

Wild Impact

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Big win for a small caribou herd!



Photo: David Moskowitz.

A movement is only as strong as the relationships that bind us — with each other, with nature and in the case of caribou, with a deep love for a fragile species on the brink of extinction. This March, a mighty win for caribou in Quesnel Lake — achieved solely through the actions of local residents — was only made possible by the flexibility you give us to step in when communities ask for help.

When Mike James and Duane Evans came to us back in December, concerned over logging activities near their properties by corporate giant West Fraser in core southern mountain caribou habitat, we listened. Becoming dedicated advocates for caribou overnight, they worked tirelessly to stop the clearcutting.

And then, it happened, a WIN! **West Fraser paused cutblocks adjacent to Mike and Duane's homes.** This decision marks a significant accomplishment for residents, the Wilderness Committee and you, because any land saved for caribou is a triumph for the future of the species.

These fights will only be won by people like Duane and Mike, and because donors like you make it possible for our dedicated Conservation and Policy Campaigner Lucero González to get out in communities where the action is on the ground. There's still much to be done to permanently protect the forests the small local caribou herd depends on. But this victory reminds us it's possible, within reach, and can mean the difference between survival and extinction for this endangered species.

Growing Nopiming Park After the Fire

Your donations funded in-depth research and analysis necessary to produce ***Growing Nopiming Park After the Fire***, a crucial assessment set against the backdrop of Manitoba's devastating wildfires of 2025.

The report ties together the science of how climate change is accelerating wildfires — and the resulting loss of critical habitat for species at risk along with our own personal nature experiences. It sounds the alarm on government policies which are not up to the task of caring for biodiversity in our provincial parks.

The tremendous media reception — **eight major outlets covered our report's findings** — demonstrates we are an expert source on how to move nature protection. And this reach, powered by your gifts, proves how essential this research is to inform Manitobans.

Wildfires in 2025 had a deadly and expansive impact in Manitoba, burning 2.38 million hectares with an estimated \$500 million in damages. From canoeing to caribou, care for Nopiming Provincial Park resonates with people and it has been the centre of so many protection campaigns that your support has made possible. This park was only one of the casualties cherished by Manitobans and the work we do in Nopiming reflects the path forward for better nature protection across the province.



Photo: WC files.

Organizing protections for piping plover



Photo: Phyllis Mahon.

When the Ontario government gutted the provincial endangered species act last year, we kept the pressure on with our "site fights," thanks to funding from you. This spring we were in Wasaga Beach for the return of endangered migratory piping plovers to their most important nesting site. We learned about the past provincial practices to minimize plover risk when the beach was part of Wasaga Provincial Park, such as fencing to keep people, dogs and predators away from fragile eggs.

Your gifts were put to work to produce engaging videos calling on concerned citizens to email Wasaga town council to tell them to meet the former standards of protections — and hundreds of you did. Because you turned up the heat, **the mayor announced the plovers were a priority and put a stop to destructive mechanical raking** that had crossed the line into nesting habitat.

Next, you took your message to the federal minister of environment and climate change to step in with an emergency order for the Wasaga Beach plovers — something she can and must do — and again hundreds of you spoke up!

We'll continue to keep the pressure on until the federal government steps in where the province has abandoned responsibility for the most vulnerable species. Plovers, and all at-risk species, require strong laws to ensure accountability for habitat protection in perpetuity, not subject to the whims of municipal councils.

Protecting nature — it's in the bag

From a supporter, we hear how Wilderness Committee has gained a new member. A reminder that people are the heart of everything we do — thank you Jed and Maggie!

"I wanted to take a moment to share our appreciation for the work your organization does. Your commitment to protecting the environment and raising awareness about climate and conservation issues truly makes a difference, and it has had a meaningful impact in our home.

Your work has inspired my daughter, Maggie, to take action in her own small but important way. On one of our regular evening walks, she decided that she wanted to start doing a weekly neighbourhood cleanup to help keep our community a little cleaner and to do her part for the environment.

Attached is a photo from her first successful neighbourhood trash pickup of 2026. What started as a simple walk has now become something she looks forward to each week. It has been wonderful to see how environmental stewardship can inspire the next generation to care for the world around them.

Thank you for the work you continue to do every day. Organizations like yours help turn awareness into action, and in our case, that action is now happening one bag of neighbourhood trash at a time.

With appreciation,
Jed Machan



Photo: Jed Machan.



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Your commitment to protect nature and ensure a wild Canada drives each of our campaigns. Since the Wilderness Committee is funded almost entirely by individual donors like you, your gifts have a huge impact.

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