

**Voluntary Recreational Access Management Group  
February 20, 2002 Meeting**

**Attendance List**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Fax #</b>
George Schultze	WLAP	847-7728
Lawrence Wicks	Houston Snowmobile Association	845-7367
Bill Wookey	Smithers Snowmobile Association	846-5681
Al Madigan	Houston	845-7557
Ed Hinchcliff	Old-timers	847-3932
Virginia Kimmett	Back Country Horsemen Society of B.C.	846-9842
Terry Close	Houston Snowmobile Association	845-7778
Paul James	Lakes District Trappers Assn.	
Daryl Hanson	Smithers Exploration	

**Agenda Development**

- 1.) Review last meeting's minutes
- 2.) Status report of caribou
- 3.) Club Reports
- 4.) Signs
- 5.) Other

**Minutes**

1. Review last meeting's minutes
  - Reviewed and approved January 24, 2002 Minutes

***\* Action; George to send copies of approved minutes to all groups***

2. Status Report of the Caribou
  - George provided maps showing the caribou locations found on the two telemetry flights conducted since the last meeting.
  - Collared caribou predominantly in alpine winter range in the northern part of the Telkwa Mountains. Two of the collared animals are still outside the Telkwa Caribou Recovery area (the Porphory Cr one to the north and the Cheslatta Lk one to the south.)
  - Presently 19 collars are being monitored including the four GPS collars.
  - Forty one caribou were observed on one of the telemetry flights. There were 3 additional collared animals which were not seen which makes the total number of known animals 44.

- Uploading of the four GPS collars resulted in location data for three of the animals. No data was transmitted from the fourth collar. The location information was for the months of December and January. The data shows that the animals have spent the last two months in the alpine areas in the northern part of the Telkwa mountains. The next upload is scheduled in July.

### 3. Status of Recreational Compliance (Club Reports)

- Houston club reported that they have not seen any caribou., They have not had anyone make it to the Starr Cr area yet (made it ¾ of the way). Lots of snow, crusty conditions 1/3 of the way down the mountain.
- The Houston club has started a “Caribou” watch program as a result of the last month’s agreement.
- Terry Close was going to send a copy of the information letter that was being sent out to other clubs.
- Smithers Club reported that no excursions have occurred into the Star Cr Area to date though there has been attempts to access the ridges tot eh west of Mooseskin Johnny Lk. No sign of caribou seen

**\* Action; Terry to forward a copy of the information letter being sent out to other clubs**

### 4. Signs

- Virginia was informed of the last months agreement and was wondering if there would have to be new signs and how come there had been a change.
  - Signage was being addressed
  - Lawrence reported that the signs are being made up and will be posted at strategic locations.
  - Lawrence was going to get the sign shop to contact George to arrange payment.
  - As soon as the signs are ready two will be posted by the Smithers club along the Mooseskin Johnny corridor.

**\* Action; Lawrence forward a draft of the signs being made up to George and get sign painter to send invoice to George**

### 5. Other

- The group would still be interested in having someone from BCAL provide them with a rundown on the back Country Recreation Licencing process.

**\* Action; George to approach Ray Carrier to see if he could come and talk to the group**

Next Meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2002, 7:00 PM at Quick school

**\* Note as of this mailing the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting has been held and the next scheduled meeting is Wednesday May 1, 2002, 7:00 PM at the Quick school**