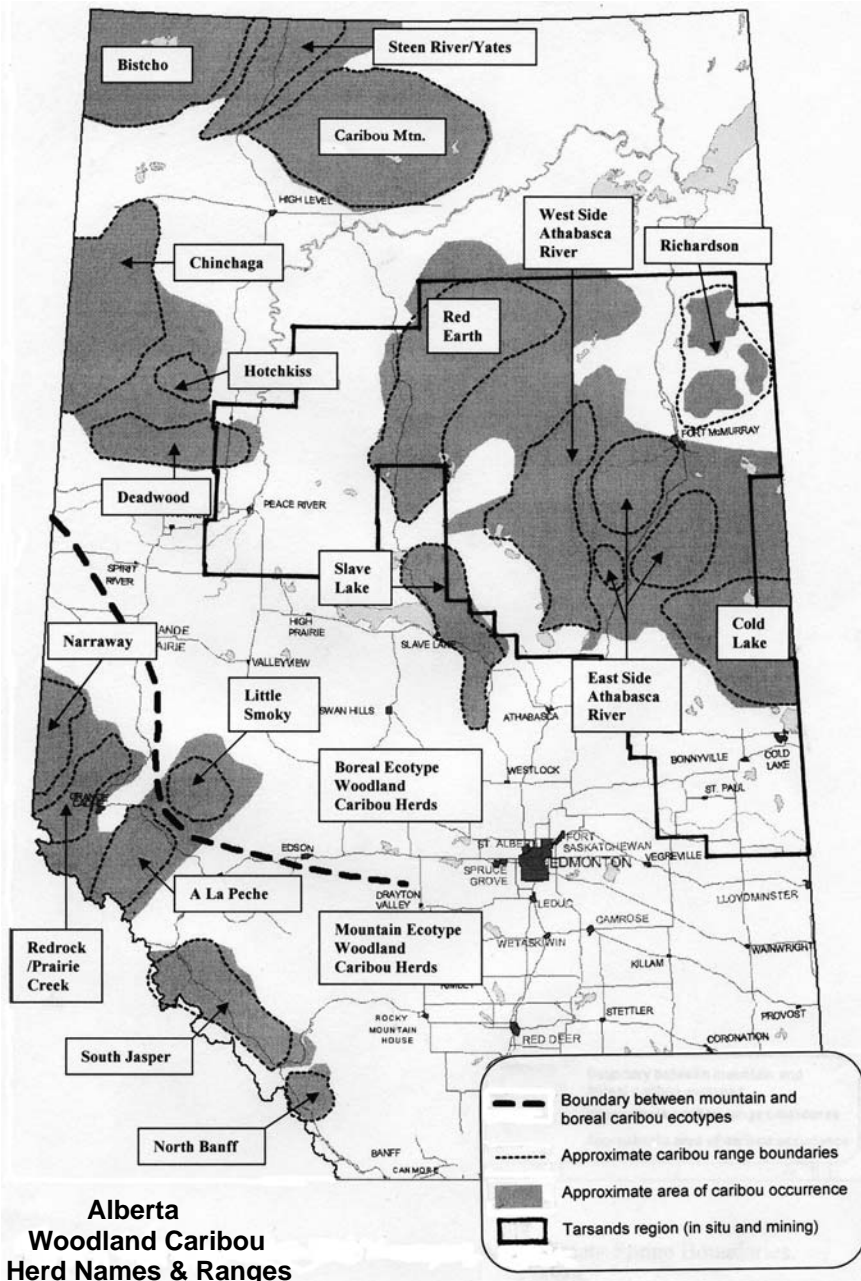


Alberta's Endangered Woodland Caribou (Mountain and Boreal Herds)

Appointed Members of the Caribou Recovery Team

- Alberta Energy Department
- Alberta Forest Products Assoc.
- Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Ltd.
- Alberta Sustainable Resource Development Dept. – Fish & Wildlife (two representatives)
- Alberta Sustainable Resource Development Dept. – Public Lands & Forests
- Boreal Caribou Committee (also a multi-stakeholder group)
- Canadian Assoc. of Petroleum Producers (two representatives)
- Federation of Alberta Naturalists
- Parks Canada
- University of Alberta



Mountain Herds	Status 2005
North Banff	Immediate Risk of Extinction (5 caribou left)
South Jasper	In Decline
Red Rock/Prairie Creek	Stable at lower number after major decline ¹
Narraway	Unknown
A La Peche	Stable ²

Boreal Herds	Status 2005
Little Smoky	Immediate Risk of Extinction
Slave Lake	Immediate Risk of Extinction
ESAR East Side Athabasca River	In Decline
CLAWR, Cold Lake	In Decline
Red Earth	In Decline
Chinchaga	In Decline
Caribou Mountains	In Decline
Deadwood	Unknown
Hotchkiss	Unknown
Richardson (Steepbank, Audet, Firebag)	Unknown
Bistcho	Unknown
Steen River/Yates	Unknown
WSAR West Side Athabasca River	Stable

Caribou Numbers

Highest counted for boreal caribou herds during 1995-2000 ranged from 62 caribou in the Little Smoky to 263 in Caribou Mountains herd. For the mountain herds from 42 caribou in the Narraway to 187 in Redrock/Prairie Creek range.

1 Redrock/Prairie Creek Herd - Reconnaissance survey and other information (Alberta Fish and Wildlife Division unpubl. data) suggests the herd suffered a substantial population decline in the 1970's and 1980's, coinciding with early roadway development in the range. Also, although they still migrate to forested foothills, of the last decade this herd has essentially abandoned much of the Prairie Creek portion of the winter range and the north and northeast portions of the Redrock area (Alberta Fish and Wildlife Division and West Central Caribou Committee unpubl. data.)

2 A La Peche Herd - Over the last decade the majority of the caribou herd has largely abandoned most of the traditional forested winter range (east of Highway 40) and now largely winters in alpine and sub alpine areas (Alberta Fish and Wildlife Division and West Central Caribou Committee unpubl. data).