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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Missing wildlife: A First Nations Perspective

Guest Presenter: **George Desjarlais**

West Moberly First Nations



First Nations elders from the West Moberly First Nations have noted a marked decrease in the number of mountain ungulates (Caribou, sheep and goats) in their traditional territory. George will share his thoughts and those of the Elders on the potential reasons for the decline, the fundamental information needs required to effectively manage both the mountain ungulates and the Foothills ungulates (moose, deer and elk) that may be affected by further development, and the impacts population declines of these species would have on the traditional way of life of his people.

Wednesday
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7:00pm

LIDO Theatre

10156 100 Ave
Fort St John, BC

Caribou of the Williston Basin: What do we know of their status after 50 years of reservoir flooding and 30 years of study?

Guest Presenter: **Scott McNay**

Senior Wildlife and Forest Ecologist at Wildlife Infometrics Inc.

There are six caribou herds whose ranges are wholly (or mostly) enclosed by the boundaries of the Williston Basin, and five other herds that have a minor part of their range within the basin. We now know that at least three of the herds were impacted by construction of the reservoir, one of them significantly enough that full recovery of their historic range is unlikely. I will discuss the biological status of the herds, the herd-specific impacts that the reservoir has had, results from 30 years of studies on the Williston caribou, and the current population management actions being supported by the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Fund.



All are welcome to attend. No registration required.

The Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute at the University of Northern British Columbia, together with its partners, invite those with interest in learning more about interest in learning more about caribou in the area around the Williston Reservoir in northeast British Columbia and the challenges they face to attend an upcoming presentation and discussion.

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