

South Peace Northern Caribou Habitat

The following generally describes south Peace northern caribou habitat.

High elevation winter range:

This habitat type includes windswept alpine ridges and adjacent subalpine forest. It is highly susceptible to fragmentation, loss, and long-term alteration by industrial activities. Habitat areas have been mapped using the best available data for each herd area including: habitat modelling, telemetry data, and elevation criteria.

High elevation summer range:

This habitat type includes alpine and subalpine areas used by caribou for calving and summer range. It is highly susceptible to fragmentation, loss, and long-term alteration by industrial activities. Many areas also serve as high elevation winter range but additional areas of high elevation summer range are also present. Areas have been mapped using the best available data for each herd area including habitat modelling, telemetry data and elevation criteria.

Low elevation winter range:

This habitat type includes low elevation boreal forest used by Narraway caribou for winter range. Adapted to periodic natural disturbances and some level of landscape modification are compatible with caribou habitat management. However, the level of landscape modification needs to be kept below a sustainable threshold of development. The low elevation winter range was mapped as an Ungulate Winter Range.

For habitat data and associated maps, including data associated with land designations established to protect and manage habitat for south Peace northern caribou please visit http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/esd/distdata/Peace_Region_Wildlife_Values/Industrial_Sectors/Best_Management_Practices/