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Comments: HeliCat Canada represents the helicopter and snowcat skiing sector in Canada. We set the operating standards, inspect, and accredit helicat ski businesses in Canada. Helicopter skiing is a valuable and contributing industry that brings substantial economic benefits to rural and remote communities and provides substantial employment in these regions.

The sector operates to high professional standards and provides many benefits to local residents, which beyond the economic, may include community contributions to health and wellness, backcountry access for public recreationists, high-yield visitors to the State and surrounding supporting businesses, snow science data for public recreationist avalanche forecasts, and provide leadership roles within the overall adventure tourism industry.

Helicat operators can provide significant assistance to wildlife management, habitat protection, and observation data. In Canada, this is part of our daily operations.

I will attach a recent socio-economic study of the helicat sector in Canada.