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Dear Mr. Dansereau

On behalf of all residents of Calgary Glenmore, and indeed all Calgarians, I want to thank you for your dedication to protecting the flaura and fauna of the Weaselhead and Glenmore parks. Please see responses to your questions below.

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1. **How important is it to you that the Weaselhead Natural Area be maintained and protected? (E.g. Consider the impact of the South West Ring Road.) Maximum 10 lines.**

I believe protecting the Weaselhead is extremely important because it adds to our quality of life in Glenmore by serving as a place to gather, exercise and experience nature. A unique large-scale protected area in an urban environment, the Weaselhead also acts as a natural filtration system for the Elbow River, which supplies half of the city’s drinking water.

Your organization’s advocacy has helped to ensure the best possible environmental mitigation measures for the southwest Calgary ring road, including important wildlife passages and plantings to help with bird crossings and reduced infilling of wetland in the area. I understand that you have worked closely with various government Ministries on issues of concern, from sound attenuation to wetland degradation. If elected, I promise to continue building relationships with your society, and I promise to continue the work that began under the first term of the Notley government.

1. **Any comments on our Society’s goals and endeavours ? Maximum 10 lines.**

Your society deserves to be commended for its very important work. I understand that you were one of the finalists for the 2018 Alberta Emerald Award recognizing environmental action throughout the province. This was a well-deserved honour. Calgarians have you to thank for maintaining the Weaselhead –– as the most biodiverse area in Calgary. In particular your educational programming has been instrumental in making more Calgarians aware of this tremendous area.

1. **Do you plan on helping us achieve our goals of protecting the Weaselhead? Please Explain. Maximum 10 lines.**

Rachel Notley and the Alberta NDP know that clean air, clean water and clean land are a vital part of what makes Alberta such an attractive place to live, work and raise a family. Every day Albertans experience first hand the benefits of our province’s natural riches. If elected, in my capacity as the MLA for Calgary-Glenmore, I am committed to working with groups such as yours to further protect our natural environment so that it can be enjoyed for generations of Albertans to come.

1. **Add your own comments ? Maximum 20 lines**

Over the past four years, the Notley government has taken a measured approach, bringing Albertans together to show that a strong economy and a clean environment can –– and must –– go hand-in-hand.

In its first term, the Notley government introduced a Climate Leadership Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and place a hard cap on oil sands emissions. In government, Alberta’s NDP made long overdue investments in our parks so that folks in every part of our province can enjoy the outdoors. And the Notley government committed to creating the world’s largest boreal forest reserve and protecting the vulnerable Castle Wilderness Area. If elected to serve Calgary-Glenmore, I will help build an even greener future, with plans to protect more vulnerable habitat around the province and to support recreational use of Alberta’s parks.