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In The News



Caribou running out of space in Ontario

Study shows 7 out of 9 local caribou populations on the verge

CPAWS Wildlands League released a new report showing that 7 out of 9 caribou populations in Ontario are tracking towards collapse due to high levels of industrial disturbance in their habitat. This is the first time this type of analysis has been applied in Ontario. Nine local ranges were examined along the northern limit of commercial logging in the province.

“The situation is much worse for caribou than what was previously understood,” said Trevor Hesselink, Director, Forests Program for Wildlands League and author of the study called A Snapshot of Caribou Range Condition in Ontario. “The habitat for 7 threatened caribou populations is so highly disrupted and fragmented by clearcuts, roads and fire that it cannot sustain any further logging and industrial pressure in the remaining intact forest,” Hesselink said.

CPAWS Wildlands League applied the best available science together with data on disturbance threats to caribou to reveal a stark picture of the quality of habitat for the threatened species. The tool used in the report is based on the approach identified by the federal Science Advisory Group in their report to Environment Canada, the “Scientific Review for the Identification of Critical Habitat for Woodland Caribou, Boreal Population in Canada.”

Read the [full release](#).

Read this [Special Report](#) by CPAWS Wildlands League.

Media Reports

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[Caribou in peril, Ontario warned](#) (Toronto Star, July 30, 2009)

[Arctic animals living on thin ice](#) (Toronto Star, August 1, 2009)

[Ontario's north gets flawed bill](#) (Toronto Star editorial, August 2, 2009)

[Several First Nations feel snubbed: will not support bill to map Far North](#)(Canadian Press, August 4, 2009)

REMINDER: Comments to the EBR on Bill 191, An Act with respect to land use planning and protection in the Far North, are due today! [Click here](#) for background information and details on how to submit your comments.

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Did You Know?



- Wildlands League staff, Minister George Smitherman and Cathy Jones, are

currently on the Sutton River, approximately 60 miles from the Hudson's Bay coast as the crow flies. The team is enduring steady rain, temperatures below 10 degrees Celsius and lots of black flies on their journey in search for polar bears. Stay tuned to our website for more updates and photos from this trip.



