



mwf.mb.ca

August 29th, 2025

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) D Division
1091 Portage Avenue
PO Box 5650
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3K2

Attention: Assistant Commissioner Scott McMurchy

Dear Assistant Commissioner McMurchy:

Re: Blockade of East Side Road by Bloodvein First Nation

As you are aware, Bloodvein First Nation has publicly announced and erected a blockade on the East Side Road to restrict the access of non-indigenous members of the public to an undefined area of provincial Crown Land. As the voice for hunters, anglers and other Manitobans who access our public spaces, the Manitoba Wildlife Federation (MWF) urges you to remove this illegal barrier as soon as possible. We believe that this barrier may contravene one or both of the provincial *Highway Traffic Act* and the *Criminal Code*.

While MWF respects First Nation jurisdiction with respect to reserve lands, we stress that the current barrier blocks the only highway access to a vast area of public land on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.

MWF specifically brings to your attention that many big game hunters have been issued licenses by the provincial government for hunting areas that are only accessible through this highway, and that those seasons open in mid-September.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carly Deacon'.

Carly Deacon
Managing Director
Manitoba Wildlife Federation

cc Premier Wab Kinew
Hon. Ian Bushie, Minister of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures
Hon. Matt Wiebe, Minister of Justice and Attorney General