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FIXED-WING TELEMETRY MONITORING FLIGHT – December 18, 19, & 31, 2013

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Background

During the winter of 2012-13, 164 adult female boreal caribou were radio-collared in British Columbia's boreal caribou ranges as part of the *British Columbia Boreal Caribou Implementation Plan* (BCIP). On December 18, 19, & 31, 2013, Diversified Environmental Services (DES) conducted a fixed-wing monitoring flight under contract to the Science Community Environmental Knowledge Fund (SCEK), on behalf of the Research and Effectiveness Monitoring Board (REMB). Fixed-wing monitoring flights are conducted at monthly intervals throughout the year in order to identify mortality events to be followed up by ground-based mortality investigations/collar recoveries and to track potential long distance seasonal movements of VHF-collared caribou.

Objectives

The objective of the December 2013 monitoring flight was to determine the approximate location and VHF beacon status of all boreal caribou and wolf collars believed to be active in the survey area at the time of the flight. These included caribou collars deployed on behalf of SCEK, caribou and wolf collars deployed on behalf of MFLNRO, and pre-existing collars known to have entered BC's boreal caribou ranges from adjacent jurisdictions.

Methods

The monitoring flight was conducted using a Cessna 180 fixed-wing aircraft equipped with 1 outward-facing directional antenna affixed to each wing strut. Collar frequencies were scanned using a Lotek™ STR 1000 telemetry receiver. The flight was conducted at 700-1,000 m above ground level at an average speed of 160 km/hr. The VHF beacon status of all detected collars was recorded on hard copy forms. In the case of VHF collars (Lotek LMRT4), status was recorded as either normal (60 pulses per minute (ppm)) or mortality (120 ppm) and a location (+/- 1 km) was recorded using a hand-held GPS unit. In the case of GPS/satellite collars (ATS Iridium and Vectronic Vertex), additional diagnostic VHF beacon patterns were recorded where applicable. As GPS/satellite collars are programmed to log multiple daily locations with high precision, efforts to obtain collar locations during fixed-wing flights are not necessary. Therefore, waypoints for GPS/satellite collars were typically recorded at the location from which the collar was heard, unless the VHF beacon status indicated a collar malfunction or mortality, in which case more precise locations were obtained.

Results

All cores other than Milligan were completed on December 18 and 19, 2013. Poor weather and lack of aircraft availability delayed the completion of the Milligan flight until December 31. A total of 143 caribou collar frequencies were scanned during the December 18-19 and 31 monitoring flights, including 131 SCEK collars (27 ATS Iridium, 14 Vectronic Vertex, and 90 VHF), 2 Alberta SRM collars, and 10

previously-deployed MFLNRO collars (1 ATS Iridium and 9 VHF). In addition, the frequencies of 14 Lotek Iridium and 6 Lotek VHF wolf collars were scanned.

Results of the December 18, 19, & 31 monitoring flight are presented in Table 1. Flight paths searched within and adjacent to each core habitat area are shown in Figure 1. Total flight line distance was 2,412 km. Of 143 caribou collar frequencies scanned, 137 normal VHF signals were detected. One mortality signal (BC1024) was detected, indicating a dead animal.

The remaining 5 animals were not detected during the monitoring flight. These included 1 SCEK ATS Iridium collar suspected to have failed (SCEK042; Milligan), 1 SCEK ATS Iridium collar whose satellite function ceased in November and whose VHF beacon is intermittent (SCEK017; Clarke), 1 SCEK ATS Iridium collar which has not transmitted satellite data recently (SCEK050; Prophet), 1 previously-deployed VHF collar suspected to have exceeded its battery life (BC1000; Parker), and 1 previously-deployed MFLNRO VHF collar which is not consistently located due to a weak VHF signal (BC1037; North Kotcho).

