

October 31, 2007

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Dear Premier Doer and Minister Rondeau;

Re: Non-Government Organization Coalition Input – Western Climate Initiative

Manitoba Wildlands has joined with a group of non-profit, civil society organizations across the western United States and Canadian provinces that are concerned about global warming. We are writing as representatives of the environmental community to convey consensus recommendations for the Western Climate Initiative (WCI).

Attached is a letter that was sent to the other Canadian WCI member, British Columbia, and two documents – a statement of recommended program principles, and a more detailed matrix of cap-and-trade design features. Manitoba Wildlands respectfully asks that you give these recommendations full consideration and distribute them as appropriate to Manitoba government officials, the WCI subcommittees and decision makers of the WCI.

We would ask you to clarify in writing the process for engaging Manitobans on cap-and-trade design, Manitoba's proposed climate legislation, a new climate change plan, and an energy plan for Manitoba. Please also respond to the principles and matrix attached, indicating your level of agreement with the principles.

We also urge the Manitoba government to uphold its commitment to meeting and exceeding the Kyoto Protocol target for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction and to review and carefully consider the

Manitoba Wildlands continues the work of WWF Canada and Nature Canada for new Manitoba Protected Areas.

materials posted as part of Manitoba Wildlands' Climate Change Audit
(http://manitobawildlands.org/cc_mb_audit.htm).

We hope to update our audit in the coming months to reflect progress by Manitoba in addressing its past climate change commitments, especially reporting to Manitobans on emissions, and engaging with the public in developing new targets and programs to achieve real GHG emissions reductions in our province.

Please do not hesitate to contact our offices with any questions – 204.947.3400. We would also be pleased to meet with you or your staff to discuss the attached documents in more detail.

Yours truly,

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Director, Manitoba Wildlands

Attachments:

- Environmental Defence October 19, 2007 letter to British Columbia Climate Secretariat
- NGO Principles for Western Climate Initiative Emissions Reduction Program
- NGO Matrix of Cap-and-Trade Design Recommendations to WCI States and Provinces