



# 2024-2025 Annual Report

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## BACKGROUND

In 2018, the Government of Alberta and the province's forest sector came together to form the Alberta Regional Caribou Knowledge Partnership (ARCKP). They have since been working collaboratively to identify priority research that addresses knowledge gaps related to Alberta's operational forestry practices and woodland caribou management. The ARCKP also advocates for the implementation of science-based caribou habitat management solutions through diverse knowledge exchange and science communication strategies. To date, the ARCKP partners have identified and funded eight research projects. Five projects have been completed with the three remaining projects scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2025. The ARCKP partners continue to meet regularly to identify additional research projects to fund and engage in open discussions to align their interests.

Coordinating and delivering diverse knowledge exchange activities has also been a critical component of the ARCKP's work. This includes publication of research reports on the ARCKP website, synthesizing research findings into accessible executive summaries and research briefs, webinars, and three workshops that have brought partners, stakeholders, and subject experts together for key sharing of knowledge and best practices. The ARCKP also produces *The Exchange*, a regular publication that features concise summaries and infographics of emerging research relevant to ARCKP partners.

The ARCKP is funded by the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) through the support of 12 forestry companies operating in Alberta and the Government of Alberta. The Government of Alberta also contributed additional funds to the over \$5 million to be allocated over five years (2020-2025) to the partnership's projects and initiatives. Since 2021, the ARCKP has been an association of [fRI Research](#), an organization based in Hinton, Alberta, that carries out and supports research related to the sustainable management of natural resources, including forestry and woodland caribou.

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### ARCKP Fund Contributors

- Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc.
- Alberta Newsprint Company
- Boucher Brothers Lumber Ltd.
- Canfor
- Mercer International Inc.
- Foothills Forest Products Inc.
- Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.
- Northlands Forest Products Ltd.
- Vanderwell Contractors (1971) Ltd.
- West Fraser
- Weyerhaeuser Company Ltd.
- Tolko
- Government of Alberta

## GOVERNANCE

The ARCKP is governed by a Steering Committee that provides general oversight of the initiative. Steering Committee members draw on an industry caucus and a Government of Alberta caucus to help guide the decisions and discussions. A Technical Subcommittee is in place to advise on the technical and scientific aspects of proposed research areas and projects. The ARCKP Secretariat assists with the operational activities and facilitation of the initiative and is formed by Fuse Consulting Ltd. and other contracted support staff.

### Steering Committee

The Steering Committee consists of representatives from Alberta's forestry industry and the Government of Alberta. Drawing from the expertise of the broader partnership via an industry and government caucus, and its subcommittees, the primary role of the Steering Committee is to provide leadership, strategic guidance and final decision-making in the following areas:

- Development and implementation of partnership initiatives and subcommittees.
- Identification of projects that align with partnership priorities and desired outcomes.
- Review and approval of recommendations made by the Technical Subcommittee.
- Allocation of funds to various partnership initiatives and approved projects.
- Development of partnership processes: project review, request for proposal, awarding of contracts, monitoring projects.
- Determination of methods of final reporting and knowledge exchange.

### 2024-2025 Steering Committee Members

Seat	Current Representative	Organization	Title
Industry Co-Chair	Wendy Crosina (Co-Chair)	Weyerhaeuser Company Ltd.	Director Forest Sustainability, Canadian Timberlands
Government of Alberta Co-Chair	Unoccupied		
Industry Representative	Margaret Donnelly	Donnelly Ecological Consulting Services Inc.	Ecologist
Industry Representative	Nicole Galambos	Alberta Forest Products Association	Director, Forest Ecology
Government of Alberta Representative	John Stadt	Forest Stewardship & Trade Branch, Forestry Division, Government of Alberta	Provincial Forest Ecologist

Government of Alberta Representative	Mark Edwards	Office of the Chief Scientist Environment and Protected Areas Government of Alberta	Senior Science Advisor
Industry Representative	Laura Trout	West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd	Senior Biologist

## Technical Subcommittee

The Technical Subcommittee is a group of industry, government and scientific experts who advise the Steering Committee on the technical and scientific aspects of proposed research areas and projects. This committee provides a venue for detailed discussion and analysis of the potential deliverables and benefits of projects, feasibility and cost, as well as guidance and feedback to awarded research project teams.