Nineteen wolf collar frequencies were scanned during the December 18, 19, & 31, 2013 monitoring flight, including 13 Iridium collars and 6 VHF collars. Of the 13 Iridium wolf collars, 7 had normal VHF beacon function, 1 was transmitting a VHF low battery signal (BW016; Snake pack), and 1 was transmitting a VHF mortality signal (BW015; Snake pack). VHF signals from the remaining 4 Iridium wolf collars were not detected. Two of the 4 undetected Iridium wolf collars were previously suspected to have failed, including BW03 (West Clarke pack) and BW12 (Big Arrow pack). Of the remaining 2 undetected Iridium wolf collars, 1 has not transmitted recent satellite data (BW17; Elleh pack) and the other has current satellite transmission function but has dispersed north of the search area, approximately 60 km into the Northwest Territories (BW10; Snake pack). Of the 6 VHF wolf collars scanned, 5 had normal VHF signals and 1 could not be located (BW007; Snake Pack). The undetected VHF wolf collar has not been located since soon after deployment in February 2013 and is assumed to have failed or the animal dispersed.

There were no opportunities for First Nations field assistance on this monitoring flight.

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Table 1. VHF signal status and location of boreal caribou and wolf collars detected during the December 18, 19, and 31, 2013 SCEK fixed-wing telemetry monitoring flight.

| ID | Species | Range | Core | Collar Type | Status | Date | Zone | East | North | Comments |
|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|------|--------|---------|----------------------------------|
| SCEK114 | Caribou | Calendar | Calendar | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 626504 | 6639584 | normal |
| SCEK136 | Caribou | Calendar | Calendar | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 625251 | 6631088 | normal |
| SCEK135 | Caribou | Calendar | Calendar | Vectr-Vertex | 50 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 611600 | 6645168 | normal |
| SCEK119 | Caribou | Calendar | Calendar | Vectr-Vertex | 50 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 604270 | 6638279 | normal |
| SCEK113 | Caribou | Calendar | Calendar | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 663410 | 6649231 | normal |
| SCEK123 | Caribou | Calendar | Calendar | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 607083 | 6632207 | normal |
| SCEK122 | Caribou | Calendar | Calendar | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 642117 | 6648130 | normal |
| SCEK138 | Caribou | Calendar | Calendar | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 649166 | 6622157 | normal |
| SCEK137 | Caribou | Calendar | Calendar | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 622560 | 6644545 | normal |
| SCEK120 | Caribou | Calendar | Calendar | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 596617 | 6633388 | normal |
| SCEK116 | Caribou | Calendar | Calendar | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 638401 | 6642341 | normal |
| SCEK134 | Caribou | Calendar | Calendar | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 608824 | 6631208 | normal |
| SCEK112 | Caribou | Calendar | Calendar | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 640108 | 6645813 | normal |
| SCEK125 | Caribou | Calendar | Calendar | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 651780 | 6687922 | normal |
| SCEK126 | Caribou | Calendar | RRA-C | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 602669 | 6636470 | normal |
| SCEK146 | Caribou | Calendar | RRA-D | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 610999 | 6642988 | normal |
| SCEK147 | Caribou | Calendar | RRA-D | Vectr-Vertex | 50 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 634751 | 6646523 | normal |
| SCEK108 | Caribou | Calendar | RRA-D | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 626101 | 6631297 | normal |
| SCEK107 | Caribou | Calendar | RRA-D | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 647752 | 6666742 | normal |
| SCEK036 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm; no double 6th | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 616884 | 6364497 | normal |
| SCEK038 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 657607 | 6298343 | normal |
| SCEK026 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm; no double 6th | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 659425 | 6297753 | normal |
| SCEK033 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 617146 | 6352913 | normal |
| SCEK042 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | ATS-Irid | | 31-Dec-13 | | | | not heard; suspected malfunction |
| AB149.391 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | unknown | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 676684 | 6350290 | normal |
| SCEK040 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Vectr-Vertex | 50 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 652054 | 6407041 | normal |
| SCEK034 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Vectr-Vertex | 50 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 645686 | 6333368 | normal |
| SCEK055 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Vectr-Vertex | 50 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 636346 | 6360589 | normal |
| SCEK037 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 660894 | 6304850 | normal |
| AB150.470 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | unknown | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 11 | 327570 | 6339569 | normal |
| SCEK035 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 636608 | 6364164 | normal |
| SCEK041 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 649283 | 6323055 | normal |
| SCEK027 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 657607 | 6296343 | normal |
| SCEK032 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 646738 | 6334253 | normal |
| SCEK029 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 11 | 328329 | 6359527 | normal |
| SCEK052 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 657675 | 6333464 | normal |
| SCEK053 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 638933 | 6359172 | normal |
| SCEK030 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 11 | 321652 | 6350888 | normal |
| SCEK056 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 680760 | 6337957 | normal |
| SCEK058 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 618350 | 6460538 | normal |
| SCEK054 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 636532 | 6350146 | normal |
| SCEK057 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 656101 | 6328756 | normal |
| SCEK059 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 653172 | 6352400 | normal |
| SCEK061 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 11 | 319583 | 6350477 | normal |
| SCEK060 | Caribou | Chinchaga | Milligan | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 31-Dec-13 | 10 | 617290 | 6370538 | normal |
| SCEK142 | Caribou | Chinchaga | RRA-A | Vectr-Vertex | 50 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 616435 | 6449216 | normal |
| SCEK139 | Caribou | Chinchaga | RRA-A | Vectr-Vertex | 50 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 642955 | 6453992 | normal |

