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Hi,

We were monitoring caribou on awar yesterday July 12,2021, busy season it is for monitoring and we noticed that exploration camp is very messy , c cans doors wide open, debris everywhere, nothing cleaned up at all, a better job needs to be done to monitor Aem here in Rankin in regards to site cleanliness. We were also stuck on km 28-29 because of caribou right near awar road for 3 hours plus, Aem staff that monitor the caribou sure have no concerns regards to caribou near the awar at all, couple trucks were used from Aem to keep an eye on the caribou. One was at km 27 on the pull over, other Aem truck was around km 28-29, Aem staff was close to end of their shift for the day and through the radio to the truck @ km 27 to proceed to the mine and caribou right near awar not even 100 yards away which was over 50 plus caribou. Aem no concerns regards to caribou right near awar, truck at km 27 started slowly driving towards the mine, I took the radio and mentioned wait until caribou cross awar several times, Aem staff still tried to continue to the mine so I ended up saying on the radio I work for Hto and will proceed to press charges on caribou harassment under the wildlife act only way Aem staff stop. Aem environment crew were told twice a day also to clean up any debris on awar and Aem needs to clean up also around the exploration camp and mine site. Caribou wanted to cross awar but due to debris near the awar road would turn back as it was windy and noise the debris made and movement startled the caribou herd so they go back, after 3 plus hours we were all stuck there was a opening for Aem staff to get to the mine as there was a grader @ km 25 waiting to get back to the mining camp. We gave them clearance to head to the mining camp, grader with no concerns or respect to wildlife which were caribou drove more than 30 km per hour, pure ignorance startled the caribou again . You know if there wasn't any debris on side of awar we all would have been home before 5 pm and just from carelessness from Aem staff Hto closed the road to give right of way to caribou which is in chapter 10 page 39 on road management plan Aem has to go by.

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