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Dear Katie, Kecia, and values members of CPAWS,

Thank you for reaching out at such a critical election.

Your work and advocacy has been vital to protecting and preserving the province's natural environment, including its parks, forests, and wildlife. In Alberta, where natural resources and energy production are major economic drivers, CPAWS' work is crucial to ensuring that development is balanced with conservation and that the environment is protected for the coming generations - the Alberta NDP respects this.

Albertans love our beautiful provincial parks, and we know just how much they value protecting them. When the UCP repealed legislative protections for the Eastern Slopes in support of strip mining, Albertans came together to protect the natural landscape that makes us so proud to call this province home. Proving just how out-of-touch and wrong the UCP's policy making can be.

Albertans deserve a leader who fights for what matters for the future of our province and its people. That includes making sure we have clean air, water, and parks for future generations. The Alberta NDP stands with Albertans and remains committed to protecting our wilderness, parks, and resource development. To this aim:

- 1. We will ban coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies and in our province's headwaters.**
- 2. We will engage with Albertans and Indigenous peoples to assess current regional and land-use planning activities for effectiveness given emerging environmental pressures and cumulative effects.**
- 3. We will improve access to Alberta Parks and improve services that are available to people who are hiking and camping.**

We will cancel the \$90 K-Pass fee that was put in place by the UCP government. We will fund infrastructure for trails, new campsites, shower huts, garbage, parking safety, fish-cleaning stations, warm-up shelters, recreational opportunities, playgrounds, and more.

- 4. We will strengthen and guard our parks system.**

Strong, dedicated parks legislation is essential to safeguard our protected areas for the long term. We will require that revenues from Alberta Parks be invested into staffing and improved services and infrastructure. As well, we will put the protection of parks into law with an updated Alberta Parks Act. This will ensure future governments would be held accountable if they plan to sell or "delist" parks.



5. We will improve Alberta's Environmental Regulatory System.

The Alberta NDP has a vision of a science based approach to environmental stewardship for air, land, water, and biodiversity while still enabling sustainable development of natural resources. To accomplish this, we will improve environmental regulatory assurance, oversight, and monitoring across government. We will also respect Indigenous peoples rights and work with Indigenous communities to facilitate environmental monitoring alongside Indigenous communities in Alberta.

6. We will work with Indigenous communities to advance the solutions identified in the Truth and Reconciliation Report.

Rachel Notley and the Alberta NDP have worked to build strong and respectful relationships with Indigenous peoples. We are committed to re-establishing these relationships and working with Indigenous Communities to ensure that their spiritual and cultural connection to land continues to be constitutionally recognized, and legally protected.

7. We will engage not-for-profit, and private landholders to conserve our headwaters, wetlands, grasslands, and river valleys.

Conserving Alberta's wilderness is a key priority for Albertans. It is important for governments, businesses, and individuals to think about long-term efforts towards a sustainable future. We will commit to supporting conservation on Crown lands. As well, we will support activities including land trust partnerships with ranchers, farmers, and others who share in our goals for conservation. Ensuring our parks and wilderness are protected is a joint responsibility. We all play a part in keeping Alberta's natural landscape safe so that future generations of Albertans can experience Alberta's beauty.

Thank you for sharing your priorities with us ahead of the provincial election.

We look forward to working together to build a better future for Alberta.

Sincerely,

The Alberta NDP