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|---------|---------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| SCEK046 | Caribou | Chinchaga | RRA-A | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 612999 | 6431289 | normal |
| SCEK047 | Caribou | Chinchaga | RRA-A | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm; no double 6th | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 618248 | 6454645 | normal |
| SCEK048 | Caribou | Chinchaga | RRA-A | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 597560 | 6448547 | normal |
| SCEK141 | Caribou | Chinchaga | RRA-A | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 620608 | 6459075 | normal |
| SCEK009 | Caribou | Fort Nelson | Fort Nelson | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 499522 | 6556433 | normal |
| BC1014 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Capot-Blanc | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 472841 | 6574574 | normal |
| BC1015 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Capot-Blanc | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 473623 | 6576154 | normal |
| SCEK002 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Capot-Blanc | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 486067 | 6575361 | normal |
| SCEK007 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Capot-Blanc | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 468467 | 6583959 | normal |
| SCEK001 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Capot-Blanc | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 474072 | 6573983 | normal |
| SCEK076 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Capot-Blanc | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 470553 | 6581424 | normal |
| SCEK066 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Capot-Blanc | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 474872 | 6574712 | normal |
| SCEK067 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Capot-Blanc | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 472255 | 6574912 | normal |
| BC1031 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Fortune | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 529740 | 6629400 | normal |
| BC1033 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Fortune | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 532164 | 6631036 | normal |
| BC1024 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Fortune | Lotek-VHF | 120 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 536086 | 6633616 | MORT |
| SCEK085 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Fortune | Vectr-Vertex | 50 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 546251 | 6625425 | normal |
| SCEK163 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Fortune | Vectr-Vertex | 50 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 463490 | 6625419 | normal |
| SCEK130 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Fortune | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 546490 | 6628521 | normal |
| SCEK164 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Fortune | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 542987 | 6630376 | normal |
| SCEK078 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Fortune | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 464141 | 6623618 | normal |
| SCEK128 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Fortune | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 531955 | 6632153 | normal |
| SCEK086 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Fortune | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 546076 | 6628413 | normal |
| SCEK129 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Fortune | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 543993 | 6631012 | normal |
| SCEK087 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Fortune | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 546251 | 6627425 | normal |
| SCEK003 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Kiwigana | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 534658 | 6568724 | normal |
| BC1066 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Kiwigana | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 534481 | 6561699 | normal; MFLNRO 2012 deployment |
| SCEK063 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Kiwigana | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 532876 | 6566949 | normal |
| SCEK064 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Kiwigana | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 530612 | 6569721 | normal |
| SCEK004 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Kiwigana | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 477273 | 6629799 | normal |
| BC1009 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Kiwigana | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 521105 | 6571782 | normal; old wolf collar |
| SCEK005 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Kiwigana-OS | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm; no double 6th | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 537775 | 6634147 | VHF normal; Iridium failed |
| SCEK062 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Kiwigana-OS | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 531424 | 6569974 | normal |
| SCEK006 | Caribou | Maxhamish | Kiwigana-OS | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 525750 | 6568844 | normal |
| SCEK016 | Caribou | Parker | Parker | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm; no double 6th | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 489588 | 6521291 | normal |
| SCEK014 | Caribou | Parker | Parker | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm; no double 6th | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 507320 | 6517266 | normal |
| SCEK013 | Caribou | Parker | Parker | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 489198 | 6522412 | normal |
| SCEK010 | Caribou | Parker | Parker | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 495750 | 6522579 | normal |
| SCEK012 | Caribou | Parker | Parker | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 497429 | 6520640 | normal |
| SCEK015 | Caribou | Parker | Parker | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 491484 | 6523754 | normal |
| BC1000 | Caribou | Parker | Parker | Lotek-VHF | | | | | | old VHF; not detected |
| BC1001 | Caribou | Parker | Parker | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 494199 | 6524879 | normal |
| SCEK161 | Caribou | Prophet | Prophet-OS | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm; no double 6th | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 547280 | 6463123 | normal |
| SCEK050 | Caribou | Prophet | Prophet-OS | ATS-Irid | | 18-Dec-13 | | | | VHF not detected; no recent GPS data |
| SCEK051 | Caribou | Prophet | Prophet-OS | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 527379 | 6482019 | normal |
| SCEK049 | Caribou | Prophet | Prophet-OS | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 561445 | 6455485 | normal |
| SCEK045 | Caribou | Prophet | Prophet-OS | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 545014 | 6460909 | normal |