### *2024-2025 Technical Subcommittee Members*

Name	Organization	Title
Laura Finnegan	fRI Research	Caribou Program Lead
Margaret Donnelly (Steering Committee Industry Representative)	Donnelly Ecological Consulting Services Inc.	Ecologist
John Stadt (Steering Committee Government Representative)	Strategic Forestry Initiatives Section Forestry and Parks Government of Alberta	Provincial Forest Ecologist
Curtis Stambaugh	Alberta Environment and Protected Areas	Manager, Wildlife Northwest
Eric Neilson	Natural Resources Canada	Wildlife Research Scientist
Allan Bell	Tolko Industries	Manager, Stewardship and Tenures
Tom Habib	Alberta Pacific Forest Industries	Ecologist
Kevin Solarik	National Council for Air and Stream Improvement	Director, Forestry Research
Troy Hegel	Alberta Environment and Protected Areas	Senior Species at Risk Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Stewardship

Secretariat Staff

The partnership contracts a Project Coordinator and a Facilitator through Fuse Consulting Ltd. to assist with the operational activities, strategic oversight and facilitation of the partnership. They also contract additional hourly facilitation support as needed to assist the Steering Committee with the governance and project selection processes. These processes involve complex, interest-based discussions where a skilled facilitation team is valuable in helping navigate these discussions and be better positioned to reach consensus on projects and decisions.

2024-2025 ARCKP Support Staff

Name	Organization	Title
Rielle Massey-Leclerc / Jen Allen-Dickman/ Terra Lottermoser (Coordinator/Manager)	<a href="#">Fuse Consulting Ltd.</a>	Knowledge Exchange Coordinator / Program Manager
Matthew Pyper (Strategic Support Facilitator)	<a href="#">Fuse Consulting Ltd.</a>	Principal, Ecologist and Science Communicator
Matthew Dance (Lead Facilitator)	<a href="#">Matthew Dance Consulting</a>	Facilitator

fRI Research as a Partnership Host

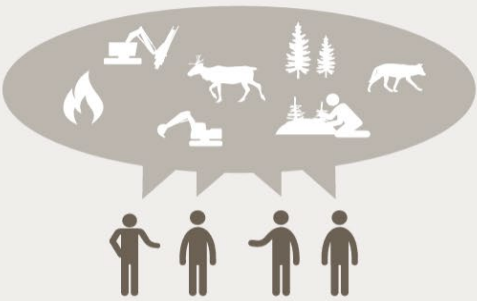
To ensure projects have the appropriate resources and tools, the partnership operates under [fRI Research](#) as an ‘Association.’ fRI Research supports world-class research and helps its partners make science-based decisions with respect to natural resource management. They are the legal entity under which the partnership operates and in addition to administering project funds and providing legal support in developing and executing contracts, fRI Research offers the partnership extensive communications, research and admin support through its many established programs and associations.





## OUR VISION

A collaboration promoting self-sustaining caribou populations and a viable forest sector.



## OUR MISSION

We support the development and sharing of innovative tools, techniques, strategies and understandable scientific knowledge to enhance sustainable forest management and caribou recovery efforts.

## SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Over the 2024/25 fiscal year (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025), the Steering Committee met eight times and the Technical Subcommittee met two times. Numerous ad-hoc meetings and caucus meetings also took place during this time frame to provide opportunities for partners and experts to provide feedback on potential ARCKP projects. In addition to these, members of the Technical and Steering Committees, and individuals from the two partner caucuses, met with current funded project teams to provide guidance and objective-aligned direction during the progression of these projects. A summary of all major ARCKP meetings and their key activities are provided below.

