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Hon. Todd Loewen  
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**Subject: Public Call to Rescind Recent Detrimental Wildlife Management Decisions**

Dear Minister Loewen,

We are writing to express our concern regarding a series of recent wildlife management decisions you have made. These decisions depart from science-based wildlife management, lack public consultation and transparency, and are heavily biased toward a small group of Albertans.

Wildlife in Alberta is shared by all Albertans. Decisions that affect wildlife, especially vulnerable and keystone species (i.e. cougars, grizzly bears, and wolverines), must be informed by the best available science, reflect a wide array of public and Indigenous perspectives, and be made in the interest of long-term ecological health.

In light of the evidence showing that these conditions have not been met (provided in the attached appendices), we are requesting that you rescind these decisions immediately.

The decisions we request are rescinded include:

- More than doubling of female cougar quotas.
- Adding six additional Cougar Management Areas and setting quotas in these new areas to non-zero numbers.
- Expanding the Minister's Special Licence species and seasons, particularly for at-risk species like mountain goats.
- Allowing public hunting of "problem" grizzly bears, a Threatened species.
- Lifting quotas on sensitive furbearing species like wolverines, fishers, Canada lynx and river otters.

We respectfully ask for your leadership in addressing these concerns and restoring confidence in Alberta's wildlife management decisions.

Thank you for your attention and for your commitment to the stewardship of Alberta's natural heritage. We would be happy to discuss these concerns further.

Sincerely,

ALBERTA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION



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EXPOSED WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY



John E. Marriott, Co-founder and Director

Attached:

Additional Information and Questions Posed.

Appendices I – VI. For appendices, biologists were approached for their expertise relevant to the section. They were asked to review the information presented and provide a statement. They are not responsible for the contents of this letter.

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