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|---------|---------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| SCEK044 | Caribou | Prophet | RRA-B | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 548176 | 6462380 | normal |
| SCEK143 | Caribou | Prophet | RRA-B | Vectr-Vertex | 50 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 567591 | 6424455 | normal |
| SCEK144 | Caribou | Prophet | RRA-B | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 560678 | 6425413 | normal |
| SCEK043 | Caribou | Prophet | RRA-B | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 529579 | 6480206 | normal |
| SCEK020 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 567428 | 6498629 | normal |
| SCEK017 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | ATS-Irid | | 19-Dec-13 | | | | VHF not detected; no recent GPS data |
| SCEK068 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 540697 | 6499331 | normal |
| SCEK150 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 581484 | 6484507 | normal |
| SCEK148 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 607123 | 6476511 | normal |
| SCEK153 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 546254 | 6495142 | normal |
| SCEK151 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 561708 | 6503848 | normal |
| SCEK152 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 559828 | 6496373 | normal |
| SCEK019 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 565702 | 6532397 | normal |
| SCEK021 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 582584 | 6486571 | normal |
| SCEK025 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 555938 | 6493861 | normal |
| SCEK024 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 559085 | 6506256 | normal |
| SCEK018 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 535734 | 6503101 | normal |
| SCEK154 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 562853 | 6505859 | normal |
| SCEK149 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 577066 | 6484242 | normal |
| SCEK156 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 553765 | 6496131 | normal |
| SCEK157 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 550264 | 6496312 | normal |
| SCEK070 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 561045 | 6500090 | normal |
| SCEK145 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke-OS | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 589455 | 6572050 | normal |
| SCEK100 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | East Kotcho | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 635639 | 6560337 | normal |
| SCEK104 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | East Kotcho | Vectr-Vertex | 50 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 594298 | 6577347 | normal |
| SCEK103 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | East Kotcho | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 637195 | 6558418 | normal |
| SCEK102 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | East Kotcho | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 605285 | 6557463 | normal |
| SCEK105 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | East Kotcho | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 631196 | 6547422 | normal |
| SCEK111 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | North Kotcho | Vectr-Vertex | 50 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 602788 | 6566987 | normal |
| SCEK074 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | North Kotcho | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 609743 | 6560895 | normal |
| SCEK089 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | North Kotcho | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 613004 | 6567465 | normal |
| SCEK088 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | North Kotcho | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 612923 | 6564587 | normal |
| SCEK090 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | North Kotcho | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 596467 | 6593000 | normal |
| SCEK092 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | North Kotcho | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 598688 | 6585273 | normal |
| BC1037 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | North Kotcho-OS | Lotek-VHF | | | | | | not detected |
| SCEK110 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | North Kotcho-OS | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm; no double 6th | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 611405 | 6562530 | normal |
| SCEK096 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Paradise | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 552264 | 6496312 | normal |
| SCEK079 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Tsea | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm: double 6th | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 556271 | 6601848 | normal |
| SCEK131 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Tsea | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 560941 | 6588651 | normal |
| SCEK081 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Tsea | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 565025 | 6590667 | normal |
| SCEK083 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Tsea | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 567834 | 6599435 | normal |
| SCEK132 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Tsea | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 560123 | 6591358 | normal |
| SCEK082 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Tsea | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 569659 | 6598791 | normal |
| SCEK127 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | Tsea | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 562805 | 6598551 | normal |
| SCEK071 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | West Kotcho | Vectr-Vertex | 50 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 589493 | 6547251 | normal |
| SCEK097 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | West Kotcho | ATS-Irid | 50 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 604490 | 6572806 | normal |
| SCEK091 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | West Kotcho | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 596010 | 6577492 | normal |

