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Draft Bathurst Caribou Range Plan

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has been working on a collaborative initiative to develop a Range Plan for the Bathurst barren-ground caribou herd. Development of the Draft Bathurst Caribou Range Plan (or Draft Range Plan) is being guided by a Working Group consisting of Indigenous governments, co-management partners, industry and environmental organizations to ensure diversity in values and perspectives are represented. The GNWT is seeking your input on the proposed approaches and recommendations presented in the Draft Range Plan to help inform the development of the Final Plan. This is the second phase of engagement on the preparation of a Range Plan for the Bathurst caribou herd; the first round of engagement was held February to March 2017.

Over the past three years, the Working Group has developed the Draft Range Plan with nine management recommendations including: a Cumulative Land Disturbance Framework, guardian programs, the protection of key habitats, the use of mobile conservation measures and road planning and management. The GNWT is of the view that the proposed approaches for range management in the Draft Range Plan will be beneficial, provide regulatory certainty and reduce the cumulative impacts on caribou.

The GNWT invites you to participate in the review of this Draft Range Plan.

The Draft Range Plan, Plain Language Summary, additional technical supporting material and fact sheets are available on ENR's website at:

<http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/barren-ground-caribou/bathurst-caribou-range-plan>

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ENR staff will be available to answer questions and, if requested, to provide information sessions on the Draft Range Plan between January 1 and March 31, 2018. Upon receipt of comments on the Draft Range Plan, the Plan will be finalized.

If you have any questions, or would like to schedule an information session, please contact Ms. Clark by email at karin.clark@gov.nt.ca or at 867-767-9237 extension 53225.

If you would like to submit comments on the Draft Range Plan please provide them in writing (with rationale and/or recommended changes) by March 31, 2018. Comments should be sent to Bathurst.rangeplan@gov.nt.ca or by mail to the following address:

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We look forward to receiving your input on this initiative.

Sincerely,

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