<i>Date (MM-DD-YYYY)</i>	<i>Key Activities</i>
04-22-2024 Steering Committee	Welcomed a new Government of Alberta Steering Committee member. Provided direction for EcoLogic Research report advancement. Announced a transition to a new Program Manager. Discussed opportunities for Indigenous engagement. Updated on status of 360 Review project.
05-28-2024 Steering Committee	Welcomed new ARCKP Program Manager. Introduced a new project selection process idea called “Pathways”. NAIT Lichen project granted a one-year extension for research.
06-25-2024 Steering Committee	Reviewed and discussed the 360 Review report. Worked through Pathways project selection process to determine top priority themes for research funding. Planned for fall workshop.
09-24-2024 Steering Committee	Financial update was provided and ideas to pursue research projects were presented. Project updates were provided and final report for the Solstice Consulting Road Recovery project was reviewed and discussed.
10-17-2024 Technical Subcommittee	Technical Subcommittee was re-engaged after a lengthy time since the previous meeting. 360 Review report findings were reviewed. Pathways model for project selection was explained to the group and gained feedback for the November workshop. Two proposals put forward by the Steering Committee were put forward for voting and it was determined that a broader process for awarding funding was necessary.
11-05-2024 Steering Committee	fRI Research presented ideas for a GIS tool and a silviculture data extension product of the fRI caribou project. Planning for November workshop occurred. The Steering Committee planned for review of the first final report for the fRI caribou project and discussed the final report for the Solstice Road Recovery project.
11-06-2024 Technical Subcommittee	Discussed the amended plan for the November workshop and new potential process for choosing themes and awarding research funding.



11-25-2024 Steering Committee	The Steering Committee met in advance of the fall workshop to discuss potential outcomes for the following day.
11-26-2024 Fall Workshop	The Steering Committee, Technical Subcommittee, Secretariat and members of the broader partner caucuses met to improve relationships and transparency between individuals on the committees. The workshop also included understanding and providing feedback and input on a model for project selection, implementation and evaluation to improve applied outcomes for the ARCKP. Priority research themes and questions were also discussed.
12-17-2024 Steering Committee	Debriefed the November workshop. Gained clarity around the current knowledge exchange work occurring through Fuse Consulting and how a more fulsome knowledge exchange program could benefit the ARCKP. Project updates were provided.
01-28-2025 Steering Committee	Decision to pursue an extension of the ARCKP for a second five-year phase was made. An idea was brought forward to do a Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) (rather than a Request for Proposals) and this was agreed upon by the Steering Committee. Decision was made to post the fRI caribou project final report online. The fRI Healthy Landscapes Project was granted a no-cost extension. Decision was made to create knowledge exchange products from the Solstice Road Recovery report information.
03-11-2025 Steering Committee	Announcement of approval for Troy Hegel to join the Technical Subcommittee. Steering Committee member meetings with the Assistant Deputy Ministers and FRIAA funding partners were discussed and letters of support were requested from the GoA. Fuse Consulting was awarded a contract to do the research notes for the Road Recovery project and a research note template for future projects. The group approved a potential budget allocation for a dedicated Knowledge Exchange Lead role to sub consult to the ARCKP. The draft REOI and evaluation criteria were discussed.

## PROJECTS

To date, the ARCKP has approved and funded eight projects. Three projects are ongoing and five are complete. Project details are provided in the summary below.

### Ongoing Projects

#### ***Study to advance harvest system and silviculture practices for improved woodland caribou and fibre outcomes***

*In progress (November 2020 – August 2025)/conducted by: fRI Research Caribou Program in collaboration with researchers from the University of Northern British Columbia*

- Complex, multi-faceted, multi-year study with an extensive field component.

