



Sent via email

January 31, 2013

Stephanie Killam
Chair
Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board

Dear Ms Killam,

Thank you for your letter to Minister Thomson regarding recommendations from the Stone's Sheep Science Advisory Committee. I have been asked to respond on the Minister's behalf.

I appreciate that the recommendations to protect Stone's Sheep habitat are the product of a comprehensive research program supported by government and stakeholders. The province has yet to make a decision on the recommendations and welcomes your input into the decision process.

There are a number of mechanisms that we may use to provide appropriate protection. These protections exist under the *Lands Act*, the *Wildlife Act*, the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*. These tools will each need to be examined and we may seek an opinion from the M-KAB prior to implementing any restriction.

Thank you again for your letter. The province will be in touch with the M-KAB as this issue progresses.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Addison".

Chris Addison
Director of Resource Management
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