Table 1. VHF signal status and location of boreal caribou and wolf collars detected during the December 18, 19 and 31, 2013 SCEK fixed-wing telemetry monitoring flight cont.

| ID | Species | Range | Core | Collar Type | Status | Date | Zone | East | North | Comments |
|---------|---------|----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|------|--------|---------|--|
| SCEK073 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | West Kotcho | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 590947 | 6572091 | normal |
| SCEK094 | Caribou | Snake-Sahtaneh | West Kotcho-OS | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 589204 | 6539990 | normal |
| BW002 | Wolf | Chinchaga | Big Arrow | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 629542 | 6322157 | normal |
| BW011 | Wolf | Chinchaga | Big Arrow | Lotek-Irid | 50 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 629542 | 6322157 | normal VHF; no Iridium data function |
| BW012 | Wolf | Chinchaga | Big Arrow | Lotek-Irid | | | | | | no VHF; no data since Jun 30 |
| BW008 | Wolf | Fort Nelson | Tsimeh | Lotek-Irid | 50 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 514185 | 6535283 | normal |
| BW001 | Wolf | Fort Nelson | Tsimeh | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 514185 | 6535283 | normal |
| BW009 | Wolf | Fort Nelson | Tsimeh | Lotek-Irid | 50 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 514185 | 6535283 | normal |
| BW014 | Wolf | Fort Nelson | Tsimeh | Lotek-Irid | 50 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 514185 | 6535283 | normal |
| BW020 | Wolf | Parker | Parker | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 499031 | 6520155 | normal |
| BW019 | Wolf | Parker | Parker | Lotek-Irid | 50 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 482633 | 6510751 | normal |
| BW021 | Wolf | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-Irid | 50 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 543767 | 6510446 | normal |
| BW022 | Wolf | Snake-Sahtaneh | Clarke | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 543767 | 6510446 | normal |
| BW018 | Wolf | Snake-Sahtaneh | Elleh | Lotek-Irid | 50 ppm | 18-Dec-13 | 10 | 576907 | 6489912 | normal |
| BW017 | Wolf | Snake-Sahtaneh | Elleh | Lotek-Irid | | | | | | VHF not detected |
| BW023 | Wolf | Snake-Sahtaneh | Snake | Lotek-VHF | 60 ppm | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 543372 | 6524454 | normal |
| BW015 | Wolf | Snake-Sahtaneh | Snake | Lotek-Irid | MORT | 19-Dec-13 | | 525841 | 6545515 | 80 ppm |
| BW007 | Wolf | Snake-Sahtaneh | Snake | Lotek-VHF | | | | | | not detected; missing |
| BW016 | Wolf | Snake-Sahtaneh | Snake | Lotek-Irid | 50 ppm double | 19-Dec-13 | 10 | 543372 | 6524454 | low battery mode; no data since Aug 15 |
| BW010 | Wolf | Snake-Sahtaneh | Snake | Lotek-Irid | | | | | | dispersal to NWT; Irid data current |
| BW003 | Wolf | Snake-Sahtaneh | West Clarke | Lotek-Irid | | | | | | not heard; suspected malfunction |