- Primary intent is to conduct a comparative analysis of areas disturbed by harvest and fire and assess if they are on a trajectory to become future woodland caribou habitat.
- Will also include a set of recommendations for potential silvicultural interventions that can be implemented to get harvested areas on the desired trajectory for future woodland caribou habitat.

#### 2025 Milestones:

- Completion and submission of final report
- Provided a webinar on study findings through the ARCKP webinar series
- Have acquired silviculture data from companies and are working to run this data through a model and create an additional report, briefing note and webinar in fall 2025
- Began build and synthesis of interactive GIS tool for forest managers, not completed as final product was not deemed to be usable by partners.

### ***Reconciling Pre-Industrial Patterns, Caribou Habitat and Management Reality***

*In progress (January 2021- August 2025)/conducted by: fRI Research Healthy Landscapes Program*

- Seeking to obtain a better understanding of if, or to what degree spatial clustering of anthropogenic disturbances is possible to create on the ground, under what circumstances/conditions/policies, and the potential impacts on caribou habitat and other values.
- Also exploring whether natural range of variation (NRV) aligns with proposed harvesting pattern changes to improve woodland caribou habitat outcomes and whether forest management activities can closely approximate those.

#### 2025 Milestones:

- Updated project scope to include more analysis on fewer sites
- Submission of 2024 interim reports
- Extension granted for final report and briefing notes to August 2025

### ***An Evaluation of the Feasibility of Terrestrial Lichen Seeding and/or Transplantation***

*In progress (May 2021-August 2025)/conducted by: Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) Plant and Seed Technology Access Centre (P&S TAC) in collaboration with Portage College*

- Evaluating the efficacy of lichen transplantation and seeding technologies with the goal of exploring ways lichen populations can be more rapidly restored in harvested areas.
- Using a combination of literature review, greenhouse trials and field trials to understand how optimal site conditions and the best corresponding seeding and transplant techniques might vary between ecologically different regions of the province.
- Also exploring how the logistical and economic challenges of implementing these techniques can be overcome.

#### 2025 Milestones:

- Submitted final report for feedback from Project Team and Steering Committee
- Webinars scheduled for summer and fall of 2025.

## Completed Projects

### ***Review of Alberta's Integrated Land Management Policies, Practices and Legislation***

*Completed (May 2021) by: Foothills Landscape Management Forum and Dialogue Partners*

- Conducted a thorough literature review and structured interviews to synthesize ILM practices in Alberta and review and analyze ILM practices used in other comparable jurisdictions.
- Reviewed Alberta's ILM policy potential and identified useful cross-sector communication/collaboration techniques.
- Collated draft recommendations for cross-industry ILM approaches for improved woodland caribou habitat outcomes and tested these in a one-day stakeholder workshop to help inform the final recommendations included in the final report.
- A [full report](https://arckp.ca/) and [summary report](https://arckp.ca/) are available on the ARCKP website (<https://arckp.ca/>).

### ***Alternative Silvicultural Systems and Harvesting Techniques for Caribou Habitat***

*Completed (March 2022): by: FORCORP Solutions Inc.*

- Completed a review informed by an extensive literature review and subject matter expert interviews.
- Identified alternative harvesting and silvicultural systems applicable to Alberta's forests and investigated them through the lens of caribou biology and habitat requirements.
- Described and assessed each potential system in terms of their resulting vegetation dynamics, how this relates to use by caribou and other ungulates, and in terms of potential trade-offs for implementing these systems (e.g., economic implications, access, etc.).
- A [full report](https://arckp.ca/), [summary report](https://arckp.ca/) and [two-page executive summary](https://arckp.ca/) are available on the ARCKP website (<https://arckp.ca/>).

