

## Master Comments from Fort Smith Metis Council

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FSMC-1	Fort Smith Métis Council	05/02/2014	DNLUP		Caribou	The Fort Smith Métis People Support the protection of the calving and post calving areas. If exploration and development were allowed in these calving areas this would add extreme pressure to the caribou in the last and most important area, the calving area which remain undisturbed at present. As caribou return to the same area to birth their young we need to protect these areas and not develop them, for the future of the caribou and those who depend on them to survive.	The revised DNLUP addresses calving and post-calving areas. Areas where there is no mineral potential have been protected from development. This amounts to nearly 5% of the NSA. Areas where there is believed to be mineral potential or existing mineral rights the Plan proposes cumulative impacts referrals and other Terms to ensure only project proposals that have been screened for impacts will be able to proceed into the regulatory process. The Plan also prioritizes research that needs to be undertaken to better protect caribou.