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Premier Danny Williams
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Dear Premier Danny Williams,

Happy New Year one and all! I hope you have a safe and environmentally friendly New Year. Also I would like to commend the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador on the Caribou Monitoring Program. Hopefully this research will help aid future generations in the preservation of this majestic animal. Another bright spot on the conservation horizon is C.B.C televisions advert "One Million Acts of Green". I think this is an awesome way of educating young and old alike, that a little act of green goes a long way. The advert is aired on a regular basis encouraging the youngest of children to protect and preserve our environment. By educating children at a young age we stand a reasonable chance of creating a mind set of environmental stewardship that can last a life time. However there is one act of green that supersedes the rest. The greatest act of green we can give future generations is to keep our remote wilderness areas free from human encroachment and the Bull dozer. Our Boreal forests and its water ways is the life blood of the future. It's the bio diversity of these areas that are being compromised. My hope is that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the people of C.B.C television, like Bob McDonald can help educate folks about the importance of this issue. Some folks don't seem to understand the consequence of this until it is too late. All I know is, I wish there were more acts of green in my hometown and beyond. Maybe it is because folks lacked wilderness in their pre adolescence. Whatever the reason is I hope it don't take forever to remedy this mindset. It is 2009 already and the whole process of cleaning up

car wrecks and indiscriminate dumping is, “slower than the second coming of Christ.” The politics of conservation that sealed the fate of our vast Buffalo herds and possibly the Northern Cod, may also contaminate our Boreal forests one elected Government after another. We have a great start here, let’s keep the politics out of the picture and concentrate on optimum health for our children and the unborn. After all, remove all the amenities of the 21st century and all we have is wilderness. Indiscriminate dumping, car wrecks and the remote cabin development of Clifty Pond and other remote wilderness areas is a shame of our times. “Why can’t folks leave it alone”? That would be mankind’s greatest act of green. I have no problem packing it in and out of our great outdoors. Do you?

Taking into account past human history and the politics of conservation, by the time everyone (feathers their own nest) there won’t be enough wild places left to boil a good kettle of tea. Clifty Pond is a perfect example. I guess it’s safe to say some folks get older, not wiser. Can you believe it!

Yours in Conservation Tony O’Leary

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The Evening Telegram

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