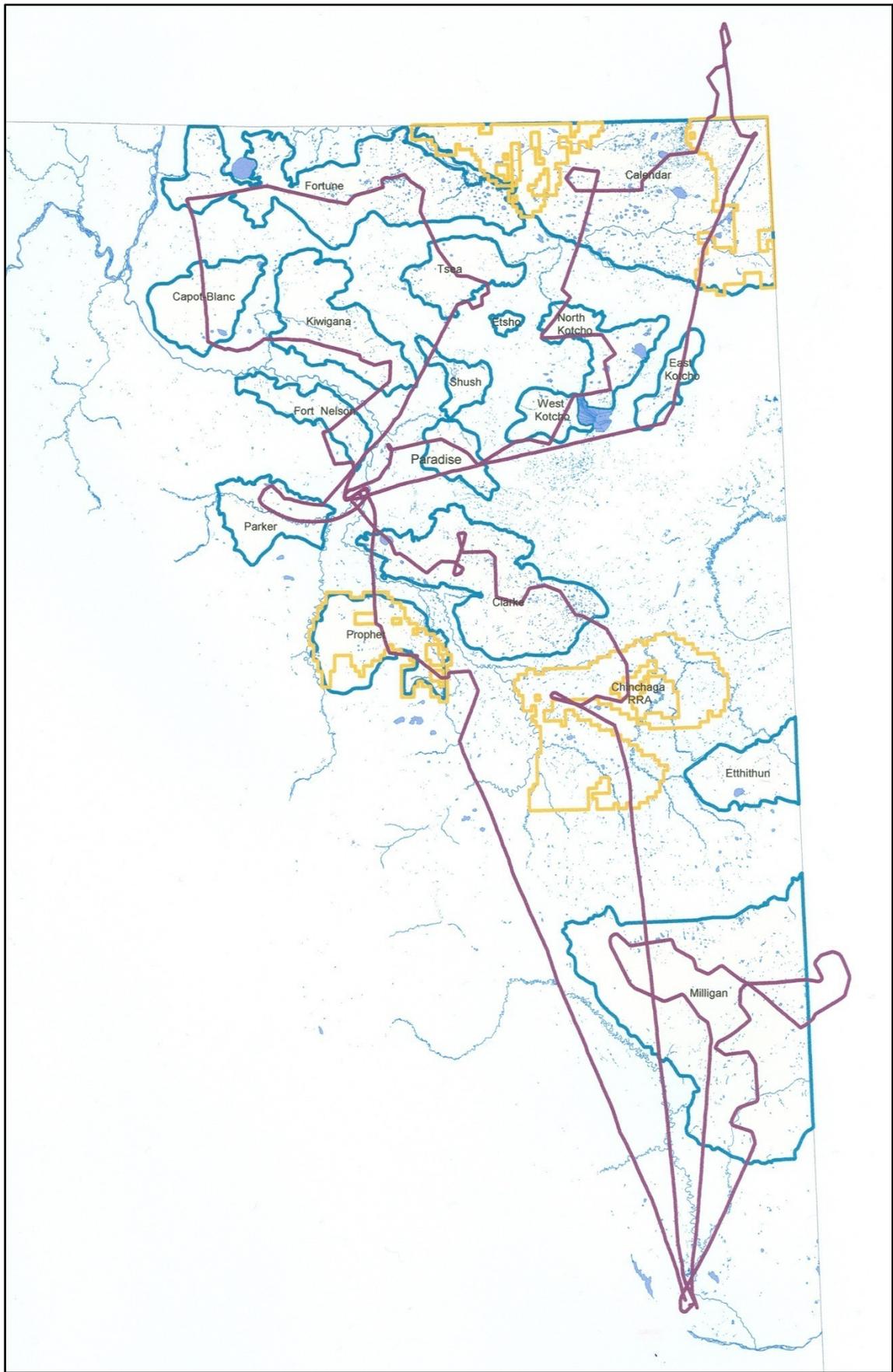


Figure 1. Flight paths flown during the December 18, 19 and 31, 2013 SCEK fixed-wing boreal caribou and wolf telemetry monitoring flight.