



MOOSE & CARIBOU WILDLIFE MONITORING STUDIES UNDERWAY



As part of the East Side Transportation Initiative (ESTI), the **East Side Road Authority (ESRA)** will be collecting wildlife data to help minimize or avoid potential impacts on wildlife.

Under the \$2.475 million wildlife monitoring program, the ESRA will be conducting the following studies on the east side of Lake Winnipeg:

Moose Study – 20 adult female moose will be collared in the following regions:

- 10 moose between Berens River and Bloodvein First Nations
- 10 moose between Hollow Water and Bloodvein First Nations

Caribou Study – 60 caribou will be collared in the following regions:

- 40 caribou have been collared in the area bordered by Bloodvein First Nation to the south, Poplar River First Nation to the north, Lake Winnipeg to the west and the Manitoba-Ontario boundary to the East;
- 20 caribou will be collared between Bunibonabee Cree Nation to the north, Norway House and Cross Lake to the west, Red Sucker Lake to the east and St. Theresa Point to the south.

As part of the study, animals will be captured using a net gunning methodology through an experienced contractor selected and hired by Manitoba Conservation. This approach has been highly successful at collaring animals with minimal risk to the animal. The collars will stay on the animal for 3 years after which they will be released and fall from the animal to be retrieved for use in future studies.

No immobilizing drugs will be used in capturing caribou so that collared animals remain available for harvest by Aboriginal peoples. Should a collared caribou be harvested, please contact ESRA toll free at [1-866-356-6355](tel:1-866-356-6355) to make arrangements for ESRA to retrieve and re-use the collar.

For more information, please visit www.eastsideroadauthority.mb.ca or contact the East Side Road Authority at 945-4900 or toll free 1-866-356-6355.