### ***Exploring the Implementation of Aggregated Harvest in Woodland Caribou Ranges***

*Completed (May 2022)/conducted by: FORCORP Solutions Inc.*

- Investigating the feasibility and impacts of implementing aggregated harvest scenarios in three of Alberta's regional caribou planning subregions (Berland, Chinchaga and Wandering River) using timber supply modelling scenarios.
- Conducted trade-off scenario analysis using a custom-built modeling environment to quantify how aggregated harvest will affect caribou habitat metrics, other species and values, and socio-economic considerations.
- Provided comparisons for non-timber assessments and socio-economic assessments that are part of Forest Management Plans, providing a greater understanding of aggregated harvest impacts.
- A [full report](https://arckp.ca/) and [two-page executive summary](https://arckp.ca/), are published on the ARCKP website (<https://arckp.ca/>).

### ***The Application of Quantitative Metrics in Forest Management and Caribou Recovery: A Jurisdictional Scan of Quantitative Approaches to Classifying 'Undisturbed' Caribou Habitat***

*Completed (May 2024)/conducted by: EcoLogic Research*

- A jurisdictional scan to learn how/if Alberta and other provinces and territories are applying quantitative

criteria (e.g., measurable timelines, stand metrics, population viability metrics etc.) to meet the qualitative federal requirements for undisturbed habitat, and an assessment of whether any identified approaches may be possible from a policy, operational and ecological perspective in Alberta.

- Will also include a literature review to understand how potential quantitative criteria identified in the jurisdictional scan may link to/influence caribou vital rates (e.g., adult survival and calf recruitment) or caribou ecology and behaviour (e.g., habitat use and avoidance, effects of noise or sensory disturbance). Will also explore if there are key ecological processes important to positive caribou outcomes (e.g., predator mobility, primary prey habitat availability etc.) that could be modelled in the context of long-term forestry and silvicultural activities, to help refine operational implementation opportunities on the ground to improve future woodland caribou habitat.
- A [full report](#) and [summary report](#), are published on the ARCKP website (<https://arckp.ca/>).

### ***Reducing the effects of non-permanent forestry roads on woodland caribou in Alberta***

*Completed (January 2025)/conducted by: Circle T Consulting Ltd./FPInnovations/Solstice Environmental Management*

- An analysis to help develop a deeper understanding of the magnitude and longevity of the impacts of temporary roads on woodland caribou and identify and advance new and better ways to plan, design, construct, use and reclaim temporary roads within and between harvest areas for better and faster outcomes for woodland caribou.
- Clarify how optimal or improved temporary road design/recovery potentially differs between different harvesting approaches, such as aggregated harvesting and business-as-usual approaches, with the goal of identifying best practices specific to each harvesting approach and helping contribute to faster recovery of temporary roads.
- Advance our understanding of how temporary road planning, design, construction, use and reclamation are linked to key process drivers of woodland caribou recovery, and clarify how operational staff could implement new planning, design, construction, use and reclamation practices to realize positive outcomes for woodland caribou.
- A final report was submitted and research notes are currently being completed by Fuse Consulting to synthesize and present the findings of the report (coming August 2025).

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**Total funds allocated to all ARCKP Projects - \$2,991,480**

## KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Through a blend of products and engagement processes, the ARCKP is continuously working to ensure a meaningful flow of information between research teams and practitioners. This two-way exchange of information can lead to important advances in knowledge and applications. Key knowledge exchange activities conducted in 2024-2025 are summarized below.

### The Exchange: Sharing knowledge, inspiring solutions

[The Exchange](#), initiated in early 2021, is a publication produced three to four times per year. It features concise, brief summaries and infographics of recent work, ARCKP-funded research and topics of interest to our partners. Three additional issues were published in the 2024/25 fiscal year.

