

Tahltan Wildlife Management Notice

TO ALL BC RESIDENT HUNTERS

October 2, 2009

BOULDER ROAD NOTICE

On behalf of the Tahltan Nation we are putting you on notice; you have until October 3rd, 2009 at 5 pm to leave the Boulder Road area. If you ignore this notice you will be locked in. This notice applies to all road and river users. If you have any concerns, take them to the Provincial regulators or your Provincial elected representative.

This notice is related to the desire expressed by Tahltan people to ensure that wildlife populations are maintained at sufficient abundance levels to provide for the subsistence and cultural needs of the Tahltan people. At the same time, local non-native residents also have an interest in healthy and abundant wildlife.

Tahltan people have witnessed declines in moose and caribou populations in recent decades and especially in the last few years and have attempted many times to have discussions with Provincial regulators. In particular, talks focusing on solutions to active wildlife management and hunting opportunities have been ignored by the Province. Tahltan feel that if management action is not taken, moose and caribou populations may decline to such low densities that it will require years of intensive management to regain former populations levels.

Recently, development activities have created social, economic, and political pressures that threaten Tahltan Wildlife management systems including subsistence hunting rights. This is unacceptable to Tahltan people and the continuity of our culture. It is important to note that Tahltan have attempted and are willing to enter into comprehensive discussions with Provincial regulators to implement solutions in the best interests of all British Columbians.

Your feedback is valuable to the Province and can be registered at the Report All Poachers and Polluters website: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/cos/rapp/form.htm>
Alternatively, you could bring your concerns to your duly elected Provincial MLA or to the Cabinet.

Thank you for your consideration in this difficult period during the lack of wildlife management.