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Greetings & salutations,

I am writing to you in regards to a CBC article I read earlier today stating that a wolf cull had begun in the Bathurst and Bluenose-East caribou ranges in an attempt to increase caribou numbers. I want to share that I am incredibly disappointed and saddened to read this and think it is an archaic and barbaric method of wildlife management. I am deeply ashamed, as a fellow northerner and scientist, that this is even happening in this day and age. In case none of this was considered, we humans are the greatest force currently shaping any natural process on this planet and it would behoove you to look at this FIRST before culling predators that are only doing what they know how to do best. I think it is extremely cowardly to think that culling wolves will do the trick without looking, simultaneously, at the factors that are reducing caribou numbers that are being caused by humans. In another article from CBC North from March 17th, I read that mining activity is being proposed in the area that falls under this herd's range. Do you really think that road-building and mine-building will help numbers? do you think the caribou will get used to the constant disruption caused by mining? or is this current wolf cull an easy way out to bring up caribou numbers while simultaneously pleasing the mining industry and associated partners?

I hope you will reconsider this methodology in the near (not far) future. I hope you will look at other solutions and not only at the easy way out, which is to kill wolves that don't deserve to die because we humans are too lazy to look deeply at ourselves and change our selfish ways of being and acting. Shame on you for going forward with this. Shame on all of you.

Sincerely,
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