#### [Edition 9 \(April 2024\):](#)

- *Grey wolves use cutblocks more and linear features less following predator control*
- *Lichen transplantation holds promise for increasing caribou winter forage*
- *Silviculture as a tool for reducing ungulate use of harvest blocks*

#### [Edition 10 \(August 2024\):](#)

- *Cut vs. Fire: The differences between disturbances*
- *Working toward undisturbed caribou habitat*
- *Habitat alteration or climate: What drives the densities of invading deer?*

#### [Edition 11 \(December 2024\):](#)

- *Woodland caribou calving fidelity in Ontario: Spatial location, habitat, or both?*
- *Restoring historical moose densities results in fewer wolves killed for caribou conservation*
- *Lethal wolf control elicits change in moose habitat selection in unexpected ways*

### Webinars

Webinars provide valuable opportunities to share research outcomes and gain two-way interaction between researchers and the audience. The ARCKP hosted the following webinars in 2024-2025:

- [Webinar #7: Managing Alberta's Forests to Achieve Undisturbed Habitat Conditions](#) with Dr. Steven Wilson.
- [Webinar #8: Improving Woodland Caribou and Fibre Outcomes through the Study to Advance Harvest Systems and Silviculture Practices](#) with Dr. Ian Best.

### National Boreal Caribou Knowledge Consortium

[The National Boreal Caribou Knowledge Consortium](#) (NBCKC) is an Environment and Climate Change Canada initiative that provides a forum for knowledge sharing, knowledge generation and knowledge mobilization. The ARCKP participates in the NBCKC's [Habitat Restoration Working Group](#), which brings together practitioners, experts and

Indigenous people from across Canada to share knowledge related to caribou habitat restoration. By participating in these groups, the ARCKP can network and learn from other individuals and organizations and to share work being done by the ARCKP. During this fiscal year, the ARCKP provided an update on ARCKP projects and Knowledge Exchange Activities to the Habitat Restoration Working Group. The ARCKP also provided an update and shared some learnings around Knowledge Exchange to the broader NBCKC group at their December 2024 annual member meeting.

## **ARCKP Workshop**

The ARCKP hosted an internal workshop in November 2024 (see [Summary of Committee Activities](#)). There is interest in hosting a workshop that would include external participants in either 2025 or 2026.



## 2025–2026 WORK PLAN

The 2025/26 work plan reflects anticipated administrative needs and approved projects and initiatives.

### Summary of Work Plan Activities

Item	Description of Key Activities
Administration	<p>The ARCKP is supported by a 0.5 FTE Director and additional hourly Facilitator support. The Director assists with operational tasks such as scheduling meetings, minute taking, drafting documents and financial contracts, developing and administering a request for expressions of interest process, managing timelines and project goals, overseeing all partnership finances and budgets, and conducting select communications and outreach. The director also helps provide strategic support for both the Steering Committee and Technical Subcommittee. The Facilitator support is executed between two individuals and provides technical support and strategic oversight, as well as additional facilitation support to advance relationships between the partners. Additional consulting support is contracted for strategic and technical committee support.</p> <p>The ARCKP may be enlisting additional administrative capacity to support the director in 2025/2026.</p> <p>Administration costs also include administrative/travel incidentals permitted each year, fRI Research fee, hosted desktop fees, insurance and any additional misc. administrative costs.</p>
Knowledge Exchange	<p>Knowledge exchange costs include publication of science communications materials designed to connect our partners to relevant scientific information and keep them informed on ARCKP projects and other studies of interest. These costs also include coordination and delivery of an annual workshop, other approved knowledge exchange activities and travel costs for ARCKP staff, project leads and Indigenous representatives to attend conferences and knowledge sharing events.</p> <p>The ARCKP will be seeking to hire a Knowledge Exchange Lead at a 0.5 FTE in 2025/2026 to support an increased emphasis on useable knowledge exchange products being created from previous ARCKP funded research and to ensure that applied outcomes are part of future research from project inception.</p>
Ongoing ARCKP-funded Projects (confirmed)	A total of three projects, as outlined in the previous Project Summaries section, will be in progress during 2025/26.
Future ARCKP-funded projects	The ARCKP is continuously working towards identifying and awarding additional projects. The ARCKP will be putting out a Request for Expressions of Interest in the Spring of 2025 and seeking proposals from successful Expressions of Interest in September 2025.

