

**Voluntary Recreational Access Management Group  
March 5, 2003 Meeting**

**Attendance List**

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**Agenda Development**

- 1.) Review VRAMG address list
- 2.) Status report of caribou
- 3.) Recovery Action Group (RAG Group report
- 4.) Signs
- 5.) Information Ticket
- 6.) Other

**Minutes**

1. VRAMG Mail Out List contact procedures
  - Group went over the mailing list of the interest groups receiving the meeting minutes. It was noted that it needed to be updated.
  - Dina was going to update the list and contact groups to get email addresses, if possible
  - Updated list would be given to George who would continue to mail hard copies of minutes to all groups
  - Dina would be responsible for sending electronic copies to those with email addresses
  
2. Status Report of the Caribou
  - George provided maps showing the caribou locations found on the fixed wing telemetry flights completed since the last meeting
  - George also provided the data from the December- January GPS collar uploads
  - No mortalities have been documented for any of the collared animals during this period. The one collar which is thought to be failing was heard but not located in mid February. The signal was heard on the west side of Mooseskin Johnny Lk. Alpine conditions this year are bare due to low snowfall and wind scouring.
  - We are currently tracking 16 though still listening for one additional collar. Two more telemetry flights scheduled for this fiscal year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### 3. Recovery Action Group (RAG )

- Les reported that the RAG is being set up for the Tweedsmuir/Telkwa Herds . The intent is to establish the group quickly. They are not sure where the group will meet but suggest somewhere between the two Herds, Houston??  
☒ the RAG committee was made aware of the VRAMG position with regards to the level of the VRAMGs involvement In that the VRAMG address only the Local Telkwa Mountain Area so would like to be kept aware of the activities of the RAG group as well as ensure that they are aware of the activities of the VRAMG through the sharing of meeting minutes

### 4. Signs

- the Hankin Plateau sign will be put up this year (Dina & George)
- with the possibility of resources being available this year Les will look into the logistics of placing the signs along the snowmobile area. George to provide Les with the GPS coordinates. Work must be done before fiscal year end.

### 5. Information Ticket

- group will look into the development of an information ticket . The intent is to be able to have something that could be handed out to people if they are in the area contrary to the voluntary conditions. These tickets could be handed to the individuals personally or left on their vehicles at the trail head.
- The ticket will make people aware of the Telkwa Mountains Caribou recovery effort and ask them to please comply with the voluntary restrictions. The ticket will also identify the various groups who are a part of the VRAMG.
- Dina will take the lead with regards to designing the Ticket and getting cost estimates. George will provide Dina with digital version of Caribou Logo.

### 6. Other

- Dina asked that future info packages should all be on double sided copies
- Further to Item 3 second bullet of the January 22 Meeting Minutes, George contacted the organization that was promoting recreation in the Telkwa Mountains, explained the Telkwa Caribou Recovery Program and was told that they would remove the Telkwa Mountains from their promotions.
- VRAMG decided to provide an up to date info sheet on what the current voluntary access management agreement is. Info sheet should note that access restrictions are dynamic and can be changed at any time if changes are felt to be necessary for caribou management.
- No word on future funding, do not expect to hear about HCTF funding until May.

| Next Meeting Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 PM at Quick school \_

Note: Meeting date changed to **Wed April 2, 2003** at Quick school.