

Caribou Maternity-Penning Project Underway for Second Season

Revelstoke Caribou Rearing in the Wild Society
aims to reverse decline of threatened species

April 8, 2015, Revelstoke, BC: An ambitious, community-based initiative aimed at increasing survival rates of newborn mountain caribou has begun its second season. In late March and early April, 18 female caribou and 1 calf were successfully captured and are now housed in a 6.4 hectare 'maternity pen.'

The maternity pen, built in the animal's natural habitat of North Columbia Mountains, was specially designed for this purpose. The caribou will stay there for the coming weeks, where their calves will be born safely, secured from predators. The mothers and their young will be fed and monitored, allowing the calves to grow and gain strength before all the animals are released back into the wild in mid-summer.

The Revelstoke Caribou Rearing in the Wild Society (RCRW) is a community-based partnership that includes:

- Revelstoke Community Forestry Corporation
- North Columbia Environmental Society
- Revelstoke Snowmobile Club
- Mica Heli-Skiing
- Province of BC
- Parks Canada
- Columbia Mountains Caribou Research Project
- Splatsin First Nation

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