## 2025–2026 CRITICAL PATH

Q	Project intake/evaluation	Current Projects	Knowledge Exchange	Other
Q1 Apr -Jun	<p>Circulate the Request for Expressions of Interest and gather the submitted Expressions of Interest for new projects. Technical Subcommittee and Steering Committee choose projects to ask for proposal submissions.</p> <p>Refinement of ARCKP roles and discussions to create more knowledge exchange deliverables for applied outcomes.</p>	<p>Progress check-in with project leads/quarterly and interim reports.</p> <p>Receive/Final report approvals for NAIT Lichen study.</p>	<p>ARCKP representation at the fRI board and program leads in-person meeting.</p> <p>Development and publication of The Exchange (Edition 12).</p> <p>Publish report and host a workshop/webinar on the NAIT Lichen project report and results.</p>	<p>fRI quarterly update.</p> <p>Annual report for FRIAA.</p> <p>Amendment request for FRIAA.</p>
Q2 Jul- Sep	<p>Receive proposals requested from EOIs. Technical Subcommittee and Steering Committee choose projects to award funding to.</p> <p>The ARCKP works with funding recipients to understand the collaborative nature of working with the ARCKP and the types of knowledge exchange products that will be expected as deliverables.</p> <p>The Steering Committee and Secretariat work to hire a Knowledge Exchange Coordinator for the ARCKP.</p>	<p>Progress check-in with project leads/quarterly and interim reports.</p> <p>Receive/Final report approvals for Caribou program and Healthy Landscapes program project reports.</p>	<p>Publish silviculture report and host a webinar for Caribou program project.</p> <p>Publish report and host a webinar for Healthy Landscapes program project.</p>	<p>fRI quarterly update.</p> <p>NBCKC Habitat Restoration Working Group meetings.</p>
Q3 Oct- Dec	<p>Project guidance and progression facilitated by Technical Subcommittee and project committees.</p>	<p>Progress check-in with project leads/quarterly and interim reports.</p>	<p>Development and publication of The Exchange (Edition 13).</p> <p>Host 2025 ARCKP Workshop.</p>	<p>fRI quarterly update.</p> <p>Begin work planning for fRI 2025/26 workplan.</p> <p>NBCKC Habitat Restoration Working Group meetings.</p>

Q4 Jan- Mar	Project guidance and progression facilitated by Technical Subcommittee and project committees.	Progress check-in with project leads/quarterly and interim reports.	Development/publication of The Exchange (edition 14).	fRI quarterly update and work plan submission.  Begin annual report for FRIAA.  NBCKC Habitat Restoration Working Group meetings, NBCKC Winter meeting.
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## CONCLUSION

The ARCKP has completed its initial five-year phase of funding from FRIAA and the Government of Alberta. The ARCKP partners have decided to continue with a second five-year phase that will take the ARCKP to 2030. The partners continue to see the value in having conversations around the complex issues at the interface of forest management and woodland caribou conservation in Alberta in order to build a community making a difference based on mutual understanding and data.

Funding innovative projects to advance the vision and mission of the ARCKP remains central to the partnership. Working collaboratively with research teams to bring knowledge exchange pieces that will deliver applied outcomes is a current focus of the ARCKP committee members. By continually evaluating the projects and processes at the core of the ARCKP through a lens of creating change for woodland caribou conservation through innovation in the forest sector, the dedicated committee and caucus members who are participating in the ARCKP are creating a positive legacy.

The ARCKP recognizes the value of relationships and is continually looking to collaborate with new partners including others involved in similar work in other jurisdictions. Sharing knowledge is a key component of the work that is being done through the partnership and communicating results towards promoting the implementation of science-based caribou management solutions will continue to be central to the solutions-focused mindset held by the ARCKP.

## ARCKP PARTNERS

The ARCKP is funded by the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta



ARCKP Partners ■

