS	v	No	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	333	564508	6457472	BB	Outside range/RRA-B - between Prophet and Chin RRAs	
SCEK143	n/a	G	NP	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Heard (OK), not relocated (C2)	

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Study Area: PROPHET Survey: Fall Calf Survey

	_ 1 _		a 15 ²	Grp	Grp		Cl	assificati	on			UTM Zone 10		3	Commente
Field ID	Core ¹	Туре	Calf ²	#	Tot	F	М	Juv	Uncl	mm	WPT Eas	East	North	BEU ³	Comments
SCEK144	n/a	v	UNK	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not heard
SCEK161	RRA-B	I	No	(2)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(339)	546258	6462404	BB	Grp includes SCEK043 and SCEK049
Obs #	UTM			Additional Observations											
C1	n/a		Survey a	Survey aborted after Grp #1 due to mechanical malfunction; resumed following day (Nov 20)											
C2	n/a		Caribou	aribou outside immediate search area, signal heard and confirmed active but not relocated; not pregnant in late winter 2013										nter 2013	

RRA-B – Prophet RRA, OS - Outside Range
NP – not pregnant, UNK - calf status undetermined
Broad Ecosystem Unit (BEU): BB - Black Spruce Bog

APPENDIX VII: PARKER RANGE

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Project: SCEK Boreal Caribou

Survey: Fall Calf Survey

Study Area: PARKER

Obs Date:	22 November 2013	
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Obs	Obs Day: 1/1 Time		Time		сс			Wir	nd		Temp	Precip	Snow D	epth	Snow Cover	
	St	art	08:25		< 50 % (2)			Light Bre	eze (2)		-23	None	6-25 cm (3)		76-100 % (6)	
	E	nd	09:20	ι	Jnbroken (Clouds (4)		Light Bre	eze (2)		-23	None	Days since 5	cm Snow	<i>v</i> : < 3 (2)	
Navigator/	Observer: Bra	nd Cullin	ng	Recor	der/Obse	erver: Di	ane Cull	ing	Pilot	t/Obse	rver: Keitl	n Lawrence	Obse	Observer: Eva Needley		
Field ID	Core ¹	Туре	Calf	Grp #	Grp Tot	F	с м	lassificatio	on Unc	mm	WPT	East	North	BEU ²	Comments	
SCEK010	PRK	V	No	7	6	4	0	1	1	0	456	480527	6518047	BB		
SCEK012	PRK	v	No	1	6	4	2	0	0	2	448	502270	6519219	BB	Along Creek; 1 bull lost antlers	
SCEK013	PRK	V	Yes	5	3	2	0	1	0	0	454	492505	6523913	BB		
SCEK014	PRK	I	No	2	6	6	0	0	0	0	449	505446	6516555	UV	On lease; grp includes BC1001	
SCEK015	PRK	V	No	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	452	490003	6523098	BB		
SCEK016	PRK	I	No	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	455	482992	6517467	BB		
BC1001	PRK	v	No	(2)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(dpl)	(449)	505446	6516555	UV	On lease; grp includes SCEK014	
BC1000	n/a	v	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Old VHF collar; not heard	
Uncoll#1	PRK	n/a	n/a	4	4	2	1	1	0	0	453	491741	6523832	BB		
Obs #	UTM		Additional Observations													
C1	10.495511.65	15171	Parker P	ack wolv	es x 4 on e	lk kill on I	Muskwa I	River, incl	uding BW	020 (Wp	ot 451)					

¹ PRK - Parker Range/Core
² Broad Ecosystem Unit (BEU): BB - Black Spruce Bog, UV - Unvegetated

APPENDIX VIII: FORT NELSON CORE

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Project: SCEK Boreal Caribou

Survey: Fall Calf Survey

Study Area: FORT NELSON CORE

Obs Date: 20 November 2013

Ob	Obs Day: 1/1		Т	me		СС		v	/ind		Temp	Precip	Snov	v Depth	Snow Cover	
Start 1			13:30 Clear (1)				Light Air (1)			-24	None	6-25	cm (3)	76-100 % (6)		
	End			3:43	C				Light Air (1)		-24	None	Days since	5 cm Snow:	< 14 (3)	
Navigator/C	bserver: Br	ad Cullin						ulling	Pilo	ot/Obse	rver: Keitl	h Lawrence	Ob	Observer: Eva Needley		
Field ID	Core ¹	Туре	Calf	Grp #	Grp Tot	Classification F M Juv Unc mm			mm	WPT	East	North	BEU ²	Comments		
SCEK009	FN	I	No	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	377	512613	6549549	BB		
Obs # UTM Additional									ıl Observat	ions		<u> </u>				

FN – Fort Nelson "area of interest", official status not yet confirmed
Broad Ecosystem Unit (BEU): BB - Black Spruce Bog

Range	Species	Date	Zn	Easting	Northing	No. Observed	Comments
CHIN	M-ALAL	25-Nov-13	10	660926	6290673	5	
CHIN	M-ALAL	25-Nov-13	10	663097	6301841	1	
CHIN	M-ALAL	25-Nov-13	10	663947	6303198	1	
CHIN	M-ALAL	25-Nov-13	10	661971	6302705	1	
CHIN	M-ALAL	25-Nov-13	10	656631	6294704	1	
CHIN	M-ALAL	25-Nov-13	10	662847	6333976	2	
CHIN	M-ALAL	25-Nov-13	10	609973	6344812	1	
CHIN-RRA	M-ALAL	19-Nov-13	10	619058	6452164	2	
CHIN-RRA	M-ALAL	19-Nov-13	10	592987	6434350	1	
SNS	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	588241	6494144	2	
SNS	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	576450	6503787	1	
SNS	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	581471	6512172	2	
SNS	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	561601	6496167	5	In 2 groups
SNS	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	547773	6505847	1	
SNS	M-ALAL	21-Nov-13	10	563288	6602041	2	
SNS	M-ALAL	22-Nov-13	10	532878	6527255	4	
SNS	M-ALAL	22-Nov-13	10	628185	6556950	1	
SNS	M-ALAL	22-Nov-13	10	617450	6557862	2	
SNS	M-ALAL	22-Nov-13	10	612289	6556307	1	
SNS	M-ALAL	22-Nov-13	10	562348	6514100	2	Cow and calf 800 m from Snake Pack (9 wolves observed, including BW023 (148.425) and BW015 (148.430)
CAL	M-ALAL	21-Nov-13	10	606966	6602312	3	
CAL	M-ALAL	21-Nov-13	10	632264	6622708	2	
CAL	M-ALAL	21-Nov-13	10	632894	6624857	1	
CAL	M-ALAL	21-Nov-13	10	631949	6636852	8	Couple of groups
CAL	M-ALAL	21-Nov-13	10	608877	6644369	1	
CAL	M-ALAL	21-Nov-13	10	585600	6625013	4	
CAL	M-ALAL	21-Nov-13	10	568421	6611866	1	
MAX	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	526406	6573540	5	
MAX	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	511434	6538048	2	
PPH	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	539529	6496819	2	
РРН	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	543863	6487213	1	
PPH	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	546160	6481962	2	
РРН	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	549625	6472994	3	
РРН	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	550903	6469646	2	
РРН	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	577843	6475461	2	
РРН	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	593864	6477448	2	
PRK	M-ALAL	22-Nov-13	10	496136	6514729	2	
OS	M-ALAL	20-Nov-13	10	520077	6530937	9	In 3 groups

APPENDIX IX: INCIDENTAL MOOSE OBSERVATIONS