



## INFORMATION LETTER

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TITLES AND CORPORATE RELATIONS DIVISION

TACRD-12-01

**SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE ONGOING MANAGEMENT OF BOREAL CARIBOU**

In June 2010, government committed to actions to manage Boreal Caribou by establishing 550,000 hectares of Resource Review Areas (RRAs) and enabling habitat restoration and mitigation actions within Boreal Caribou range. Information on the RRAs can be found on our website at:

<http://www.empr.gov.bc.ca/Titles/OGTitles/InfoLetters/IssueDate/Pages/TACRD-10-10.aspx>

In order to facilitate the implementation of government commitments for Boreal Caribou management, the Ministry of Environment (MoE) developed the "Implementation Plan for the Ongoing Management of Boreal Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou* pop. 14) in British Columbia" (the Plan) with support from other British Columbia government agencies. The Plan identifies government's goals and objectives, and associated agency responsibilities for implementing components of the Plan.

MoE has also developed the "Interim Operating Practices for Oil and Gas Activities in Identified Boreal Caribou Habitat in British Columbia – September 2011." This document contains operating practices intended to standardize the management of oil and gas activities in order to reduce their effects on Boreal Caribou and their habitat. It is expected that these operating practices will be considered by the Oil and Gas Commission when regulating petroleum and natural gas activities within Wildlife Habitat Areas (WHAs) and Ungulate Winter Ranges (UWRs) established for Boreal Caribou under the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*.

Links to these documents, as well as additional background information on Boreal Caribou, can be found at MoE's website:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/speciesconservation/bc/index.html>

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