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Navigating the uncertain and difficult road to restoration and recovery of Klinse-Za caribou

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Presentation Summary:

While there are no examples of caribou populations that have been fully recovered from near extirpation, that is the objective shared by Canada, British Columbia, and two First Nations communities for the Klinse-Za caribou herd. Having used direct population management to successfully avert extirpation of the herd in the short-term, restoration of human-altered caribou habitat is now the fundamental management action being used to achieve a self-sustaining population. But the way to achieve the necessary restoration is fraught with uncertainty and socio- and economic-challenges. I will discuss why restoration is so fundamental to recovery, what habitat restoration actually is, what some of the implementation challenges have been, what we have accomplished so far, and what is left to achieve.

Scott is the Senior Wildlife and Forest Ecologist at Wildlife Infometrics Inc. in Mackenzie, BC where he implements and manages wildlife research and inventory projects for the firm. Scott is a registered professional biologist in both AB and BC, a registered professional forester in BC, and holds a PhD in forest wildlife ecology. Throughout his 30+ year career, Scott has championed the use of habitat supply modeling and adaptive management as tools to resolve difficult problems in the integrated management of wildlife resources. During the past 20 years, Scott's interest has focused on the challenge of recovering threatened populations of woodland caribou leading to work with many herds across northern BC and one in AB.

All are welcome to participate. No registration required.

The Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute at UNBC, together with its partners, invite those with interest in learning more about caribou population and habitat management, to participate in this online presentation and discussion.

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