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Chad MacPherson
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Dear Chad MacPherson:

Thank you for your letter on resolutions from the SSGS semi-annual meeting. I would like to provide you with the following response to resolutions that fall within the Ministry of Environment's mandate.

Resolution #11 and #14; Tools for Wildlife Overpopulations and Outfitting Opportunities

The ministry continues to examine options to support producers experiencing agricultural losses from wildlife. In collaboration with Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation, elk depredation permits have been added to the suite of options for producers experiencing a history of agricultural losses from elk congregation.

Wildlife are held in public trust and managed by government for the use, benefit and enjoyment of all people of Saskatchewan. The ministry is not considering expanding outfitting opportunities for the species requested at this time. Elk hunting will continue to be allocated through existing season structures. Opportunities to hunt both coyotes and Richardson's ground squirrels will continue to be made available year-round for residents. The ministry has regular discussions with the Saskatchewan Commission of Professional Outfitters and will pass along your organization's resolution for their consideration. While I understand the interests of some landowners to generate revenue from the wildlife resources in southern Saskatchewan, outfitted opportunities will only be provided through licensed outfitting. Should expanded opportunities become available in the future, the ministry will reach out to your organization for feedback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene Rowden".

Darlene Rowden
Minister of Environment