



BOREAL CARIBOU

Boreal caribou live throughout the boreal forest year-round in small groups and give birth alone. They are sometimes called the "grey ghosts of the forest" because they are secretive and rarely seen. They are larger than barren-ground caribou and similar in size and appearance to northern mountain caribou.

Boreal caribou need access to all seasonal habitat types within their range to maintain a healthy population. They are known to be sensitive to disturbance.

In the NWT, the population of boreal caribou is estimated between 6,000 and 7,000 adult caribou. Boreal caribou numbers appear to be stable or increasing in some parts of the territory. However, there is evidence of population decline in the southern part of the NWT where most of the territory's boreal caribou occur.

The NWT Species at Risk Committee (SARC) determined that boreal caribou are **Threatened** in the NWT based on concerns about habitat loss, fragmentation, and disturbance due to wildfire, development and climate change.

The **NWT Species at Risk Committee (SARC)** is an independent group of experts who hold Indigenous and community knowledge, and/or scientific knowledge about species and habitat in the NWT. They assess species based on the best available information and objective biological criteria.

Read the reassessment and learn more about boreal caribou:
www.nwt-speciesatrisk.ca

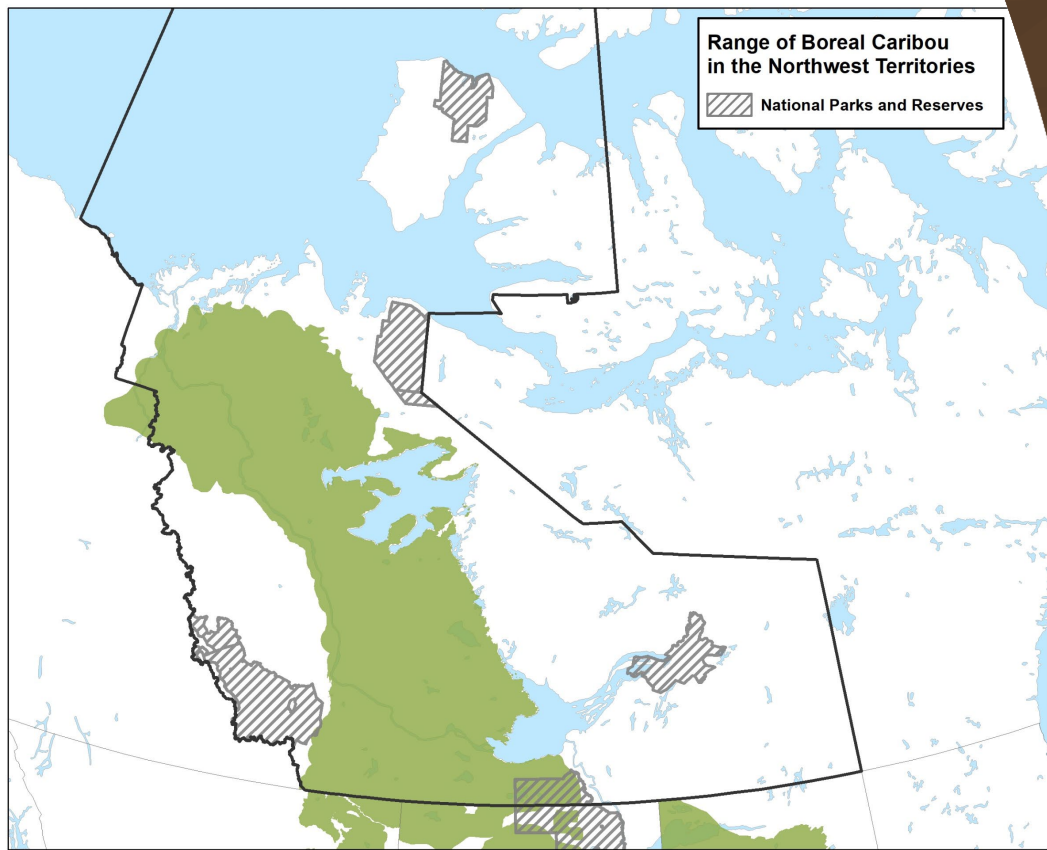
NWT SPECIES AT RISK

HAVE YOUR SAY!

SHOULD BOREAL CARIBOU CONTINUE
TO BE LISTED IN THE NWT AS A
THREATENED SPECIES?

Threatened means boreal caribou are likely to become Endangered if nothing is done to reverse the factors leading to their extirpation or extinction.





For more information, contact your local renewable resources board or the NWT Species at Risk Secretariat at sara@gov.nt.ca or by calling toll-free: 1 (855) 783-4301.

RE-LISTING BOREAL CARIBOU

The legal re-listing of boreal caribou as **Threatened** in the NWT would result in the continued implementation of the **Recovery Strategy for Boreal Caribou in the NWT**, including the development of regional range plans for the management and conservation of boreal caribou habitat.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why were boreal caribou reassessed as **Threatened** in the NWT?

Boreal caribou occur at low densities and need access to a wide range of habitat to maintain a healthy population. The main threats to boreal caribou in the NWT include habitat loss, fragmentation and disturbance from industrial activities and wildfire. Climate change is increasing the size and severity of wildfires, which may increase habitat recovery time. Knowledge holders are concerned that boreal caribou populations have declined in the past and will likely decline in the future if habitat fragmentation and degradation is not managed or reversed.

Does being on the NWT List of Species at Risk affect harvesting?

Adding a species to the NWT List of Species at Risk does not mean harvesting must stop. Keeping boreal caribou on the NWT List of Species at Risk will not automatically change quotas, by-laws or regulations already in place.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Should boreal caribou remain on the NWT List of Species at Risk as a Threatened species? Why or why not?
- Boreal caribou were initially listed as Threatened in the NWT in 2014. How has the listing affected you or your community? Would the re-listing have positive or negative impacts?
- Is there new or missing information that was not considered in the status report? If so, can you provide it to us or tell us where to find it?