

Effects of environmental change on wildlife health in the Muskwa-Kechika

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Research Questions

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- What factors are driving ungulate declines?
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Prescribed burn research

- Collaboration with Alicia Woods, Ridgeline Wildlife Enhancement
- Examine effects of prescribed burns on sheep and elk health (stress and reproductive hormones in pellets and urine), diet (pellets), and recruitment



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Goals for 2021

- Learn more about research priorities in the M-K
- Meet with Kaska Dena, Treaty 8, and Carrier-Sekani Nations to discuss research priorities, existing programs, and potential for collaboration on wildlife research
- Discuss research questions with various groups (e.g., Northeast 7B Wildlife Round Table, others)



Discussion

- Research questions?
- Who to talk with?

